

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held January 2, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Lt. Radakovitz; Clerk Brower

96-184. The minutes of the regular meeting held December 18, 1995 were received as submitted.

96-185. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$122,270.97, disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$24,663.81, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$551,542.68 as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-186. Consideration of a request to approve a Selective Mutual Aid Agreement with Grand Rapids Charter Township.

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

Commissioner Walton was concerned that the agreement did not specifically address the issue indemnification of each party against any claims.

Commissioner Walton also suggested that the reference to "truck 23" be changed to refer to an aerial truck.

96-186-A. Walton-_____. Motion to table this item until more information can be obtained regarding governmental immunity and mutual indemnification.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

96-186-B. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to approve a Selective Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Charter Township for firefighting services and to delete the reference to "Truck 23" as recommended above, be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Commissioner Frakie questioned whether there was a liability in using the volunteers from Grand Rapids Township. Commissioner Frakie also asked about the issue of charging each other for the costs of services. Chief Gallagher responded that there were no liability problems with volunteers and that all mutual aid agreements are always without cost to either party.

Chief Gallagher and Deputy Chief Spencer answered other questions from the Commission regarding the automatic response system, the term "occupied school", how many personnel will be responding from Grand

Rapids Township, the definition of "confirmed structural fires" and how decisions are made when EGR personnel are needed here in East Grand Rapids.

Commissioner Frakie asked City Attorney Huff to prepare a legal opinion regarding the immunity issue and how it relates to this issue.

96-186-C. Frakie-Walton. Motion to table this item until more information can be obtained regarding governmental immunity and mutual indemnification. A Roll Call vote was taken.

Yeas: Frakie, Walton - 2

Nays: Bartman, Mehney Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 5

Vote on 96-186-B.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 5

Nays: Frakie, Walton - 2

96-187. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of Pak-Alert distress alarms for the Public Safety Department.

96-187-A. Bartman-Williamson. That the Public Safety Department be authorized to purchase 14 Pak-Alert distress alarms from Westshore Distributors in the amount of \$6,706.00 with a related general fund budget amendment of \$1,916.00, be approved.

The request of the department was for 10 alarms because of the likelihood that no more than ten firefighters would be inside a burning structure at any one time. However, the Finance Committee felt that it was in the best interests of the members of the department to purchase 14 alarms.

96-187-B. Frakie-Walton. Motion to amend the approval to purchase 10 Pak-Alert distress alarms in the amount of \$4,790.00, be approved as recommended by staff.

Yeas: Frakie, Walton - 2

Nays: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 5

Vote on 96-187-A.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: Walton - 1

96-188. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held November 27, 1995 were received.

96-189. The minutes of the Kent District Library special meeting held December 13, 1995 were received. Mayor Edison reported that these minutes are sent to the City each month and asked if the City Commission would like these minutes presented as part of the regular agenda. These will be added to future agendas.

96-190. Commissioner Bartman reported that she had received a letter from the staff at St. Stephens thanking the City Staff for their help regarding the watermain coming through from Grand Rapids.

Commissioner Walton asked Mayor Edison to put the matter of continued funding of middle school sports on the City Commission agenda as soon as possible. Commissioner Walton also urged Mayor Edison to look into attending an upcoming meeting in Washington on the cooperation between federal and state governments.

Mayor Edison reported that Finance Director Laura VanderWall had recently become engaged to be married. Everyone offered their congratulations even though the Finance Director was conspicuously absent from the meeting.

96-191. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until January 15, 1996.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held January 15, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Mehney

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; City Services Director Baragar, Clerk Brower

96-192. The minutes of the regular meeting held January 2, 1996 were received as submitted.

96-193. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

(A) The Grand Valley Metro Council dinner at the MML Legislative Conference will be held February 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lansing Center. Please advise Karen Brower if you will be attending.

96-194. Orlebeke-Walton. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$109,010.25, disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$269,617.77, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$136,319.82 as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-195. Public Safety Director Gallagher presented citizen commendations to Casey Bartman and Sean Duffy for their courageous act of saving a child who had wandered out into the street. The boys were presented with certificates of recognition and congratulated by the City Commissioners for their bravery.

96-196. Consideration of a request to approve a contract with U.S. Signal Corporation for centrex phone service.

Gary Miltner of U.S. Signal Corporation was present and answered questions from the Commission.

96-196-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a four-year agreement with U.S. Signal Corporation effective June 1, 1996 to provide a Centrex business telephone service at a cost of \$2,214.45 per month and a one-time installation charge of \$2,060.00 be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-197. Review of uniform building setback ordinance.

City Manager Donovan reviewed the findings of the Infrastructure Committee regarding a policy for interpreting the uniform building setbacks.

96-197-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That the city staff be instructed to interpret the ordinance to require a setback of no closer than the closest house to the right-of-way and no further than the farthest house from the right-of-way.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-198. Review of Home Occupation ordinance.

City Attorney Huff explained that the questions raised during the adoption of this ordinance concerning the definition of family and other items had been researched. The City Attorney did not believe that any changes were needed in the ordinance at this time.

96-199. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held December 12, 1995 were received.

Commissioner Bartman explained that the Planning Commission was in the process of making factual changes to the Master Plan document. When these have been completed, the Master Plan will be presented to the City Commission for their input.

96-200. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held December 11, 1995 were received.

96-201. The Public Safety Report for the month of December, 1995 was received.

96-202. Commissioner Bartman stated that the retaining wall on Robinson road near Lakeside Drive needs repair as soon as possible and showed photographs of the area. She asked that each commissioner look at this area soon because it is unsafe for children to walk in this area. Commissioner Bartman also announced that Monica Scott would no longer be the reporter for the City from the Grand Rapids Press. She stated that Monica was a friend as well as a reporter.

Commissioner Orlebeke thanked Monica for her fine work and stated that she would be missed.

Commissioner Walton thanked Monica for her dedication to her work and her correct interpretations of sometimes confusing issues.

Commissioner Frakie expressed his appreciation for Monica's fair and accurate reporting and for always spelling names correctly.

Commissioner Williamson also wished Monica well in her new assignments. He also asked that the vacant lot owned by the City at 455 Manhattan be re-bid when the issue of clear title was resolved. Commissioner Williamson reported that the City of East Grand Rapids was now on the Internet and urged everyone to take a look at the home page.

Mayor Edison thanked Monica Scott for her many years of service to the City and her dedication and professionalism. Mayor Edison also thanked Karen Brower for her work in setting up the City/School dinner recently.

96-203. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until February 5, 1996.

City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held February 5, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Clerk Brower

96-204. The minutes of the regular meeting held January 15, 1996 were received as submitted.

96-205. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

(A) Note from Dr. Gietzen thanking Chief Gallagher for his participation in a recent program at the high school.

(B) Letter from Mr. Jensen thanking PSO Chuck Lark for his assistance during a situation at his home recently.

(C) Letter from the Cub Scout pack at Lakeside School thanking the City for the tour of facilities and the information presented by Mayor Edison and City Manager Donovan.

96-206. Bartman-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$135,845.27, disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$818,865.21, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$386,141.61 as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-207. Consideration of a request to approve funding for the renovation of Memorial Field surface and drainage system.

City Manager Donovan explained the proposal for improvements and answered questions from the Commission.

The recommendation for funding from the Joint Facilities Committee and the recommendation from the Finance Committee that this expenditure should be delayed and considered during budget time were explained by City Manager Donovan.

There was no public comment offered on this matter.

96-207-A. Frakie-Mehney. That the request to approve funding of up to \$55,000 for the reconstruction of the drainage system and surface at Memorial Field, the installation of a sprinkling system when bids are received, and a budget amendment from the undesignated fund balance for this project, be approved.

Questions concerning the timing of the project, the donation of the remaining funds and the ongoing maintenance of the field were answered by staff members.

Commissioner Mehney felt that fixing the field temporarily would be wasting money and that this project was necessary at this time. He explained that this matter was brought to the City Commission as soon as the

bids were received.

Commissioner Frakie stated that the field's condition was now to a point that it was necessary to spend funds to fix it properly. He also reported that a new system of grounds maintenance was being discussed that would make one party responsible for all of the grounds maintenance and that all of the fields would be better maintained. This is being finalized and will be brought to the City Commission for their approval.

Commissioner Orlebeke was concerned about the ongoing maintenance of the field and felt that this project should be postponed until the new grounds maintenance system is finalized so that this considerable expense is not wasted.

Commissioner Williamson stated his feelings that there were many projects on various "wish lists" that needed to be done and that they should all go through the same budget process to determine priorities and funding options to make sure all projects are considered equally.

Commissioner Bartman also felt that this project and expenditure should be considered during the normal budget process and not taken out of turn. The City has established this yearly process to set priorities on the entire picture and to avoid these types of "crisis" decisions. There are several large projects coming up and the Finance Committee felt they should all be considered at the same time.

Commissioner Mehney reported that the School Board was willing to pay for the project at this time and that the City could pay for their portion of the project over a three-year period.

Mayor Edison favored funding the City's portion entirely this year, but also went over the option of spreading the cost over three years. He felt that other projects such as the improvements to the storm and sanitary sewer systems were not coming out of the general fund and would continue to be given every priority. He also stated that this was a project outside the normal joint facilities budget because of the large dollar amount. If this were budgeted normally, it would take away from all other joint facilities projects for more than two years.

Commissioner Walton asked the Finance Committee members if spreading the cost over three years was an acceptable compromise. Commissioner Williamson stated that this was still outside the budget process and should be postponed until considered in light of the City's other budgetary responsibilities. Commissioners Bartman and Orlebeke agreed.

96-207-B. Walton-Mehney. Motion to amend 96-207-A to spread the City's portion over the current fiscal year (1995-96), FY 1996-97 and FY 1997-98, and to approve a budget amendment of one-third of the total amount.

Yeas: Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Edison - 4

Nays: Bartman, Orlebeke, Williamson - 3

Vote on 96-207-A, as amended. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Edison - 4

Nays: Bartman, Orlebeke, Williamson - 3

96-208. Consideration of a request to continue financial support of the Middle School Sports program.

Mayor Edison reviewed the history of the middle school sports program. Interscholastic sports were discontinued by the school system in 1977 and the current offerings by the City have developed over the years.

The following people were present and expressed their support for the current sports program and urged the city to continue financial support of the middle school sports programs:

- Karin Turmelle, 1440 Rosalind
- Clarke Nims, 1915 San Lu Rae

- Adrian Lineberger, 644 Plymouth
- Bob Nelson, 922 Plymouth
- Jim Ogilvie, Middle School Principal
(presented 175 signatures supporting program)
- Rosemary Etter, 1450 Conlon
- Bob Koch, 2560 Frederick
- Sarah Gavin, 244 Hodenpyl
- Patty Kabat, 3004 Oakwood
- Lynne Kuhl, 2060 Wilshire
- Sylvia Stouten, 2926 Cascade Road
- Tom Pantlind, 750 Cascade Road
- Debra Walsh Kay, 1155 Idema
- Linda Chaffee, 1707 Wealthy
- Connie Christiansen, 915 San Jose

Commissioner Walton explained that each year when this issue comes up in the budget process, it is too late in the fiscal year to give the schools enough notice to take over the program if the city were to discontinue funding. Therefore, the City Commission is discussing the matter at this time before the budget process begins.

Mayor Edison stated that he felt this was a joint program that was a definite benefit to the community and should continue to be funded by the City.

Commissioner Frakie expressed his feelings that this program was more of a curriculum-based program and should be funded and operated by the school system and not the city.

Commissioner Mehney felt that this was a worthwhile program and should not be cut off quickly. He suggested that this be sent to the Joint Facilities Committee to work out a gradual shifting of costs back to the schools.

96-208-A. Walton-Mehney. Motion to continue the current method of funding and operating the middle school sports program through June 30, 1998.

Commissioners asked that this two-year period be used by the School Board and both staffs to research alternate ways of funding and operating this program.

Commissioner Williamson recommended that the City staff's recommendation of having the school's contract with the City to operate the program be given serious consideration.

96-208-B. Bartman-_____. Motion to amend 96-208-A to gradually phase out the funding over a period of time and send the issue to Joint Facilities to work out the percentages of reductions.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Vote on 96-208-A.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, - 6

Nays: Edison - 1

A short break was taken at 9:50 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:55 p.m.

96-209. Consideration of a request to assign to the Infrastructure Committee the task of investigating the proposed relocation of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center.

Howard Frisbie, 563 Belvedere, supported sending the matter to the Infrastructure Committee, but requested that a resolution be adopted stating that East Grand Rapids favored Blodgett maintaining its current campus.

Bruce Hagen of Blodgett Hospital stated the willingness of the hospital to work with the city and explore all of the options for the property regardless of the outcome of the merger application. He reported that the City Commission does not have all of the information available and should look at everything carefully before making a decision.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, expressed concerns about the possible location of a new hospital campus and about the accountability of the hospital's board of directors to the citizens.

96-209-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the Infrastructure Committee be directed to investigate and prepare a recommendation for the City Commission regarding the possible change in use of the Blodgett Memorial Medical Center campus on Wealthy Street.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-210. Finance Director VanderWall presented the financial report for the quarter ended December 31, 1995 and answered questions from the Commission.

96-211. Consideration of a request to appoint a representative to the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

Commissioner Walton stated that although he enjoyed representing the City of East Grand Rapids on the GVMC Board, he felt that someone with more knowledge of day-to-day City operations would be better able to use the information gained for the good of the City.

96-211-A. Williamson-Frakie. That Mayor Stephen Edison be appointed as the representative of East Grand Rapids to the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Board.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

All of the City Commissioners felt that Commissioner Walton had done an excellent job representing the City and had kept everyone very well informed of the issues being discussed at the Metro Council.

96-212. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

96-212-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That a resolution approving the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council confirming the membership of the City of Ionia, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-213. Consideration of a request to approve a bid for printing services for the Spring/Summer Recreation Department brochure.

96-213-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the request to approve the bid for printing services from New Web Printing in the amount of \$3,379.00 for the Spring/Summer Recreation brochure, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-214. The City Services Department Report for the month of December, 1995 was received.

96-215. Dick Smith of 2620 Beechwood, commended the City Commission for their dealings with difficult issues on this agenda and urged the City Commissioners to attend School Board meetings as concerned citizens and express their concerns directly to the School Board members.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, again expressed his concerns about the relocation of Blodgett Hospital and asked how long this process of review by the Infrastructure Committee would take. Mayor Edison replied that there is no timeline established for this study.

Bruce Hagen of Blodgett Hospital stated that he is very interested in working with the City to work out the concerns of officials and residents.

State Representative Jack Horton introduced himself and apprised the City Commission of several issues which would be before the State Legislature in the coming months. He also answered questions from the Commission and urged anyone to contact him with other questions.

Jan Huff, 2310 Anderson, expressed her appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the members of the City Commission and all of the City staff.

96-216. City Manager Donovan reported on the visitation and funeral arrangements for Carl Compton, Equipment Operator with the Streets & Utilities Department, who passed away on February 4th after a six-month battle with cancer.

Commissioner Walton asked that City staff investigate the possibility of conducting an election by mail as was done recently in Oregon. Commissioner Walton also expressed his opinion that a limit on public comment of three minutes might be too short a time to express opinions.

Mayor Edison reported that his recent letter to People Magazine addressing the mis-capitalization of the city's name is in the current issue.

96-217. The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until February 19, 1996.

City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
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Regular Meeting Held February 19, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; City Services Director Baragar; Recreation Director Rhodes; Foreman Keating; Recreation Supervisor Perry; Account Clerk Ritzke; Finance Director VanderWall; Clerk Brower

96-218. The minutes of the regular meeting held February 5, 1996 were received as submitted.

96-219. Williamson-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$124,320.57, disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$113,281.37, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$151,336.23, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-220. Jan Huff of the Community Action Council presented the "Above and Beyond" recognition award to Bill Rhodes and Susan Perry for their outstanding contributions to the Middle School Night Out program.

96-221. Mayor Edison presented the annual Residential Home Improvement Awards to five homeowners who had made significant improvements to their homes in the last year. Proclamations were presented to:

Ms. Diane Lange of 2150 Lansing Street
Mr. and Mrs. David Hall of 1052 Orchard Avenue
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Lathrop of 569 Greenwood Avenue
Ms. Adrienne Stevens of 2730 Hall Street
Mr. Pete Eardley of 2640 Hall Street

96-222. Mayor Edison announced that the zoning variance request of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Baker of 2311 Wealthy Street to grant a variance for the property located at 1955 Wealthy Street had been withdrawn because new information had been discovered which eliminated the need for a variance. Building Inspector Conley explained the rear yard lot line definition and the reasons why a variance was no longer needed to make this a buildable lot.

Commissioner Bartman arrived.

Kathy Boylan, 501 Edgemere, was present and asked questions regarding whether this lot was buildable because of its proximity to Fisk Lake and because fill dirt was needed.

Annette Gilleo, 333 Lawndale NE, owner of the lot in question, was present and answered the questions about DNR approval and the creek running near the property.

Sally Traidman, 1945 Wealthy, was present and expressed her opposition to having a home built on this lot because of the settling problems and the storm drain that comes out on this property.

96-223. Consideration of a request to award a contract for disposal of yard waste and street sweepings.

96-223-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to award a three-year contract to Laidlaw Waste Systems for the disposal of yard waste and street sweepings at a cost of \$2.50 per cubic yard plus \$115.00 for each container for yard debris and \$10.00 per ton plus \$115.00 per container for street sweepings, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-224. Consideration of a request to ban plastic bags for yard waste disposal.

96-224-A. Williamson-Walton. Motion to approve the recommendation to amend the regulations regarding the collection of yard rubbish to ban plastic bags in the disposal of yard waste.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

The City Commission directed staff to initiate a public education campaign regarding the new regulation by placing the information in as many of the local newsletters and newspapers as possible.

96-225. Consideration of a request to approve an application for Community Development Block Grant funds to install an elevator in City Hall.

Commissioner Frakie questioned the necessity of putting an elevator in City Hall and expressed concern about the maintenance and inspection costs associated with an elevator.

96-225-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That the application for Community Development Block Grant funds for the purpose of installing an elevator in City Hall, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: Frakie - 1

96-226. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held January 22, 1996 were received.

Commissioner Frakie noted that he was present at this meeting but was not listed in the minutes.

96-227. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held January 9, 1996 were received.

Commissioner Bartman explained that the factual changes to the Master Plan had been completed and would be submitted to the City Commission in March for their comments and suggestions. Some of the concerns of the Planning Commission were maintaining and improving the housing stock, the possible relocation of Blodgett Hospital, and general business district concerns and suggestions.

95-228. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held January 8, 1996 were received.

95-229. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meetings held January 11, and February 1, 1996 were received.

96-230. The City Services Department Report for the month of January, 1996 was received.

Commissioner Frakie congratulated Engineering Supervisor Kadzban on becoming President of the Southern Michigan Branch of the Michigan Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

95-231. The Public Safety Report for the month of January, 1996 was received.

96-232. No Public Comment was offered.

96-233. Commissioner Bartman reported receiving a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young on Rosewood Avenue thanking the Public Safety Department for their help extinguishing a recent chimney fire at their home. The East Grand Rapids High School received National Exemplary Status which is a very prestigious honor. Commissioner Bartman also thanked the Public Safety Department and the City Services Department for their quick and professional response recently when there was a gas main leak under Manhattan Road in front of her home.

Mayor Edison welcomed Juanita Westaby as the new representative from the Grand Rapids Press. He also complimented the Bartman family on their appearance on the front page of the Sports section recently in an article on hockey. Mayor Edison thanked the Public Safety Department for their help recently when he locked his keys in his car at City Hall.

96-234. Williamson-Bartman. To enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: Walton - 1

96-235. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until March 4, 1996.

City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held March 4, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Mehney

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; City Services Director Baragar; Recreation Director Rhodes; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Asst. Recreation Director Bunn; Assessor Woolford; Engineering Services Supervisor Kadzban; Data Processing Mgr. Nickels; Data Processing Asst. Rathbun; Finance Director VanderWall; Clerk Brower

96-236. The minutes of the regular meeting held February 19, 1996 were received as submitted.

96-237. Bartman-Williamson. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$116,009.66, disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$309,829.01, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$240,898.85, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-238. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving the merger between City Signal, Inc. and Brooks Fiber Communications of Michigan.

96-238-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a resolution approving the merger between City Signal, Inc. and Brooks Fiber Communications of Michigan and allowing the merged company to take over the consent agreement to provide local telephone service be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-239. Consideration of a request to approve bids for computers, related wiring, and equipment.

Data Processing Manager Ann Nickels answered questions from the Commission.

96-239-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to approve computers and related purchases to the following vendors be approved: \$51,165 to Gateway, Inc., \$13,243 to CPR Microage, \$2,207 from Universal Cabling and \$15,384.72 from Omega Systems. Funding will be as follows: \$40,493.72 from General Fund Capital, \$27,217 from Drug Seizure Funds, and \$14,289 from Recreation Designated Fund.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-240. Consideration of a request to approve the consolidation of city and school grounds maintenance operations beginning April 1, 1996, the proposed budget, the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor position and a reclassification of the Recreation Director.

Commissioner Williamson requested that a contractual agreement be written between the City and Schools with a termination clause included.

96-240-A. Frakie-Williamson. That the request to approve the consolidation of city and school grounds maintenance operations be tabled until a contractual agreement can be written. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Frakie, Williamson - 2

Nays: Bartman, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 4

96-240-B. Bartman-Orlebeke. Motion to approve the concept of a consolidated grounds maintenance program and to direct staff to prepare an written agreement detailing issues such as a termination clause and unemployment cost concerns.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-241. Consideration of a request to join the Kent County Hazardous Materials Alliance.

96-241-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. Motion to approve an agreement forming the Kent County Hazardous Materials Alliance at an approximate cost of \$756.49 per year.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-242. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to amend Sections 9.52MM and 9.54, to add Sections 9.57, 9.58, 9.59 and 9.60 to Chapter 93 of Title IX, to amend Section 10.6, and to Add Section 10.7 to Chapter 101 of Title X of the City Code.

96-242-A. Orlebeke-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to amend Sections 9.52MM and 9.54, to add Sections 9.57, 9.58, 9.59 and 9.60 to Chapter 93 of Title IX, to amend Section 10.6 and to add Section 10.7 to Chapter 101 of Title X of the City Code, be introduced.

It was noted that there were several pages of the ordinance missing from the Commissioners packets.

96-242-B. Walton-Bartman. Motion to table this issue until the next meeting when the commissioners have had a chance to review the ordinance amendment in full.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 5

Nays: Williamson - 1

96-243. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving poverty guidelines to be used by the Board of Review.

96-243-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That a resolution establishing income standards and household asset levels to be used by the Board of Review be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Commissioner Frakie requested that the Finance Committee review these guidelines and make a determination on whether the income levels were too low and should be raised.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-244. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving the installation of two standard cobra streetlights.

96-244-A. Frakie-Bartman. That a resolution approving the installation of a streetlight on Berwyck Road and on Edgemere Drive at a total cost of \$200.00, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-245. Consideration of a request to authorize the City Services Department to seek bids for 1996 road construction projects.

96-245-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the City Services Department be authorized to seek bids for 1996 road construction projects.

Commissioner Orlebeke asked city staff to be particularly careful of the amount of aggregate put down on the surface and the number of times streets are swept after the aggregate has been worked into the asphalt.

Commissioner Frakie expressed his dissatisfaction with the chip seal process and stated that the City should reevaluate the program and work towards grinding and resurfacing roads instead of chip sealing. He asked staff to prepare cost estimates to grind and resurface rather than chip seal the streets in most need of repair.

96-245-B. Walton-Orlebeke. Motion to table this matter until further cost estimates can be prepared on grinding and resurfacing.

Yeas: Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton - 3

Nays: Bartman, Edison, Williamson - 3

Motion fails.

Vote on 96-245-A.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Williamson - 3

Nays: Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton - 3

Motion fails.

96-245-C. Williamson-_____. That the City Services Department be authorized to seek bids for 1996 water/sewer main and grind and resurface projects.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

No action was taken on this matter. Staff will prepare additional information requested and bring back to the City Commission at the next meeting.

96-246. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of new sidearms for the Public Safety Department.

96-246-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to purchase replacement sidearms and related equipment in the amount of \$36,540.00 from the Drug Seizure Fund and the related placement of any revenue gained from the sale be placed back into the Drug Seizure Fund, be approved.

Commissioner Frakie asked if there were restrictions requiring the revenue from the sale of old sidearms to be put back into drug seizure fund or if these monies could be placed in the general fund. City Attorney Huff will research this matter.

96-246-B. Frakie-Walton. Motion to amend 96-247-A to delay the placement of revenue to any specific fund until a determination from the City Attorney on the required placement of funds can be made. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton - 4

Nays: Edison, Williamson - 2

Vote on 96-246-A, as amended.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-247. Consideration of a request to approve an agreement with the Kent County Conservation District for aerial spraying of gypsy moths.

96-247-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the agreement with the Kent County Conservation District for gypsy moth suppression program in the amount of \$3,160.00, be approved as set forth in Exhibit "D" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-248. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of replacement patrol vehicles for the Public Safety Department.

96-248-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That the request to purchase two Chevrolet Caprice police package patrol vehicles in the amount of \$21,263.98 per vehicle for a total of \$42,527.96, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-249. Consideration of a request to approve a bid for replacement doors and/or openers for the Library, City Hall and Public Safety buildings.

96-250-A. Walton-Orlebeke. That the bid from Automatic Door Service of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$24,954.00 for the installation of doors and/or openers for the Library, City Hall and Public Safety buildings, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-250. No Public Comment was offered.

96-251. Commissioner Walton asked staff to include any compliments or complaints, list of priorities, historical data or other information when preparing new estimates for the road construction program.

96-252. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until March 18, 1996.

City Clerk

Exhibits: A - Resolution approving merger between City Signal, Inc. and Brooks Fiber Communications
B - Resolution approving poverty guidelines
C - Resolution approving additional streetlights
D - Agreement for gypsy moth suppression program

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Special Meeting Held March 11, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Mehney

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Engineering Services Supervisor Kadzban; Finance Director VanderWall; Clerk Brower

96-253. Mayor Edison opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and explaining the purpose of the presentation was to provide information to the City Commission and residents regarding the engineer's report on storm water flooding and sanitary sewer back-ups. The Commission will use the information and feedback to prepare an action plan to alleviate the flooding and back-up conditions.

96-254. Chuck Olson of O.M.M. Engineering, Inc., presented the "East Grand Rapids Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Report" by outlining the two different types of problems occurring and the proposed solutions and alternatives for each area.

Commissioner Walton departed.

96-255. Mayor Edison opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting but asked that questions regarding specific neighborhoods and individual homes be held until after the meeting when staff and the engineers would be available for these questions.

Mr. Olson and city staff answered questions from residents and City Commissioners. The following people were present and expressed their questions and concerns about the flooding and back-ups and the proposed solutions:

- Karin Turmelle, 1440 Rosalind
- Jeff Rautio, 2501 Richards
- Kay Scott, 2025 Wilshire
- Jay Grahams, 2221 Burchard
- John Stevenson, 2430 Maplewood
- Jackie Johnson, 2565 Albert
- Joe Loftis, 2415 Richards
- Phyllis Jones, 1517 Breton
- Mike Madura, 2429 Hall
- Martin Timkovich, 1450 Breton
- Dan Blauw, 2559 Albert
- Bob Scott, 2025 Wilshire
- Richard Evans, 2144 Wilshire
- Don Drummond, 2524 Albert
- Marvin Hall, 1120 Breton
- Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this matter:

- Dick Becker, 2250 Elmwood
- Mike and Gail Madura, 2429 Hall Street

In favor of solutions.
Asking that Hall/Breton area be included in recommendations.

- Petition to include Hall Street east of Breton Road in proposed solutions
 - Mike and Gail Madura, 2429 Hall Street
 - Terry and Carol McGovern, 2445 Hall Street
 - Glenn and Lynnae Jarrel, 2450 Hall Street
 - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arenson, 2444 Hall Street
 - Tom and Sue Bosold, 2428 Hall Street
 - Helen Flinkhorn, 2423 Hall Street

96-256. Commissioner Williamson stated that the Infrastructure Committee will review all of the recommendations and will submit a report to the City Commission detailing the priorities and the funding possibilities for these projects.

Mayor Edison assured the residents that when the Infrastructure Committee's study was concluded, notices would again be sent to the residents and another public meeting held to discuss the timelines and funding options.

96-257. The special meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until March 18, 1996.

City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held March 18, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Recreation Director Rhodes; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Engineering Services Supervisor Kadzban; Building Inspector Conley; Finance Director VanderWall; PSO Metternich; PSO Hudenko; PSO Steensma; Clerk Brower

96-258. The minutes of the regular meeting held March 4, 1996 and the special meeting held March 11, 1996 were received as submitted.

96-259. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$120,436.37, disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$35,717.69, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$139,992.03, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-260. Mayor Edison formally dedicated the portrait of Nyal Deems who served as East Grand Rapids Mayor from December 1985 to December 1995. Mr. Deems was present and had his photograph taken with the portrait.

96-261. Mayor Edison presented commendations to PSO's Jeff Metternich, Carrie Hudenko and Peter Steensma for their efforts on January 26, 1996 in assisting with the birth of a baby to Mr. and Mrs. Dyer. Mr. Dyer was present and expressed his appreciation for the help of the Public Safety Officers on that night.

96-262. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Dr. Richard Rasmussen of 946 Bellclaire, to allow an addition to an existing accessory building to be approximately 6'-0" from the dwelling instead of the required 10'-0" minimum.

Dr. Richard Rasmussen, 946 Bellclaire, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Steve Wolf, 944 Bellclaire, was present and expressed his support of the variance request.

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

96-262-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the request of Dr. Richard Rasmussen of 946 Bellclaire, to allow an addition to an existing accessory building to be approximately 6'-0" from the dwelling instead of the required 10'-0" minimum, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-263. Consideration of a request to approve an agreement with the East Grand Rapids Board of Education for grounds maintenance services.

City Manager Donovan explained the agreement and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Williamson stated the understanding of the City Commission that any unemployment costs paid for seasonal and part-time employees would be split equally between the City and the Schools.

96-263-A. Mehney-Frskie. That the agreement with the East Grand Rapids Board of Education for grounds maintenance services, be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and that the reclassification of the Recreation Director with a five percent salary increase beginning April 1, 1996 and up to an additional five percent merit increase be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frskie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

96-264. Consideration of a request to grant a ninety-day extension to purchase the vacant lot at 455 Manhattan Road.

City Manager Donovan explained the problems which have arisen regarding the title on this property and the request of the bidder for an extension of time.

96-264-A. Williamson-Bartman. Motion to reject all bids and direct staff to develop a time and cost estimate to obtain a clear title to this property and then to re-bid once clear title is obtained.

Trudy Nicely of 2505 Albert Drive, the current bidder under consideration, explained the request for an extension of time. She stated that she had retained an attorney to start a quiet title action to clear up the questions on the title, but felt that more than 30 days may be required to resolve this matter. She asked that she be given 90 days to obtain the clear title with no loss of deposit if the title could not be cleared in that time period.

Yeas: Bartman, Frskie, Williamson, - 3
Nays: Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 4

96-264-B. Mehney-Walton. Motion to authorize the city to enter into a buy-sell agreement with this bidder for the property located at 455 Manhattan Road, to allow 90 days for the resolution of the quiet title action, and to refund the deposit in 90 days if clear title is not obtained.

Yeas: Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 4
Nays: Bartman, Frskie, Williamson, - 3

96-265. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to amend Sections 9.52MM and 9.54, to add Sections 9.57, 9.58, 9.59 and 9.60 to Chapter 93 of Title IX, to amend Section 10.6, and to Add Section 10.7 to Chapter 101 of Title X of the City Code.

96-265-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to amend Sections 9.52MM and 9.54, to add Sections 9.57, 9.58, 9.59 and 9.60 to Chapter 93 of Title IX, to amend Section 10.6 and to add Section 10.7 to Chapter 101 of Title X of the City Code, be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frskie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

96-266. Consideration of a request to authorize the City Services Department to seek bids for road construction projects.

96-266-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. Motion to authorize staff to seek bids for the proposed grind and resurface project on Reeds Lake Boulevard, for the watermain project on Maxwell, and to seek bids for an additional \$50,000 in grinding and resurfacing projects.

Dr. Rasmussen, 946 Bellclaire, spoke about the condition of the roads and the need for more maintenance.

The City Commission agreed to place the funding into grinding and resurfacing for this year, but to continue discussion of chip sealing vs. resurfacing during the upcoming budget process.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-267. Discussion of sight distance requirements for front and side yard fence variance requests.

City Services Director Baragar explained the research of the staff and Infrastructure Committee regarding the sight distance needed for the placement of fences. It was the conclusion of staff and the Infrastructure Committee that sight distance should be measured from the perspective of the vehicle backing out of a driveway.

96-267-A. Bartman-Williamson. That City staff be directed to interpret sight distance requirements from the perspective of a vehicle backing out of a driveway rather than from the approaching vehicle on the street.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-268. Consideration of a request to direct the proceeds from the sale of old Public Safety Department weapons.

96-269-A. Williamson-Walton. That the proceeds from the sale of weapons be placed in the Drug Seizure account.

Commissioner Frakie asked City Attorney Huff for a written legal opinion on the required placement of funds from the sale of an asset obtained from Drug Seizure funds.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-269. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held February 13, 1996 were received.

Commissioner Williamson cautioned the Planning Commission and staff on making assumptions such as the one mentioned in the Planning Commission minutes about "never" moving the boat launch to Remington Park.

96-270. The preliminary minutes of the Kent District Library Board meeting held February 15, 1996 were received.

96-271. The City Services Department Report for the month of February, 1996 was received.

96-272. The Public Safety Report for the month of February, 1996 was received.

96-273. No public comment was offered.

96-274. Mayor Edison polled the Commission about vacations during the upcoming Spring Break and asked everyone to let him or staff know if they would be out of town in case the meeting needed to be rescheduled.

96-275. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until April 1, 1996.

City Clerk

Exhibits: A - Grounds Maintenance Agreement
 B - Ordinance amendments

[All exhibits referred to above are available for review at the office of the City Clerk.]

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Rescheduled Regular Meeting Held March 28, 1996
(from 4/1/96)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 8:00 a.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Mehney

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Clerk Brower

96-276. The minutes of the regular meeting held March 18, 1996 were received as submitted.

96-277. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$120,352.83, disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$1,836.00, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$177,535.16, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 5

Nays: Frakie - 1

96-278. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to amend Sections 9.52MM and 9.54, to add Sections 9.57, 9.58, 9.59 and 9.60 to Chapter 93 of Title IX, to amend Section 10.6, and to Add Section 10.7 to Chapter 101 of Title X of the City Code.

96-278-A. Orlebeke-Williamson. That an ordinance amendment to amend Sections 9.52MM and 9.54, to add Sections 9.57, 9.58, 9.59 and 9.60 to Chapter 93 of Title IX, to amend Section 10.6 and to add Section 10.7 to Chapter 101 of Title X of the City Code, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-279. No public comment was offered.

96-280. Commissioner Frakie commended staff on the most recent issue of the city newsletter "News & Views" which was very well done and informative.

96-281. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:03 a.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until April 15, 1996.

City Clerk

Exhibits: A - Ordinance amendment

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held April 15, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:32 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; Building Inspector Conley; Clerk Brower

96-282. The minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting held March 28, 1996 were received as submitted.

96-283. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

(A) Letter from Mr. Iver Thorsen of 2255 Anderson thanking Sgt. Ellis and PSO Davis of the Public Safety Department for their quick response to an emergency at his home recently.

96-284. Williamson-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$130,221.77, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$331,592.53, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-285. Timothy Schweitzer was sworn in as a Public Safety Officer for the City of East Grand Rapids. Mayor Edison presented him with an East Grand Rapids sweatshirt, and everyone wished him good luck.

96-286. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hayes of 2542 Arundel to allow an the installation of a 6'-0" wood privacy fence abutting the Norfolk Street right-of-way instead of the 15'-0" setback required.

Mr. Paul Hayes, 2542 Arundel, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall regarding this variance request:

- A. Knutson, 2528 Norfolk	Opposed
- Robert & Martha Kirchmer, 1754 Conlon	In Favor
- John & Janice Heerspink, 1738 Conlon	In Favor
- William McDonough, 1746 Conlon	In Favor
- Kurt & Ann VanderWeele, 2546 Norfolk	Questions

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

96-286-A. Walton-Mehney. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hayes of 2542 Arundel to allow an the installation of a 6'-0" wood privacy fence abutting the Norfolk Street right-of-way instead of the required 15'-0" setback, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-287. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Ms. JoAnn Christenson of 2534 Arundel to allow an the installation of a 6'-0" wood privacy fence abutting the Norfolk Street right-of-way instead of the 15'-0" setback required.

Ms. JoAnn Christenson, 2534 Arundel, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall regarding this variance request:

- A. Knutson, 2528 Norfolk	Opposed
- Robert & Martha Kirchmer, 1754 Conlon	In Favor
- John & Janice Heerspink, 1738 Conlon	In Favor
- William McDonough, 1746 Conlon	In Favor
- Kurt & Ann VanderWeele, 2546 Norfolk	Questions

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

96-287-A. Orlebeke-Frskie. That the request of Ms. JoAnn Christenson of 2534 Arundel to allow an the installation of a 6'-0" wood privacy fence abutting the Norfolk Street right-of-way instead of the required 15'-0" setback, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frskie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

96-288. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Doug Wiseman of 615 Cambridge Blvd to allow the addition of a family room between the home and the garage creating a side yard setback of 1'-0" instead of the required 10'-0."

Mr. Mark Shuart, architect for Mr. Doug Wiseman, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

96-288-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request of Mr. Doug Wiseman of 615 Cambridge Blvd to allow the addition of a family room between the home and the garage creating a side yard setback of 1'-0" instead of the required 10'-0," be approved with a firewall installed in the garage.

Yeas: Bartman, Frskie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

96-289. Consideration of a request to approve funding for a Community/School Liaison Officer.

96-289-A. Bartman-Williamson. That the request to accept a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Justice and authorize the hiring of an additional Public Safety Officer to create a Community/School Liaison Officer, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frskie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

96-290. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the fireworks celebration on the 4th of July.

96-290-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That the contract for 4th of July Celebration fireworks be awarded to Melrose Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$7,702.87.

96-290-B. Walton-Mehney. Motion to amend 96-290-A to increase the contract amount to \$8,602.87 to add more shells to the fireworks show.

Yeas: Bartman, Frskie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

Vote on 96-290-A, as amended.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-291. Consideration of a request to authorize staff to negotiate a contract for the design of sanitary and storm sewer projects.

Mr. Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, was present and expressed his concerns about the costs and benefits not received by East Grand Rapids for the Silver Creek Drain project constructed by Kent County.

96-291-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That City staff be authorized to negotiate a contract with OMM Engineering for the preliminary design of the sanitary and storm sewer projects as outlined in the engineer's report.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 5

Nays: Frakie, Walton - 2

96-292. Consideration of a request to ratify the emergency repairs to the sewer truck.

96-292-A. Bartman-Williamson. That the emergency repairs to Truck #4/163 in the amount of \$7,440.00 to Jursik Truck Equipment Company, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-293. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

96-293-A. Walton-Orlebeke. That a resolution approving the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council confirming the membership of Courtland Township and the City of Walker, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-294. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held March 12, 1996 were received.

Commissioner Bartman reported that the Planning Commission would be attending the next City Commission meeting to present the proposed changes to the Master Plan.

96-295. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held March 13, 1996 were received.

96-296. The Public Safety Report for the month of March, 1996 was received.

96-297. Mr. Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, stated that the City should consider re-instating the staff position of "city engineer" for the expertise needed on issues such as the water/sewer projects.

96-298. Commissioner Frakie thanked the Public Safety Department for their quick response to his home when his family smelled smoke. Their help was much appreciated.

96-299. Williamson-Mehney. To enter into executive session to discuss collective bargaining in accordance with Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-300. The meeting resumed following the Executive Session.

96-301. Williamson-Bartman. To add to the agenda consideration of a request to approve the contract with the City Services AFSCME Union. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-302. Consideration of a request to approve a three-year contract with the City Services AFSCME Union beginning July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1998.

96-302-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the three-year contract with the City Services AFSCME Union be approved.

96-303. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until May 6, 1996.

City Clerk

Exhibits: A - Resolution approving amendments to GVMC Articles of Incorporation

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held May 6, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:32 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; Assistant City Attorney Sluggett; City Services Director Baragar; Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; Building Inspector Conley; Data Processing Assistant Rathbun; City Clerk Brower

96-304. The minutes of the regular meeting held April 15, 1996 were received as submitted.

96-305. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- (A) Letter from June Doelle thanking the Streets & Utilities Department for their assistance in cleaning up some mud in front of her property recently.
- (B) Letter from Karen Bartlette of On The Town Magazine thanking PSO Metternich for his guided tour of East Grand Rapids for a recent feature in the magazine.
- (C) Thank You card from Mr. and Mrs. Sienstra-Bensted of 1035 Eastwood expressing their appreciation for the help of the Public Safety Department during a fire at their home on Easter Sunday morning.

96-306. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$127,880.31, disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$19,266.08, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$256,280.97, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-307. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Bass of 911 Bellclaire to allow the installation of an air conditioning unit approximately 4'-0" from the side lot line instead of the required 7'-0."

Ramon Bass, 911 Bellclaire, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

96-307-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Bass of 911 Bellclaire to allow the installation of an air conditioning unit approximately 4'-0" from the side lot line instead of the required 7'-0," be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-308. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. John Fritz of 1855 Lake Drive to allow the installation of an air conditioning unit approximately 5'-0" from the property line instead of the required 7'-0" required.

City Manager Donovan arrived.

George Davis, Jay Cravens and Rick Chapla all spoke about the need to update the Master Plan to protect the future of East Grand Rapids, to set goals, and to provide a basis for future land use issues and zoning/ordinance requirements. The Planning Commission requested the support of the City Commission to participate in meetings and worksessions, to authorize the process of seeking bids from vendors for the process of updating the Master Plan, and to budget up to \$20,000 for this work.

The City Commission agreed that more discussion was needed on the issue and wanted to set a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to answer questions and formulate a timetable. A worksession was set for June 11, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. during the regular Planning Commission meeting. Holding this meeting on June 11 will allow enough time for inclusion of monies in the FY 1996-97 budget if funding is approved by the City Commission.

96-312. City Manager Brian Donovan presented the recommended budget for Fiscal Year 1996-97 and gave the Commission a brief overview of the budget and the suggested timelines for adoption.

96-313. Finance Director VanderWall presented the financial report for the quarter ended March 31, 1996 and answered questions from the Commission.

96-314. Consideration of a request to approve the replacement of streetlights on Lakeside Drive.

96-314-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to approve the change to the streetlighting agreement with Consumers Power to reflect an upgrade in the lighting on Lakeside Drive and the additional costs involved in the operation of these lights, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-315. Consideration of a request to approve a proposal for voice mail and replacement of the phone system.

96-315-A. Bartman-Williamson. That the purchase of a new phone system from Advanced Communication Concepts, Inc. in the amount of \$33,933, a voice mail system from Advanced Communications Concepts, Inc., in the amount of \$21,032, and related cabling of the phone system from Universal Cabling in the amount of \$5,756 for a total project cost of \$60,721.00 and the related budget amendment of \$10,721.00, be approved.

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 5

Nays: Frakie, Walton - 2

96-316. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held April 12, 1996, were received. No action was taken on the motion by the Traffic Commission to install the traffic signal at the intersection Breton and Boston without the push-button mechanism for pedestrian traffic or the motion to recommend the cul-de-sac on Pontiac Road at Plymouth.

96-317. Consideration of a request to approve the construction of a cul-de-sac on Pontiac Road at Plymouth Road.

Mr. Jerome Sluggett, 815 Plymouth Road, was present and expressed his support for creating the cul-de-sac.

96-317-A. Williamson-Bartman. That City staff be authorized to seek bids for the construction of a cul-de-sac on Pontiac Road at the Plymouth/Franklin intersection.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

96-318. Consideration of a request to authorize staff to seek bids for the purchase and installation of the traffic signal and controllers for the left-turn signal at Boston Street and Breton Road.

96-318-A. Williamson-Bartman. That City staff be authorized to seek bids for the purchase and installation of new signal heads, controllers and pedestrian crossing signals for the Boston Street and Breton Road intersection.

Commissioner Walton requested that staff obtain written verification from Swanson & Associates that installing the signal without the push-button mechanism did not violate any traffic safety standards.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

96-319. Consideration of a request to award contracts for summer road construction projects.

96-319-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to award a contract to Michigan Colprovia in the amount of \$245,878.51 for resurfacing projects and the purchase of materials in the amount of \$6,000 for resurfacing of Asbury, Vesta and Danby cul-de-sacs by Streets & Utilities personnel, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

96-320. Consideration of a request to award a contract for grounds maintenance services for the municipal office complex.

96-320-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That a contract be awarded to Natural Lawns, Inc. in the amount of \$5,340 for grounds maintenance services in Section A-2 around the municipal office complex for the remainder of 1996.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

96-321. Consideration of a request to award a contract for crack repair work.

96-321-A. Williamson-Mehney. That a contract be awarded to Work Safe, Inc. in the amount of \$8,500 for the hot air crack repair program and to Scodeller Construction in the amount of \$11,000 for the overband crack repair program.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

96-322. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of materials for watermain projects.

96-322-A. Bartman-Frakie. That the following low bids for watermain projects be accepted: East Jordan Iron Works for watermains in the amount of \$6,410 and valves and hydrants in the amount of \$3,218, Etna Supply in the amount of \$2,740 for fittings, and VanderLind & Son in the amount of \$3,883 for water service materials.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

96-323. Consideration of a request to authorize staff to seek bids on replacement of a packer truck.

96-323-A. Orlebeke-Williamson. That the City Services Department be authorized to seek bids for the purchase of a packer-type truck used for the collection of yard debris.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-324. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held March 11, 1996 were received.

96-325. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held April 9, 1996 were received.

96-326. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held March 18, 1996 were received.

96-327. The City Services Department Report for the month of March, 1996 was received.

Commissioner Frakie asked staff to review the criteria for sidewalk replacement to ensure that liability requirements were being met.

96-328. No Public Comment was offered.

96-329. Commissioner Walton commended Teresa Hayes of the City Services Department for her quick response to his telephone call about a problem with the restroom at Manhattan Park.

Commissioner Bartman shared a thank-you card from a third-grade class at Wealthy Elementary thanking Building Inspector Sharon Conley for speaking to their class about building safety.

Commissioner Bartman also responded to the recent article in Grand Rapids Magazine ranking the metropolitan area suburbs with a musical salute to the greatness of East Grand Rapids. The tape of the song written by Commissioner Bartman was played for the City Commission. Everyone applauded the creativity of Commissioner Bartman.

Mayor Edison reported that the drafting class from the high school would be attending the next meeting to present a model of the City in 1946 and 1996.

96-330. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until May 20, 1996.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held May 20, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:32 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Williamson

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower

96-331. The minutes of the regular meeting held May 6, 1996 were received as submitted.

96-332. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

(A) Letter from Grand Rapids Fire Chief Richard Harris thanking the EGR Public Safety Department for their help during a structure fire recently. The assistance was rendered under the recently implemented Mutual Aid Agreement between Grand Rapids Township and East Grand Rapids.

(B) Memo from Planning Commission Chairman George Davis reminding everyone of the joint worksession scheduled for June 11, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.

96-333. Bartman-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$137,262.92, disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$668.29, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$140,857.02, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-334. The Drafting, Design & Technology class from East Grand Rapids High School was present with their models of the City of East Grand Rapids in 1945 and 1995. The model recently won first place in the "State and Regional Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Craftsman Show" in Grand Rapids. The students donated the models to the City staff for their use and for historical reference.

96-335. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. David Homrich of 1144 Eastwood to allow the construction of a detached garage approximately 18" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0" and 2'-0" from the rear property line instead of the required 3'-0."

Michelle Homrich, 1144 Eastwood, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

96-335-A. Mehney-Bartman. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. David Homrich of 1144 Eastwood to allow the construction of a detached garage approximately 18" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0" and 2'-0" from the rear property line instead of the required 3'-0," be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-336. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Milanowski of 959 Ogden Avenue to allow the installation of an air conditioning unit approximately 5'-0" from the side lot line instead of the required 7'-0."

Peg Milanowski, 959 Ogden Avenue, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

96-336-A. Bartman-Walton. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Milanowski of 959 Ogden Avenue to allow the installation of an air conditioning unit approximately 5'-0" from the side lot line instead of the required 7'-0," be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 6
Nays: -0-

96-337. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving the application of Jacobson's Stores for an entertainment permit in conjunction with their existing Tavern License.

John Chandler, store manager of Jacobson's, was present to answer questions from the Commission concerning this request.

96-337-A. Frakie-Walton. That a resolution approving the application of Jacobson's Stores for an entertainment permit in conjunction with their existing Tavern License, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 6
Nays: -0-

96-338. Consideration of a request to award a contract for t-shirts for recreation programs.

96-338-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the request to award a contract to Kel Graphics of Cadillac, Michigan in an amount not-to-exceed \$22,180.00 for recreation programs, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 6
Nays: -0-

96-339. Consideration of a request to approve replacement pump for the Remington sewer lift station.

96-339-A. Orlebeke-Bartman. That the request to award the contract for the replacement of the Remington Lift Station pumps to GHC Mechanical Services of Belding, Michigan in the amount of \$21,381, and the related budget amendment of \$1,381, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 6
Nays: -0-

96-340. Consideration of a request to approve the replacement of a surveillance vehicle for the Public Safety Department.

96-340-A. Bartman-Walton. That the request to purchase a Chevrolet Suburban from Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$32,480.00 to be used as a surveillance vehicle for the Public Safety Department, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 6
Nays: -0-

96-341. Consideration of a request to ratify the emergency repair to the air conditioning system at the municipal office complex.

96-341-A. Orlebeke-Bartman. That the request to ratify the emergency repair to the air conditioning system in the amount of \$3,698.64 to GHC Mechanical Services, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 6
Nays: -0-

96-342. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held May 3, 1996 were received. No action was taken on the motion by the Traffic Commission to post "No Parking" signs on both sides of Reeds Lake Boulevard from Robinson Road to Rexford Drive. Accordingly, this action will be implemented.

Commissioner Bartman requested that the City Commission review the parking on Lakeside Drive at Wealthy Street. The recommendation to remove parking spaces causing sight distance problems was considered by the Traffic Commission, but there was no support for a motion to remove the spaces. This issue will be placed on the next City Commission meeting agenda.

96-343. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held April 22, 1996 were received.

96-344. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held April 17, 1996 were received.

96-345. The Public Safety Report for the month of April, 1996 was received.

96-346. The City Services Department Report for the month of April, 1996 was received.

Mayor Edison asked staff to look into placing another column on the report for prior year figures.

96-347. Hank Fuhs, candidate for the Kent County Board of Commissioners, introduced himself to the Commission and offered to answer any questions.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, spoke about the need for a City Engineer staff position to design and oversee construction projects.

Don Drummond, 2524 Albert Drive, was present and stressed the needs for solutions for the storm water flooding problems and sewer backups during heavy rainfalls. Mayor Edison replied that staff was working to hire an engineering firm and that preliminary design work for projects to eliminate flooding will begin as soon as this is completed.

96-348. Frakie-Bartman. Motion to add to the agenda consideration of a request to set a hearing date for the placement of delinquent accounts onto the tax roll.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 6
Nays: -0-

96-349. Consideration of a request to set a hearing date for the placement of delinquent accounts onto the tax roll.

96-349-A. Bartman-Frakie. That a hearing date of June 3, 1996 be set to review the list of accounts delinquent more than 60 days for placement on the summer tax roll.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 6
Nays: -0-

96-350. Commissioner Bartman congratulated Commissioner Williamson's son, Michael Moore, on his graduation from Central Piedmont Community College. She also thanked Mrs. Bischoff's class for inviting her

to talk to the class about City government. Commissioner Bartman expressed her concern about the false alarm charges that are caused by alarm companies who do not maintain their systems. She suggested a complaint reporting system for residents who are planning to install security systems. This issue will be addressed at a future meeting after reviewed by staff. Commissioner Bartman thanked Molesta Floral for their donation of a floral arrangement for the memorial to PSO VanPopering. She also thanked City Services for their work during the heavy rain storm earlier in the day and wished them good luck during the Public Works Week activities planned for later in the week.

Mayor Edison passed out information on the items discussed during recent Grand Valley Metro Council meetings.

96-351. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until June 3, 1996.

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Exhibits: A - Resolution approving Jacobson's liquor license entertainment permit.

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Regular Meeting Held June 3, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Finance Director VanderWall; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; City Clerk Brower

96-352. The minutes of the regular meeting held May 20, 1996 were received as submitted.

96-353. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

(A) Letter of thanks from Hospice thanking Mayor Edison and the City for their assistance with the recent fund raising walk.

(B) Several letters referring to the Grand Rapids Press article about jet-ski noise.

96-354. Bartman-Williamson. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$133,399.26, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$245,628.57, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-355. A public hearing was held on the special assessment roll of delinquent accounts for placement on the July 1, 1995 tax roll. No public comment was made.

A letter was received from John Savara asking that the City Commission waive the past due invoice for mowing the yard at a property owned by him.

96-355-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the special assessment roll of delinquent accounts totalling \$52,108.61 be certified and that these accounts be placed on the July 1, 1996 tax roll.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-356. A public hearing was held pertaining to the General Fund budget and the property tax levy for Fiscal Year 1995-96. No public comment was made.

96-357. Consideration of a request to approve a contract for architectural services for the remodeling of the Public Safety Building.

96-357-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That the firm of Cox, Medendorp & Olson Architects be retained for the design, specifications, bid documents and customary on-site inspections associated with the interior remodeling of the Public Safety Building and the HVAC upgrade to the municipal complex buildings at a cost not-to-exceed \$57,500.

96-357-B. Walton-Mehney. Motion to table this matter until the budget worksession scheduled to follow the meeting is concluded.

Yeas: Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton - 4
Nays: Bartman, Williamson, Edison -3

96-358. Consideration of a request to approve contracts for construction projects in conjunction with the Grand Rapids Southeast 36" watermain project.

City Manager Donovan explained that East Grand Rapids had asked the City of Grand Rapids to bid the removal of concrete on Franklin Street in conjunction with the 36" watermain project. Grand Rapids determined that the bids were unbalanced and voted to renegotiate with the low bidder, Diversco, to rectify the unit prices. East Grand Rapids city staff feels that the integrity of the bid process was compromised and that the bids should be rejected and the projects re-bid.

96-358-A. Williamson-Bartman. To withdraw from the bid process conducted by the City of Grand Rapids and to direct staff to begin developing specifications to seek new bids on the removal of concrete on Franklin Street and the Pontiac cul-de-sac.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: -0-
Abstain: Walton

96-359. Consideration of a request to review parking spaces on Lakeside Drive at Wealthy Street.

Commissioner Williamson explained that the Traffic Commission had not voted to remove these parking spaces because there was a concern about eliminating parking spaces needed for special events at the high school. However, when cars are parked in these few spaces, there is a sight distance problem that is created for cars turning left from Wealthy onto Lakeside Drive.

96-359-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That staff be authorized to remove sixty feet of parking along Lakeside Drive south of Wealthy Street to improve sight distance for motorists.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

96-360. Mayor Edison explained that the interior painting of the Library and the carpeting of the Recreation Department, the Library and the Streets & Utilities Building were being held until the next meeting. Mayor Edison asked for any public comment. No public comment was made.

96-361. John Swain, 2630 Reeds Lake Blvd., asked the City to do something about the noise created by personal watercrafts on Reeds Lake. He felt the City should more strictly enforce the existing ordinance prohibiting the launching of jet-skis from John Collins Park. Mayor Edison explained that the City ordinance does address jet-skis but does not regulate the other personal watercrafts.

Jim Hegner, 2127 Wilshire, asked the City Commission to address the solutions to the sewer back-ups as quickly as possible. Mayor Edison reported that the City was negotiating with an engineering firm to begin the design work for the projects to alleviate the problems caused by excessive rainfalls.

Richard Evans, 2144 Wilshire, also expressed his desire to have the City Commission address these problems as soon as possible.

96-362. Commissioner Mehney stated that the sewer back-ups and storm water flooding were top priorities with the City Commission and the projects would be started as soon as possible.

Commissioner Bartman complimented the Boy Scout troop from St. Stephens who have adopted Hodenpyl

Woods for their community service projects. The trails and walkways look great.

Commissioner Orlebeke also stated that water/sewer projects were a top priority.

Commissioner Walton urged everyone to take a drive down Arundel Road to see what a nice neighborhood had been built in this area.

Mayor Edison reported that the new streetlights were up on Lakeside Drive and looked very nice.

96-363. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. to hold a budget worksession.

96-364. The meeting resumed at 11:35 p.m. following the worksession.

96-365. Williamson-Bartman. That the firm of Cox, Medendorp & Olson Architects be retained for the design, specifications, bid documents and customary on-site inspections associated with the interior remodeling of the Public Safety Building and the HVAC upgrade to the municipal complex buildings at a cost not-to-exceed \$57,500.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-366. The regular meeting adjourned at 11:38 p.m. A special meeting to adopt the budget and set the millage rate was set for Tuesday, June 11, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 17, 1996.

City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
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Special Meeting Held June 11, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 6:50 p.m. in Room B of the Recreation Department at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; Finance Director VanderWall; City Clerk Brower

96-367. Resolution adopting a resolution setting funding for the street resurfacing account.

96-367-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a resolution establishing funding for the street resurfacing account be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-368. Resolution adopting the FY 1995-96 budget and setting a millage rate for the coming year.

96-368-A. Orlebeke-Mehney. That a resolution adopting the FY 1996-97 budget and setting the millage rate at 15.056 for FY 1996-97, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Edison - 4

Nays: Bartman, Walton, Williamson - 3

94-369. The special meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution establishing funding for street resurfacing account
B - Resolution setting millage rate and adopting budget

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Regular Meeting Held June 17, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; Assistant City Attorney Bloom; City Services Director Baragar; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower

96-370. The minutes of the regular meeting held June 3, 1996 were received as submitted.

96-371. Williamson-Walton. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$115,435.71; County and School disbursements in the amount of \$768.95; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$129,363.95, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

96-372. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center to allow the construction of permanent foundations for a Magnetic Resonance Imaging unit in place of the current portable unit in Lot "B."

Roger Grow of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center was present and explained the variance request and answered questions from the City Commission.

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

96-373-A. Walton-Bartman. That the request of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center to allow the construction of permanent foundations for a Magnetic Resonance Imaging unit in place of the current portable unit in Lot "B" be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

Abstain: Mehney - 1

96-373. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. William Heisler of 1042 Santa Cruz to allow the installation of an air conditioning unit not less than 3'-6" from the side yard lot line instead of the required 7'-0."

Mrs. Stucco Heisler, 1042 Santa Cruz, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Charles Gilbert, 1017 Santa Cruz
- Mark Siegrist, 1048 Santa Cruz
- Jack Shimko, 1051 Santa Cruz

In Favor
In Favor
In Favor

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

96-373-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the request of Mr. William Heisler of 1042 Santa Cruz to allow the installation of an air conditioning unit not less than 3'-6" from the side yard lot line instead of the required 7'-0."

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-374. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hunt of 2456 Albert Drive to allow the installation of an air conditioning unit not less than 4'-6" from the side yard lot line instead of the required 7'-0."

Mr. Stuart Hunt, 2456 Albert, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

96-374-A. Walton-Orlebeke. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hunt of 2456 Albert Drive to allow the installation of an air conditioning unit not less than 4'-6" from the side yard lot line instead of the required 7'-0," be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-375. Consideration of a request to approve a contract for preliminary engineering, final design and construction phase services for storm and sanitary sewer projects.

96-375-A. Williamson-_____. That the firm of OMM Engineering be authorized to provide engineering and inspection services for the proposed improvements to the storm and sanitary sewer projects at a cost not-to-exceed \$157,700 subject to a review of the contract by the City Attorney.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Chuck Olson of OMM Engineering outlined the proposal and answered questions from the City Commission.

96-375-B. Walton-Mehney. Motion to approve OMM Engineering for the preliminary engineering at a cost not-to-exceed \$96,500 and for the final design phase at a cost not-to-exceed \$61,200, and to approve OMM Engineering for the construction phase services at costs to be negotiated later.

Commissioner Frakie stated that he would be voting against this contract because bids and proposals were not solicited from several firms for these services.

96-376-C. Bartman-Orlebeke. Motion to amend 96-375-B. for conditional approval but to include a review by the City Attorney and to bring the entire contract back to the City Commission on July 1, 1996 for final approval.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, was present and spoke about the history of the sewer back up problems and the need address the problems.

Vote on 96-375-C.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 6

Nays: Williamson - 1

Vote on 96-376-B, as amended.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: Frakie - 1

96-376. The schedule of City Commission meeting dates for FY 1996-97 was received.

Commissioner Williamson noted that the Traffic Commission meeting scheduled for July 5, 1996 had been moved to July 12, 1996. The schedule will be changed accordingly.

96-377. Consideration of a request to approve an extension of the Community Development Block Grant Agreement.

96-377-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the three-year extension of the Community Development Block Grant Agreement with Kent County, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

96-378. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held May 20, 1996 were received.

96-379. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings held May 13, 1996 and June 10, 1996 were received.

96-380. The City Services Department Report for the month of May, 1996 was received.

Commissioner Frakie asked the City Services Department to look at adding a "prior-year-to-date" column to the report. Staff is already working on this and the numbers should be reflected in the June or July report.

96-381. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of May, 1996 was received.

96-382. James Thompson, 443 Plymouth, asked that the City keep in close contact with Blodgett Hospital regarding the proposed merger with Butterworth Hospital and/or the move from East Grand Rapids and begin studying the future of this site as soon as any decision is made. Mayor Edison and Commissioner Frakie responded that the City was in constant contact with the hospital and is planning to study the matter extensively as soon as a decision is reached.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, spoke about the Silver Creek drain and his feelings that the work completed was not befitting East Grand Rapids. Mayor Edison responded that East Grand Rapids paid a portion of the costs for the Silver Creek drain because of the impact of the drainage downstream from East Grand Rapids and not for the sole benefit of our City.

Rick Smoke, 3535 Manderley, introduced himself as a candidate for the Kent County Board of Commissioners.

96-383. Commissioner Bartman thanked the City Services Department for all of their work on the city Clean-Up Day on June 8th--22 dumpsters were filled and hauled away. She also reported that a fishing platform had been constructed on the channel between Reeds Lake and Fisk Lake so that the fisherman did not have to stand in the roadway.

Commissioner Bartman also reported that herds of snapping turtles were wandering away from Reeds Lake, and that she had been ferrying the lost turtles back to their cozy little homes at the lake. Commissioner Bartman was then informed that this phenomenon was a natural migration. She agreed to leave the turtles alone if the City Services Department would investigate "turtle crossing" signs for the streets near the lake.

Mayor Edison also thanked the City Services staff for their work on the Clean-Up Day. He also announced that he would be distributing information he gathered at a seminar on regional planning recently. Mayor Edison was contacted by a group who is interested in raising money to purchase new city limit signs for the major roads leading into the city. More information will be coming soon.

96-384. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until July 1, 1996.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held July 1, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:32 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Orlebeke

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Recreation Director Rhodes; Engineering Services Supervisor Kadzban; Streets & Utilities Superintendent Keating; Assistant Recreation Director Bunn; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Recreation Supervisor Reikow; City Clerk Brower

97-1. The minutes of the special meeting held June 11, 1996 and the regular meeting held June 17, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-2. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

(A) Letter from Nick Nicola thanking Mayor Edison for the volunteer reception held on June 26, 1996.

(B) Letter from Grand Rapids Township Fire Chief Richard Harris thanking the Public Safety Department for their assistance with the ladder truck during a recent structure fire.

(C) Letter from Lorraine McKnight thanking the Traffic Commission and the City Commission for removing parking spaces on Lakeside Drive near the Jacobson's entrance to improve sight distance.

97-3. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of 202,576.31; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$232,439.31, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-4. Williamson-Bartman. To add to the agenda the election of President of City Commission for FY 1996-97.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-5. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Poortenga of 1901 Lake Drive SE to allow the installation of an air conditioning unit not less than 2'-0" from the side yard lot line instead of the required 7'-0."

Doug Poortenga, 1901 Lake Drive, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-5-A. Walton-Mehney. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Poortenga of 1901 Lake Drive SE to allow the installation of an air conditioning unit not less than 2'-0" from the side yard lot line instead of the required 7'-0," be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: -0-

97-6. Consideration of Youth Soccer Program operations.

Mayor Edison explained that the Recreation Commission had discussed the issue of youth soccer and the relationship between the Recreation Department and the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) at its last meeting. The decision was made to continue the program in its current status for the fall season and to continue working to either continue the partnership between the two groups or for the Recreation Department to operate a separate program. The matter has been brought to the City Commission to reaffirm the decision of the Recreation Commission or to take other action.

Mayor Edison opened the meeting for comment from the public. The following people were present and stated their feelings on the continuation of the youth soccer program:

Tish LaVoie, AYSO Regional Commissioner, stated that AYSO did not know that the Recreation Department had prepared their own proposal for a separate soccer program and had not yet had a chance to review the Recreation Department's proposal. She also stated that AYSO had several questions on the budgeting and financial statements provided by the Recreation Department but had not been able to get any answers to these questions. She stated that AYSO was interested in taking more of the responsibilities for the registration and administration of the program to make it a more volunteer run program.

Noreen Cunningham, a member of the AYSO Board, stated that the letter sent to the Recreation Department should have been worded differently and should have stated that AYSO was interested in taking on more of the details of the program that could be improved, but not withdrawing completely.

Dave Neff, 500 Cambridge, felt that the fall program should continue as decided by the Recreation Commission because there was not time to make changes for the fall season. He stated his feelings that staff was not committed to the AYSO concept and that there were issues to be resolved.

Ron Eberhardt, 2518 Elmwood, stated that the City had made the commitment to the AYSO program several years ago and should continue that support. He also stated that volunteer programs are inherently different than bureaucratic city-run programs and there are some differences that need to be worked out between the two groups.

Mara Fenton, 1748 Vesta Lane, felt the AYSO soccer program was extremely beneficial to the self-confidence and sportsmanship of the children and participation in this fast-growing sport should be encouraged. She also stated that the administrative charges from the Recreation Department are too high for the level of service that is provided.

Tom Duffy, 2383 Thornapple River Drive, introduced himself as a member of another local AYSO region. He stated that other AYSO volunteer-run programs are financially viable and can be run without the administrative charges. He stated that his own program has so much money left over that they are contemplating buying land to develop into a soccer complex.

Ginger Farrar, 922 Maxwell, stated that the City was not being fair in proposing running a separate program from AYSO. She stated that AYSO wants to take over the complete program and be allowed to rent the fields for a flat fee. AYSO would provide all of the administrative functions such as registration, game scheduling, etc. and the Recreation Department would maintain the fields and store the equipment.

Jan Huff, 2310 Anderson, stated that she had been on the Recreation Commission at the time that this partnership was set up and felt that the City had made a long-term commitment to this program and had done a very good job of administering the program. She felt the program should be left in the Recreation Department and that both groups should work together to make the program work. She also felt the AYSO program might have a problem securing enough committed volunteers to make the program work whereas the Recreation Department had a paid staff person to work out details.

Commissioner Frakie asked the AYSO members why the letter of May 1, 1996 had been sent if the group wanted to continue the relationship with the Recreation Department. He also explained the administrative charges as being the way that the City allocates the cost of its staff and resources to all of the various programs run by the Recreation Department and that the soccer program had to pay for its fair share of the overhead costs as do all the other programs. Ms. Cunningham replied that these charges had never been explained to AYSO.

Mayor Edison asked if AYSO was content to be an advisory group to the Recreation Department in the administration of the program or if they were really ready to take over the entire administration of this program.

Recreation Director Rhodes and Assistant Recreation Director Bunn answered questions from the City Commission on the philosophy of running the programs, the services provided, the equipment and the concept of travel teams.

Commissioner Walton explained that the issue was before the City Commission because of the unique "hybrid" relationship between a volunteer organization and the paid staff of the City. He felt that this was an important issue and needed the attention of the City Commission because of the special circumstances that were not present in other recreation programs.

Commissioner Mehney stated that the Recreation Department has administered this program and hundreds of others over the years and has always been very competent and professional in their work. He felt that there were no philosophical differences and that the other issues could be worked out for the benefit of the athletes.

Commissioner Bartman questioned whether AYSO would be able to gather the number of volunteers needed for coaching and referees at the games. Ron Eberhardt, referee coordinator for AYSO, replied that this had been a problem in the past, but he felt AYSO could do a better job than the Recreation Department.

Commissioner Mehney questioned the percentage of athletes that were from East Grand Rapids and whether all kids got a chance to play. City staff answered that approximately 90% of the participants were from East Grand Rapids and that both organizations allowed all participants to play as much as possible.

97-6-A. Mehney-Frakie. That the youth soccer program be continued as a joint program between the Recreation Department and the AYSO as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Commission and that staff be directed to continue working with AYSO members on the future of this joint program.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: -0-

Commissioner Walton asked the Recreation Department to provide information on the relationship between the Recreation Department and the Aquatics Club for the August meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

97-7. Consideration of a request to approve a contract for preliminary engineering, final design and construction phase services for storm and sanitary sewer projects.

97-7-A. Williamson-Bartman. Motion to approve the contract with OMM Engineering for the preliminary engineering at a cost not-to-exceed \$96,500 and for the final design phase at a cost not-to-exceed \$61,200, and to approve OMM Engineering for the construction phase services.

Phil Vogelsang, Vice President of OMM Engineering, was present and answered questions from the City Commission.

Commissioner Frakie stated that he would be voting against this contract because the City did not solicit competitive bids for this engineering work.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 5
Nays: 1

97-8. Consideration of a request to approve commission appointments.

97-8-A. Williamson-Walton. That the commission appointments submitted by Mayor Edison for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, be approved with the change of Commissioner Walton be appointed to the Infrastructure Committee to replace Commissioner Williamson.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-9. Election of President of City Commission for FY 1996-97.

97-9-A. Walton-Frakie. Motion to appoint Kent Williamson as President of the City Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-10. Consideration of a request to set fees for marriage ceremonies performed by the Mayor.

97-10-A. Bartman-Walton. That the fee for marriages performed by the Mayor be set at \$25.00.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-11. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a TIG welder.

97-11-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the purchase of a TIG welder from Purity Cylinder Gases, Inc. in the amount of \$2,822.77, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-12. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase and installation of a traffic signal at Boston Street and Breton Road.

97-12-A. Williamson-Walton. That the contract to install the traffic signal at Boston Street and Breton Road City be awarded to the City of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$34,936.37 for the installation and to Windemuller Electric in the amount of \$11,932.40 for the related electrical work, be approved and that the budget amendment in the amount of \$6,900.00, be approved.

97-13. Jim Hegner, 2127 Wilshire, was present and expressed his dissatisfaction with the denial of his claim for damages from the sanitary sewer back-up into his home on May 20, 1996.

Bob Bergdahl, 2045 Wilshire, stated the back-ups began occurring after the City replaced the sewer main on Wilshire in 1984. He felt the City should take responsibility for these problems and should not delay the work to correct them.

Bob Scott, 2025 Wilshire, stated that he was very upset with the letter he received from the City's insurance carrier and felt that the City should pay the claims from these back-ups.

Shawn Gotch, 2035 Wilshire, was concerned about the lack of corrective action and asked that the engineering work and construction go forward without delay so these problems could be corrected. Mr. Gotch also asked for a list of claims paid by the city.

97-14. Commissioner Mehney stated to the residents present that the City was committed to the construction projects to eliminate the storm water and sanitary sewer flooding and would be making sure everything went as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Bartman assured the residents that the City Commission did take the flooding problem very seriously and was committed to correcting the situation. Commissioner Bartman also thanked the City Services crews for the work on the resurfacing project on Reeds Lake Boulevard. She also thanked all of the members of the Recreation Department for their work on the Reeds Lake Run on June 29th.

Commissioner Walton thanked all of the members who were leaving positions on the various commissions for their dedication and work over the past years: David Neff on the Recreation Commission; Debra Walsh Kay on the Planning Commission; Brent Slay and Harriet Engbers on the Board of Review.

Mayor Edison thanked the staff of the Recreation Department and the Public Safety Department for the work on Reeds Lake Run. Everything worked very smoothly, including restoring the traffic flow and cleaning up the city immediately after the race finished.

97-15. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until July 15, 1996.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held July 15, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower

97-16. The minutes of the regular meeting held July 1, 1996 were received with a correction on page four to 97-7-A which should reflect in the vote that Commissioner Frakie was the dissenting vote.

97-17. Williamson-Walton. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$122,808.91; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$357,763.57, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-18. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Chris Muller of 2445 Lake Drive to allow the construction of a detached garage with a height of 14'-0" instead of the 12'-0" allowable height.

Chris Muller, 2445 Lake Drive, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-18-A. Bartman-Mehney. That the request of Mr. Chris Muller of 2445 Lake Drive to allow the construction of a detached garage with a height of 14'-0" instead of the 12'-0" allowable height, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-19. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pare of 3010 Oakwood Drive SE to allow the construction of a 10'-0" x 15'-0" addition to the home creating a 6'-0" side yard instead of the 7'-0" required.

No public comment was offered. Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-19-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pare of 3010 Oakwood Drive SE to allow the construction of a 10'-0" x 15'-0" addition to the home creating a 6'-0" side yard instead of the 7'-0" required, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

Abstain: Walton - 1

97-20. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Patterson of 2335 Boston Street SE to allow the construction of a 28'-0" x 28'-0" detached garage with a height of 15'-0" instead of the 12'-0" allowable height.

No public comment was offered. Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-20-A. Orlebeke-Mehney. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Patterson of 2335 Boston Street SE to allow the construction of a 28'-0" x 28'-0" detached garage with a height of 15'-0" instead of the 12'-0" allowable height, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-21. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Section 5.24 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to cellular towers.

97-21-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to Section 5.24 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to cellular towers be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and sent to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-22. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Sections 5.222 and 5.224 of Chapter 52 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to satellite antennas.

97-22-A. Bartman-Williamson. That an ordinance amendment to Sections 5.222 and 5.224 of Chapter 52 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to satellite antennas be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and sent to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-23. Consideration of a request to approve an agreement for publication of legal notices.

97-23-A. Orlebeke-Walton. That a three-year agreement for publication of legal notices with The Grand Rapids Press at a cost of \$2.35 for FY 96-97, \$2.45 for FY 97-98, and \$2.65 for FY 98-99, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-24. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving rates for basic service, equipment and installation for TCI of Western Michigan.

97-24-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That a resolution approving rates for basic service, equipment and installation for TCI of Western Michigan, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

City Attorney Huff advised the City Commission that these rates had been reviewed by a cable expert and were within the parameters set by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); therefore the City Commission had little alternative but to approve these rates.

Although several complaints had been received from citizens and the City Commission did feel that the rate increases were excessive, it was agreed that until there is some competition in the cable television marketplace, the City Commission must approve these rates since they were within the limitations placed by the FCC.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-25. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held June 11, 1996 were received.

97-26. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held June 19, 1996 were received.

Mayor Edison reported that a meeting had been held with the neighbors close to Manhattan Park to acquaint them with the proposed soccer field lighting project. He also reported this lighting project was being delayed until a complete set of soil borings could be taken on the former landfill site for ground stability before placing the light poles.

Commissioner Williamson suggested that staff investigate leasing these light poles to any cellular telephone company that was interested in using them as cellular towers as a means of recouping some of the costs of this project.

97-27. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of June, 1996 was received.

97-28. No public comment was offered.

97-29. Commissioner Williamson congratulated the Recreation Department on a fantastic 4th of July Celebration. He also thanked all of the private donors and the corporate sponsors that make this annual event possible.

Commission Bartman also complimented the Recreation Department on their work on the Art Fair, the Reeds Lake Run and the 4th of July Celebration in the recent weeks. Commissioner Bartman also reported that Harriet Jones, a resident on Rosewood, had approached her and complimented Public Safety Officer Dennis VanTassell who was doing a foot patrol in her neighborhood recently and had stopped to introduce himself and offer any assistance necessary. The presence in the neighborhood was appreciated.

Mayor Edison reported receiving numerous compliments on the fireworks on July 4th. He also thanked the Public Safety Department for allowing him to store the disabled vehicle he had been riding in the July 4th Parade and promised to have a more reliable vehicle next year.

97-30. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until August 5, 1996.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment - Section 5.24

B - Ordinance amendment - Sections 5.222 and 5.224

C - Resolution approving TCI rates

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held August 5, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioners Frakie and Mehney

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Engineering Services Supervisor Kadzban; Streets & Utilities Superintendent Keating; Building Inspector Conley; Foreman Morey; City Clerk Brower

97-31. The minutes of the regular meeting held July 15, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-32. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

(A) Letter commending Detective Brett Naumcheff for his work in bringing a criminal sex offender to justice.

(B) Letter from Grand Rapids Township Fire Department thanking the EGR Public Safety Department for their assistance in rescuing people from a fire at the Harley Hotel recently.

(C) Thank you letter from a resident thanking PSO Brian Davis for apprehending a bike thief and returning the bicycle to its owner before it was even reported stolen.

(D) Letter from DEA Task Force thanking Lt. Al Darzniek for his work in the break up of a drug and weapons trafficking ring.

(E) Letter from Aquinas College thanking Marie Reikow for her assistance in organizing a tennis tournament earlier this year.

97-33. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$156,180.27; disbursements to the county and schools in the amount of \$964,133.75; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$343,460.08, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 5

Nays: -0-

97-34. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. David VerMeulen of 725 Gladstone to allow the construction of a detached garage to be built approximately 1'-0" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0".

David VerMeulen, 725 Gladstone, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

No other public comment was offered. Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-34-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request of Mr. David VerMeulen of 725 Gladstone to allow the construction of a detached garage to be built approximately 1'-0" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0", be approved with a six-month limitation to complete construction.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 5

Nays: -0-

97-35. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kanipe of 1015 Kenesaw to allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the home on a non-conforming lot.

Richard Kanipe, 1015 Kenesaw, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Henry and Helen Berends, 2417 Gilmour In Favor
- Sol Bach, 1010 Breton
- Janet Howard, 2450 Gilmour
- Dorothy Powell, 1008 Kenesaw
- Mr. and Mrs. M.P. Kelly, 1009 Kenesaw
- Denise Strand, 1018 Kenesaw
- Lawrence and Denise Lane, 1024 Kenesaw
- George Terzes, 1025 Kenesaw
- Linda Ashley, 2416 Santa Monica
- Daniel and Margie Erlandson, 2417 Santa Monica
- William and Paula Rea, 2422 Santa Monica
- Monica Sanderson, 2432 Santa Monica
- Suzanne House, 2433 Santa Monica
- Wayne Stone, 2436 Santa Monica
- Linda Stratton, 2437 Santa Monica

97-35-A. Bartman-Walton. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kanipe of 1015 Kenesaw to allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the home on a non-conforming lot, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 5

Nays: -0-

97-36. Consideration of a request to approve a contract for construction work at Plymouth Road and Franklin Street.

97-36-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a contract for the Franklin Street reconstruction and the Pontiac Road cul-de-sac be awarded to Diversco Construction in the amount of \$154,521 and contingency costs of \$15,400.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 4

Nays: -0-

Abstain: Walton - 1

97-37. Consideration of a request to approve a contract for construction services in conjunction with the Grand Rapids watermain project for widening Lake Drive near the east city limits.

97-37-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a contract for widening Lake Drive from Woodshire to the east city limits in conjunction with the Grand Rapids 36" watermain project be awarded to Diversco Construction in the amount of \$48,661.32 and design engineering, construction engineering, and project contingencies in the amount of \$11,338.68, and that a fund transfer in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the undesignated general fund balance to the street fund be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 4

Nays: -0-

Abstain: Walton - 1

97-38. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a packer truck.

97-38-A. Orlebeke-Bartman. That the request to approve the purchase of a cab and chassis from

Woodland International Trucks Inc in the amount of \$45,139.00 and the purchase of the packer body from Bell Equipment Company in the amount of \$27,500.00, for a total project cost of \$72,639.00, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 5
Nays: -0-

97-39. Consideration of a request to approve bids for the painting of lane markers and crosswalks on local roads.

97-39-A. Walton-Orlebeke. That a contract in the amount of \$10,487.25 be awarded to Clark Highway Services of Lake City Michigan for the painting of road lane markings, directional markings, cross walk markings and the removal of 6,000 lineal feet of existing lane markings.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 5
Nays: -0-

97-40. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Section 5.90 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to mechanical appurtenances.

97-40-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to Section 5.90 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to mechanical appurtenances be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and referred to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 5
Nays: -0-

97-41. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held June 12, 1996 were received. No action was taken on the motion by the Traffic Commission regarding the signage at the intersection Plymouth Road and Argentina Road and to the motion to standardize the flash cycle on all traffic signals between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

97-41-A. Walton-_____. To amend the motion of the Traffic Commission concerning the timing of the traffic signals to make the hours of flashing from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. for all signals instead of the proposed 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Motion fails due to lack of a second.

97-42. The City Services Department Report for the month of June, 1996 was received.

97-43. No public comment was offered.

97-44. Mayor Edison asked that if anyone had any suggestions for articles for the mayor's column in the Cadence that they contact him.

Public Safety Director Gallagher reminded everyone about National Night Out scheduled for August 6th and encouraged everyone to get out and meet their neighbors and help prevent crime.

97-45. Williamson-Bartman. To enter into executive session to discuss an attorney's opinion in accordance with Section 8(h) and to discuss a periodic personnel evaluation of the City Manager in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 5
Nays: -0-

97-46. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until August 5, 1996.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment - Section 5.90 - Mechanical Appurtenances

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Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-50-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request of Mr. John McDonald to allow the continuation of a business within a residential district, be approved with the following conditions:

1. The variance be granted to the property at 469 Greenwood rather than to John McDonald as an individual provided the nature of the business remain within the present use and scope as light commercial.
2. That parking requirements in the Zoning Ordinance for commercial district be complied with.
3. No sign other than the one attached to the wall of the building be permitted.

There was discussion among the City Commission regarding granting this variance to the property or to an individual and whether this should be a special use permit rather than a variance. Mr. Gilbin, representative for the applicant, stated that Mr. McDonald was agreeable to being given the variance as an individual knowing that a future owner would have to return to the City Commission for another variance when the property was sold.

97-50-B.Frskie-Orlebeke. Motion to amend 97-50-A. to grant the variance to John McDonald as an individual with the other provisions remaining the same. The first condition will now read:

1. The variance be granted to Mr. John McDonald as an individual with the revocation provided upon release of the operation of the antique shop from the personal control of Mr. McDonald.

Yeas: Bartman, Frskie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: Walton - 1

Vote on 97-50-A. as amended.

Yeas: Bartman, Frskie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-51. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to amend Section 10.82 of Chapter 104 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to cost recovery of OUIL expenses.

97-51-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That an ordinance amendment to amend Section 10.82 of Chapter 104 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to cost recovery of OUIL expenses be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frskie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-52. Consideration of a request to approve merit pay increase for City Manager.

97-52-A. Mehney-Orlebeke. That the annual salary of City Manager Brian Donovan be increased to \$75,250.00.

97-53-B.Bartman-_____. Motion to table this matter until a future meeting.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Yeas: Frskie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: Bartman - 1

97-53. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

97-53-A. Walton-Bartman. That a resolution approving the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council confirming the membership of the City of Wayland, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-54. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 11 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infractions.

97-54-A. Walton-Orlebeke. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 11 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infractions be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Commissioner Frakie asked for a summary of all of the changes dealing with civil infractions, specifically a determination of which employees have the authority to issue a civil infractions citation and the possibility of a maximum fine rather than the open-ended \$50 per day fine provided. The City Attorney and City Manager will provide this information prior to the final reading of these ordinance amendments.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-55. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 12 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction penalties.

97-55-A. Bartman-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 12 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction penalties be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "D" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-56. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 13 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to appearance tickets authorization.

97-56-A. Walton-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 13 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to appearance tickets authorization be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "E" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-57. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 14 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction citations authorization.

97-57-A. Orlebeke-Mehney. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 14 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction citations authorization be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "F" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-58. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to amend Section 1.13 of Chapter 1 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to the penalties for civil infractions.

97-58-A. Walton-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to amend Section 1.13 of Chapter 1 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to the penalties for civil infractions be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "G" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-59. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to amend Section 2.11 of Chapter 21, Section 2.35 of Chapter 22, Section 2.70 of Chapter 23, all of Title II; Section 3.6 of Chapter 31, Section 3.67 of Chapter 33, and Section 3.86, all of Title III; Section 5.155 of Chapter 50 of Title V, Section 7.46 of Chapter 73, and Section 7.92 of Chapter 78, both of Title VII; Section 8.4 of Chapter 80, Section 8.94 of Chapter 84, Section 8.504 of Chapter 84, and Section 8.810 of Chapter 88, all of Title VIII; Section 9.28 of Chapter 91, Section 9.35 of Chapter 92, Section 9.41 of Chapter 92, Section 9.408 of Chapter 97, and chapter 9.409 of Chapter 97, all of Title IX; and Section 10.51 of Chapter 102 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to civil infraction violations.

97-59-A. Williamson-Mehney. That an ordinance amendment to amend Section 2.11 of Chapter 21, Section 2.35 of Chapter 22, Section 2.70 of Chapter 23, all of Title II; Section 3.6 of Chapter 31, Section 3.67 of Chapter 33, and Section 3.86, all of Title III; Section 5.155 of Chapter 50 of Title V, Section 7.46 of Chapter 73, and Section 7.92 of Chapter 78, both of Title VII; Section 8.4 of Chapter 80, Section 8.94 of Chapter 84, Section 8.504 of Chapter 84, and Section 8.810 of Chapter 88, all of Title VIII; Section 9.28 of Chapter 91, Section 9.35 of Chapter 92, Section 9.41 of Chapter 92, Section 9.408 of Chapter 97, and chapter 9.409 of Chapter 97, all of Title IX; and Section 10.51 of Chapter 102 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to civil infraction violations, be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "H" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-60. The City Services Department report for the month of July, 1996 was received.

97-61. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of July, 1996 was received.

97-62. Williamson-Bartman. To add to the agenda consideration of a request to approve the change order for the watermain project construction on Maxwell Street.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-63. Consideration of a request to approve the change order for the removal of additional concrete for the watermain project construction on Maxwell Street.

97-63-A. Mehney-Bartman. That a change order to the contract for the Maxwell Street watermain project in the amount of \$6,140.00 for the removal of additional concrete be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-64. No public comment was offered.

97-65. Commissioner Mehney commended Recreation Director Bill Rhodes and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Dan DeLooff on the tremendous job they have done getting the athletic fields ready for the fall seasons. All of the fields are looking very good.

Mayor Edison also commented on the excellent shape of the athletic fields and stated that the Joint Facilities Committee would be reviewing the procedures for overseeing these types of projects to make sure everything was being handled properly.

97-66. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until September 3, 1996.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

- Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment - Section 10.82 - OUIL cost recovery
B - Resolution approving changes to Grand Valley Metro Council membership
C - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 11 - Municipal civil infractions
D - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 12 - Municipal civil infraction penalties
E - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 13 - Appearance tickets authorization
F - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 14 - Municipal civil infraction citations authorization
G - Ordinance amendment - Section 1.13 - Penalties for civil infractions
H - Ordinance amendment - Section 2.11 and others - Civil infractions violations

Attachments listed above are available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held September 3, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Recreation Supervisor Reikow; City Clerk Brower

97-67. The minutes of the regular meeting held August 19, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-68. Bartman-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$132,496.06; disbursements to the county and schools in the amount of \$2,193,143.20; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$212,476.18, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-69. Mayor Edison presented plaques of appreciation to Wendy Anderson of the Breton Village NBD Branch and to Mike Walton of Tolley, VandenBosch & Walton for the sponsorship of the Recreation Department's girls youth softball program.

97-70. Steve Bernard, Executive Director of the Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority (GRATA), was present and spoke about the upcoming millage request.

Steve Kautz, GRATA Director of Planning and Service Development, was also present and answered questions from the City Commission.

Shane Hansen, 939 Bellclaire, the East Grand Rapids representative to the GRATA Board of Directors, was present and spoke of the benefits of an updated transportation system serving the entire metropolitan area.

Mr. Bernard asked the City Commission to consider adopting a resolution supporting the concept of an independent agency. This resolution will be submitted to the Kent County Commission at their next meeting where this matter will be under consideration. The resolution will be placed on the City Commission agenda for September 16, 1996.

97-71. Consideration of a request to approve a change order authorizing additional grounds maintenance services for Memorial Field.

Mayor Edison explained the recommendation of the Joint Facilities Committee that this expense be paid from the savings in the funds budgeted for reconstruction of the field. The School district has decided to pay for the sod placed on the practice field. Mayor Edison stated that the grounds maintenance crew has done an excellent job of getting the other fields ready for the playing season; however, the new surface at Memorial Field needed additional time to mature and thus the request to extend the current maintenance contract for an additional two months.

97-71-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a change order authorizing an extension of time on the maintenance contract for mowing and fertilizing of Memorial Field at a total cost of \$5,915.00 to be paid from the monies authorized for construction of the field, be approved.

Commissioner Walton expressed his concern that this contract was not put out for public competitive bids. Mayor Edison replied that this was an extension of the current contract and it was felt that the expertise of the contractor who is familiar with the field and the surface. There is also a time limitation for going out for bids.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: Walton - 1

97-72. Introduction of an ordinance to amend Section 9.14 of Chapter 91 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the regulation of motor vehicle noise.

97-72-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That an ordinance to amend Section 9.14 of Chapter 91 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the regulation of motor vehicle noise be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Commissioners Walton, Frakie, and Mehney were concerned about the need for this type of legislation. City Manager Donovan and Public Safety Director Gallagher stated that although noise from stereos was not a problem at this point in time, it could become a problem in the future and a straightforward ordinance such as this would make enforcement very easy.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 4
Nays: Frakie, Mehney, Walton - 3

97-73. Final Reading of an ordinance to amend Section 10.82 of Chapter 104 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the cost recovery of OUIL expenses.

97-73-A. Bartman-Walton. That an ordinance to amend Section 10.82 of Chapter 104 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the cost recovery of OUIL expenses be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-74. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 11 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infractions.

97-74-A. Williamson-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 11 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infractions be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: Frakie - 1

97-75. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 12 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction penalties.

97-75-A. Walton-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 12 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction penalties be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "D" attached hereto.

Commissioner Frakie expressed concern about the system of fines and the fines being imposed on a daily basis. He was also concerned about who had the authority to issue violations. City Attorney Huff answered questions on the changes contained in these ordinance amendments.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: Frakie - 1

97-76. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 13 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to appearance tickets authorization.

97-76-A. Williamson-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 13 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to appearance tickets authorization be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "E" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: Frakie - 1

97-77. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 14 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction citations authorization.

97-77-A. Williamson-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 14 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction citations authorization be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "F" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: Frakie - 1

97-78. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to amend Section 1.13 of Chapter 1 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to the penalties for civil infractions.

97-78-A. Williamson-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to amend Section 1.13 of Chapter 1 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to the penalties for civil infractions be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "G" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: Frakie - 1

97-79. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to amend Section 2.11 of Chapter 21, Section 2.35 of Chapter 22, Section 2.70 of Chapter 23, all of Title II; Section 3.6 of Chapter 31, Section 3.67 of Chapter 33, and Section 3.86, all of Title III; Section 5.155 of Chapter 50 of Title V, Section 7.46 of Chapter 73, and Section 7.92 of Chapter 78, both of Title VII; Section 8.4 of Chapter 80, Section 8.94 of Chapter 84, Section 8.504 of Chapter 84, and Section 8.810 of Chapter 88, all of Title VIII; Section 9.28 of Chapter 91, Section 9.35 of Chapter 92, Section 9.41 of Chapter 92, Section 9.408 of Chapter 97, and Section 9.409 of Chapter 97, all of Title IX; and Section 10.51 of Chapter 102 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to civil infraction violations.

97-79-A. Bartman-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to amend Section 2.11 of Chapter 21, Section 2.35 of Chapter 22, Section 2.70 of Chapter 23, all of Title II; Section 3.6 of Chapter 31, Section 3.67 of Chapter 33, and Section 3.86, all of Title III; Section 5.155 of Chapter 50 of Title V, Section 7.46 of Chapter 73, and Section 7.92 of Chapter 78, both of Title VII; Section 8.4 of Chapter 80, Section 8.94 of Chapter 84, Section 8.504 of Chapter 84, and Section 8.810 of Chapter 88, all of Title VIII; Section 9.28 of Chapter 91, Section 9.35 of Chapter 92, Section 9.41 of Chapter 92, Section 9.408 of Chapter 97, and Section 9.409 of Chapter 97, all of Title IX; and Section 10.51 of Chapter 102 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to civil infraction violations, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "H" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: Frakie - 1

97-80. No Public Comment was offered.

97-81. Commissioner Bartman thanked Tom Byle of the Kent County Road Commission for the repairs made to the guard wall on Robinson Road which was in poor condition.

Commissioner Frakie stated his concern about the Attorney General's opinion concerning the Value Change Multiplier and the possible ramifications for the Assessor's Office and the tax revenues. The Commission asked

the City Attorney to prepare a legal opinion for review. A suggestion was made to check with the Michigan Municipal League to find how this matter was being handled statewide.

97-82. Williamson-Bartman. To enter into executive session to discuss an attorney's opinion in accordance with Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act and to discuss pending litigation in accordance with Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-83. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until September 16, 1996.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment - Section 9.14 - Motor Vehicle Noise
B - Ordinance amendment - Section 10.82 - OUIL Cost Recovery
C - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 11 - Municipal civil infractions
D - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 12 - Municipal civil infraction penalties
E - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 13 - Appearance tickets authorization
F - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 14 - Municipal civil infraction citations authorization
G - Ordinance amendment - Section 1.13 - Penalties for civil infractions
H - Ordinance amendment - Section 2.11 and others - Civil infractions violations

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held September 16, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Lt. Bowman; Lt. Radakovitz; City Clerk Brower; PSO Asher; PSO Buikema, PSO Doxtader; PSO Kreiner; PSO Scott; PSO Trafelet

97-84. The minutes of the regular meeting held September 3, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-85. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

(A) Thank you letter from Vision Enrichment Services thanking the City for the use of the route around Reeds Lake for a recent fund raising walk.

97-86. Bartman-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$135,669.06; disbursements to the county and schools in the amount of \$2,893,409.08; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$106,173.74, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-87. Public Safety Director Gallagher explained the process of selecting new officers and thanked Lt. Bob Radakovitz for his hard work getting all of the new employees ready for duty.

Sharon Asher, Richard Buikema, Brent Doxtader, Kelly Kreiner, David Scott and Scott Trafelet were sworn in as Public Safety Officers for the City of East Grand Rapids. Mayor Edison presented each Officer with an East Grand Rapids sweatshirt, and everyone wished them good luck in their new positions.

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

97-88. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution to the Kent County Board of Commissioners concerning the proposal by the Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority (GRATA) for the creation of a new public transportation authority.

Mayor Edison stated that East Grand Rapids needed to be very proactive in the planning of the future of the metropolitan area and that the new agency would be created first and then the millage request would be placed before the voters when the details were worked out.

97-88-A. Orlebeke-Mehney. That a resolution to the Kent County Board of Commissioners concerning the proposal by the Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority (GRATA) for the creation of a new public transportation authority be adopted.

Commissioner Walton expressed concern about the many details that have not yet been determined and the fact that the local governments would have very little to say about the organization once it was formed.

Commissioner Williamson asked how the new agency would be funded in the time between its creation and the millage vote. He also questioned who would be paying for the election to determine the millage vote.

97-88-B. Williamson-Bartman. Motion to table this request until the October 7, 1996 meeting to answer the question of interim funding.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Walton, Williamson, - 4
Nays: Mehney, Orlebeke, Edison - 3

Mayor Edison will contact GRATA to determine answers to this question and any others that he receives before the next meeting.

97-89. A public hearing was held regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendment to Section 5.24 regarding cellular towers.

No public comment was received. Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-89-A. Bartman-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to Section 5.24 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to cellular towers be adopted as recommended by the Planning Commission and set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Commissioner Frakie was concerned about the wording in section 1 (E) 7 regarding who could use an existing tower. City Attorney Huff answered questions regarding the definitions and terms used in the ordinance.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: Frakie - 1

97-90. A public hearing was held regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendment to Sections 5.222 and 5.224 pertaining to satellite antennas.

No public comment was received. Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-90-A. Williamson-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to Sections 5.222 and 5.224 of Chapter 52 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to satellite antennas be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-91. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Section 9.14 of Chapter 91 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the regulation of motor vehicle noise.

The following people were present and expressed their opinions on this ordinance amendment:

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| - Chris Prevette, 2706 Hall | Opposed to ordinance. Submitted a petition signed by 181 high school students. |
| - Yomani Williams, 2155 Lake Drive | Opposed to ordinance. Has never had anyone tell him to turn stereo down. Does not feel ordinance is needed. |
| - Justin Day, 1617 Reed | Opposed. Wondered if this ordinance would be cause to search vehicles. |
| - Matthew Hess, 2555 Lake Drive | Opposed. Wondered if this ordinance would be cause to stop vehicles. |
| - Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl | Asked if the same standard was applied to boats on Reeds Lake. |
| - Ian Williamson, 525 Gladstone | Opposed. Asked what decibel level this ordinance equalled. |
| - Sean Burns, 2111 Lake Drive | Opposed. Can see logic of a limitation during evening hours, but thought daytime should be allowed. |

- Jeff Porter, 2710 Hampshire

Opposed. Did not want his system taken away from him.

97-91-A. Orlebeke-Bartman. That an ordinance to amend Section 9.14 of Chapter 91 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the regulation of motor vehicle noise be referred to the appropriate committee for review of all of the noise related ordinances and to make any recommendations back to the City Commission.

The City Commission asked City Attorney Huff to summarize all of the noise ordinances for this review.

Commissioner Walton stated that he did receive a call from a resident who supported the ordinance because stereo noise was a problem in their neighborhood.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-92. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution naming the City Manager as the authorized agent for the State of Michigan purchasing program.

97-92-A. Frakie-Williamson. That a resolution naming the City Manager as the authorized agent for the State of Michigan purchasing program be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-93. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held September 6, 1996 were received. No action was taken on the motion of the Traffic Commission to authorize staff to solicit bids for pedestrian signals at Lake Drive and Hall Street.

97-94. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held August 13, 1996 were received.

Commissioner Bartman asked that any comments on the "request for proposals" draft be directed to City Manager Donovan for review by the staff and the Planning Commission.

97-95. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held August 12, 1996 were received.

97-96. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held August 30, 1996 were received.

97-97. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of August, 1996 was received.

97-98. Julie Harrett, 2107 San Lu Rae, expressed her desire to see the City hire a knowledgeable consultant for the updating of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. She felt that all of the parks and playgrounds needed to be handicap accessible and to comply fully with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). She encouraged the City Commission to make this a top priority.

97-99. City Manager Donovan reported on the schedule for the 36" southeast watermain and the meetings held with the City of Grand Rapids and Diversco Construction. Completion of the phase one work is expected the third week in October.

Commissioner Walton reported on the last meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission where the Recreation Master Plan was discussed. Several neighbors of the Griffith's Lot 7 property were present and voiced their opposition to the City's action to clear the title on this property.

Mayor Edison stated that the Harretts have been very involved in the community and that their input on the parks and playgrounds was very much appreciated. Mayor Edison also reported that the Kent County Board of

Commissioners is accepting applications for appointments to the various county boards. Anyone interested in an application should see Brian Donovan or the Mayor.

97-100. Williamson-Mehney. To enter into executive session to discuss an attorney's opinion in accordance with Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-101. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until October 7, 1996.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment - Section 5.24 - Cellular Towers

B - Ordinance amendment - Sections 5.222 and 5.224 - Satellite Antennas

C - Resolution to State of Michigan for purchasing program agent

Attachments listed above are available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held October 7, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Mehney

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Engineering Services Supervisor Kadzban; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Finance Director VanderWall; City Clerk Brower

97-102. A moment of silence was held in memory of John Baxter, Mayor East Grand Rapids from 1973 to 1975 who passed away on September 27, 1996.

97-103. The minutes of the regular meeting held September 16, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-104. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

(A) Memo from Chief Gallagher commending the officers involved in apprehending the suspect from the armed robbery at D&W last week.

(B) Letter thanking PSO Jerry Bolen for his kindness and attention following an accident on a bicycle.

(C) Letter from a resident thanking Detective Brett Naumcheff for his help resolving repeated obscene phone calls.

(D) Five letters from participants in the Reeds Lake Triathlon thanking the City for putting on such a fine event for the community and complimenting the staff on the great work they do.

(E) Letter from the president of ISERV (internet company) congratulating the City on the superb home page on the internet. Chuck Rathbun has done an outstanding job with the site.

97-105. Bartman-Williamson. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$135,782.98; disbursements to the county and schools in the amount of \$96,634.07; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$469,903.08, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-106. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution to the Kent County Board of Commissioners concerning the proposal by the Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority (GRATA) for the creation of a new public transportation authority.

97-106-A. Orlebeke-Walton. Motion to take from the table the matter of the resolution to the Kent County Board of Commissioners.

Yeas: Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 4

Nays: Bartman, Williamson - 2

Commissioners Bartman and Williamson spoke against adopting the resolution because the plan was too aggressive for the time period and too expensive.

Mayor Edison spoke in favor of the new authority because he felt long-range planning for a growing metropolitan area was needed to avoid serious problems in the years to come.

Commissioners Frakie, Orlebeke and Walton expressed concerns over the amount of the millage and the lack of details provided at this time, but were in favor of working on long-range solutions and looking toward the future needs of the community.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, reported that Portland, Oregon, had designed an excellent transit system that encompassed both busses and light-rail and encouraged the City Commission to urge the new authority to consider all options available, including any grants that may be available.

Vote on 97-88-A. (Motion from 9/16/96 regarding adoption of resolution to Kent County Board of Commissioners; see Exhibit "A").

Yeas: Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 4

Nays: Bartman, Williamson - 2

97-107. A public hearing was held regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendment to Section 5.90 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to mechanical appurtenances

No public comment was received. Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-107-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to Section 5.90 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to mechanical appurtenances be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-107-B. Bartman-Orlebeke. To adopt a resolution setting the application fee for a side-yard air conditioning permit at \$25.00 as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-108. Quarterly financial report for the quarter ended June 30, 1996.

Finance Director Laura VanderWall presented the financial report.

97-109. Consideration of a request to approve an addendum to construction contract with Diversco Construction for curb replacement on San Lu Rae Drive.

97-109-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an addendum to the construction contract with Diversco Construction for curb replacement on San Lu Rae Drive in the amount of \$31,200 and the related transfer from the General Fund balance to the Major Street Fund Capital account be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 5

Nays: -0-

Abstain: Walton - 1

97-110. Consideration of a request to establish a committee to research solid waste flow control issue.

97-110-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That a committee be formed to work with Kent County in researching solid waste flow control issues.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

The committee members will be Commissioner Kent Williamson, Commissioner Tim Orlebeke and Mayor Steve Edison.

97-111. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution authorizing the participation of the City of East Grand Rapids with other customer communities in the negotiation of water and sanitary sewer services with the City of Grand Rapids and approving the expenditure of a portion of costs incurred in negotiations.

97-111-A. Frakie-Williamson. That a resolution authorizing the participation of the City of East Grand Rapids with other customer communities in the negotiation of water and sanitary sewer services with the City of Grand Rapids and approving the expenditure of a portion of costs incurred in negotiations be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "D" attached hereto.

97-111-B. Walton-Williamson. To amend 97-111-A. to set a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,500 for the City of East Grand Rapids' portion of the negotiation costs.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

Vote on 97-111-A. as amended.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-112. Consideration of a request to approve the renewal proposal for liability and property pool insurance.

City Attorney Huff and Finance Director VanderWall answered questions from the City Commission on the bids and specifications and the current coverage.

Jeff Novik of Meadowbrook Insurance was present and stated that Meadowbrook had provided insurance coverage for the City for eleven years and asked the City to reconsider the bids to allow additional proposals to be submitted. He asked that he be allowed to work with the Finance Director and the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Williamson asked for time to review all of the bids submitted and the City's current coverage to determine what was best for the City.

The City Commission asked Mr. Novik if Meadowbrook would allow an extension of sixty days of the current coverage until a review could be completed and a decision made. Mr. Novik stated that an extension of coverage could be made.

Commissioner Williamson stated that it could take up to six months for a comprehensive review of the coverage and may require the services of a consultant with the expertise to evaluate such matters. He felt that should be worked on for next year, but a decision on coverage should be made as soon as possible for this renewal.

Mayor Edison recommended sending the entire matter to the Finance Committee for review. If a recommendation cannot be made by the next meeting on October 21st, an extension of coverage will be considered.

97-113. The City Services Department Report for the month of August, 1996 was received.

Mayor Edison complimented CSW Supervisor Teresa Hayes on her excellent work with the community service program and especially for the number of hours being worked by community service workers.

97-114. Michael Feehan of Meadowbrook Insurance asked that the department heads be included in the insurance review process because of the excellent service provided by Meadowbrook over the past eleven years.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, suggested that East Grand Rapids run a pipeline to the City of Wyoming and purchase water in bulk from Wyoming because of the potential cost savings.

97-115. Commissioner Bartman pointed out an article in the evening paper regarding the negotiations between Grand Rapids and customer communities. Commissioner Bartman read a letter from the Downings on Lake Drive complimenting Streets & Utilities employees Joel VanKlompberg, Pat Haggerty, and Jim Stehouwer for their excellent work replacing the sidewalk in front of their home. She also reported that Streets & Utilities Foreman Bill Morey had thwarted a bank robber in Freeport recently. Also, Public Safety employees Marty Tuttle, Ric Buikema, Peter Gallagher, Dennis VanTassell, Chuck Lark, Mike Salois, Carrie Hudenko and Brent Doxtader participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and raised over \$1,000 for Special Olympics.

Commissioner Frakie stated that former Mayor John Baxter was a great asset to the community and will be missed. Commissioner Frakie also reported that a rumor is circulating that the City has received a \$400,000 grant to relocate the boat launch. The Mayor and City staff denied that there is any truth to this rumor.

Mayor Edison recently attended the dedication of the new combined sewage overflow system implemented by the City of Grand Rapids. He also stated that the federal judge has ruled in favor of the Blodgett/Butterworth merger. The hospitals will keep us informed. A copy of the opinion is available if anyone would like to see it. The Mayor also reported that there is an opening on the Library Commission; please let him know if anyone is interested. Also, the Frey Foundation has awarded a \$75,000 grant to Plante Moran for a study about combining municipal services. The Grand Valley Metro Council is studying annexation questions, growth patterns, etc. This will be considered at a future meeting. The monthly leader's luncheon on October 21st will feature Paul Hillegonds; please let Mayor Edison know if you would like to attend.

Mayor Edison also reported that the Employee Appreciation Lunch was held on October 4th. He stated that each and every City employee does an outstanding job and they make the City of East Grand Rapids such a great place. He expressed his appreciation for all the work and services provided by the staff. He also rode in the homecoming parade on Friday evening and had a great time. For the City archives, Mayor Edison presented a ticket stub from a performance at the Ramona Theatre from July 17, 1925. The price was 68¢ plus a 7¢ tax.

97-116. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until October 21, 1996.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution to Kent County regarding formation of transit authority
B - Ordinance amendment - Sections 5.90 - Mechanical appurtenances
C - Resolution setting application fee for side-yard air conditioning permits
D - Resolution regarding negotiations with Grand Rapids for water/sewer services

Attachments listed above are available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held October 21, 1996

The meeting was called to order by President Williamson at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Assistant Recreation Director Bunn; Finance Director VanderWall; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower

97-117. The minutes of the regular meeting held October 7, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-118. Bartman-Walton. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$208,506.57; disbursements to the county and schools in the amount of \$75,322.22; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$314,626.62, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, - 6

Nays: -0-

Mayor Edison arrived.

97-119. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Ms. Karen Zerrenner of 3065 Woodcliff Circle to allow the demolition and reconstruction of a carport and garage and the construction of a family room.

Tom Pasma, representative of Ms. Zerrenner, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-119-A. Walton-Mehney. That the request of Ms. Karen Zerrenner of 3065 Woodcliff Circle to allow the demolition and reconstruction of a carport and garage and the construction of a family room creating side yard setbacks of 4'-6" and 6'-3" (10'-9" total) instead of the required minimum of 10'-0" and 14'-0" (24'-0" total) and a rear yard setback of 18'-10" instead of the required 25'-0", be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-120. Mayor Edison announced that the zoning variance request of Mr. David Clatworthy, representative for the estate owning 310 Lakeside Drive, to allow the property to be split creating two buildable lots, had been postponed until a future meeting while staff researched some additional issues.

97-121. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. John McDonald, owner of 469 Greenwood, to allow the continuance of the antique shop business located at 469 Greenwood Avenue and to allow the variance to be granted to the property rather than the individual owning the property.

John McDonald, 469 Greenwood, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, spoke about the need to consider such variance requests in light of previous decisions made by the City Commission and the provisions of the Master Plan document.

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-121-A. Williamson-Walton. That the request of John McDonald, owner of 469 Greenwood, to allow the continuance of the antique shop business located at 469 Greenwood Avenue, be approved with the following conditions:

- 1) The residence be owner-occupied and the business be owner-operated.
- 2) The business be restricted to an antique shop.
- 3) The hours of operation be 9:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- 4) No other sign than the one attached to the wall of the building be permitted.
- 5) Parking requirements in the zoning ordinance for the C-1 commercial district be complied with.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: Frakie - 1

97-122. Doug Plamondon and Randy Novotny of Hoffman, Steensma & Plamondon presented the audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 1995-96 and answered questions from the Commission.

97-123. Consideration of a request to approve an agreement with Kent County for animal control services.

97-123-A. Williamson-Walton. That the agreement with Kent County for animal control services at a rate of \$21.98 per hour for wages and fringe benefits of the animal control officer for a maximum total of \$17,144.40 plus mileage of 23¢ per mile, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-124. Consideration of a request to approve a reclassification of the Community Service Coordinator position.

97-124-A. Bartman-Williamson. That the position of Community Service Coordinator be reclassified with a salary range of \$20,954 to \$26,744.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-125. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of maintenance equipment for the grounds maintenance program.

Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Dan DeLooff was present and answered questions from the Commission.

97-125-A. Bartman-Mehney. That the request to purchase a Turfco Topdresser from Valley Turf in the amount of \$5,994 and a Toro Aerothatch Seeder from Spartan Distributors in the amount of \$4,473 for a total of \$10,467, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-126. Consideration of a request to approve the renewal proposal for liability and property pool insurance.

97-126-A. Williamson-Walton. That the proposal of Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool for property and liability coverage in the amount of \$139,132 annually for the period of November 1, 1996 through October 31, 1997 be approved and staff be directed to prepare a request for proposals for consulting services to review the existing coverages.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-127. Consideration of a request to award bids for Ski Club bus service.

97-127-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the contract for bus service for the Ski Club be awarded to G & M Coaches in the amount of \$250.00 per unit and a show-up charge of \$75.00 per bus for a total maximum cost of \$7,500.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-128. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held September 23, 1996 were received.

97-129. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held September 10, 1996 were received.

96-130. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held October 4, 1996, were received. No action was taken on the motion by the Traffic Commission to install "No Left Turn" signs at the exist drive for the high school and to take pedestrian counts at this location.

97-131. The City Services Department Report for the month of September, 1996 was received.

Commissioner Frakie complimented the City Services Department for the significant increase in the number of hours worked by community service workers.

97-132. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of September, 1996 was received.

97-133. Jeff Novik of Meadowbrook Insurance passed out the most current newsletter from his company and stated that was very interested in working with the consultant and the Finance Committee regarding the insurance coverages.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, questioned the decision of the Commission on the antique shop variance because it presented a change in use for the property and could set a precedent for other business owners. Mr. Hughes also stated his concern about the variance which was tabled because splitting up large lots could detract from the prime residential status that East Grand Rapids now has. Mayor Edison responded that the antique shop variance did not change the use of the property, only the conditions on the variance and that the lot split on Lakeside Drive had been approved in 1992 and this was a renewal of an existing variance.

Jeff Heynen, 1616 Robinson Road, asked if the Public Safety Department had completed their investigation of the incident at the soccer game recently and, if so, what the results had been. Mayor Edison responded that the investigation was still underway.

97-134. Commissioner Bartman reported receiving a phone call from one of the licensed snowplowing companies about the items which are kept on file and reported to anyone checking to see if a contractor is licensed. She suggested that this situation be referred to a committee for their review.

Mayor Edison informed the commissioners that the Kent County Commission had voted against setting up the independent transit authority. The mayors of the GRATA members are meeting later in the week to determine what else can be done. Mayor Edison also reported that Dr. Mark Vasu had died last week. Dr. Vasu was instrumental in pioneering the concept of police personnel providing emergency medical services and he will be missed.

Mayor Edison and Commissioner Frakie will be representing East Grand Rapids in the celebrity division of the annual snowplow rodeo in Wyoming on Wednesday, October 23rd. The celebrity competition begins at noon.

97-135. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until November 4, 1996.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held November 4, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Recreation Director Rhodes; Building Inspector Conley; Assistant Recreation Director Bunn; Recreation Supervisor Reikow; City Clerk Brower

97-136. The minutes of the regular meeting held October 21, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-137. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

(A) Letter from the sponsors of Healthy High thanking the City for the donation toward the annual event attended by more than 160 students.

(B) Letter from Belding Middle School basketball parent complimenting the players and staff of the middle school basketball program.

(C) Several letters from Ms. Hawthorne's fourth graders at Breton Elementary thanking Mayor Edison for speaking to their class recently.

97-138. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$123,353.95; county and schools disbursements in the amount of \$35,364.06; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$247,925.80, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-139. Mayor Edison presented a plaque to Jeff Stults and Don Wiser of the Streets & Utilities Department for their first place team finish in the annual Snowplow Roadeo held on October 23rd in Wyoming. Jeff also took first place and Don took fourth place in the individual competition. Everyone expressed their congratulations to Jeff and Don for their fine work.

Mayor Edison and Commissioner Frakie also took first place in the Celebrity Division of the Roadeo. In the Celebrity Individual Competition, Commissioner Frakie placed fourth and Mayor Edison placed fifth. City Manager Donovan presented them with honorary driving gloves and keys to the snowplow along with coffee mugs and candy dispensers for their outstanding finishes.

Commissioner Bartman complimented Mike Ferris, Pat Haggerty, Bill Morey, Rick Barr, Joe Girskis, Tim Thompson and Jim Stehouwer of the Streets & Utilities Department for their fabulous work in preparing the snowplow vehicle for the roadeo. These employees spent several hours outfitting, painting and polishing the plow and the result showed their pride in their work. Sgt. Mike Mull of the Public Safety Department also went to the roadeo location to show his support for fellow employees.

97-140. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of the EGR Team Boosters to allow the display of a 5'-0" x 30'-0" banner on the fence at the corner of Lake Drive and Lakeside Drive from the day after

Mayor Edison also felt this would be an improvement to the area and did not feel there was a significant change since the time the original variance was granted.

Vote on 97-141-A, as amended. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Mehney, Walton, Edison 3

Nays: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Williamson - 4

97-142. Consideration of a request to reinstate the Parks & Recreation Department youth soccer program.

City Manager Donovan explained the background of this request and that the AYSO Board had decided to withdraw from the partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department. Therefore, City staff recommended reinstating the youth soccer program which had been in place prior to the joint AYSO/Recreation program.

Commissioner Frakie questioned whether a vote of the City Commission was necessary to simply begin a recreation program.

Other commissioners felt that because the City Commission put the joint program in place several years ago it should now vote to reinstate the previous program.

97-142-A. Walton-Mehney. To terminate the joint program between the Parks & Recreation Department and the AYSO Board and to reinstate the Parks & Recreation department youth soccer program for the spring season.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-143. Consideration of a request to approve a limited use policy for public parks.

97-143-A. Williamson-Mehney. That a new limited park use policy be approved as Subsection C of Section 3.15 of the rules and regulations for public parks be approved as follows:

Limited Use of Facilities. Because of the need to maintain certain athletic fields in the best possible condition for game play it is necessary to limit the use of the said fields so that they have adequate time to recover between games. The following listed facilities are to be used only for scheduled events of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools and the Parks & Recreation Department unless a permit has been obtained from the Parks & Recreation Department prior to use.

1. Memorial Field
2. Remington Field
3. Manhattan Soccer Field No. 1
4. Manhattan Softball Field No. 2

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-144. Consideration of a request to approve a one-year contract extension for the purchase of road salt.

97-144-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a one-year contract extension with North America Salt Company of Overland Park, Kansas, for the purchase of road salt at the price of \$27.05 per ton, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-145. Jeff Heynen, 1616 Robinson Road, was present and inquired about the status of the investigation into the incident at a varsity soccer game involving Public Safety Officers. Mayor Edison replied all of the parties involved had not yet given statements and the investigation was still pending.

97-146. Commissioner Bartman stated "Go Blue" referring to the Michigan vs. Michigan State football game over the weekend.

97-147. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until November 18, 1996.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held November 18, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Mehney

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; City Services Director Baragar; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower

97-148. The minutes of the regular meeting held November 4, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-149. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$222,846.60; county and schools disbursements in the amount of \$19,274.05; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$519,592.83, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-150. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of the EGR High School Student Council to allow the display of a 4'-0" x 15'-0" banner on the fence at the corner of Lake Drive and Lakeside Drive for three weeks prior to the annual craft show each year (generally held the weekend prior to Thanksgiving).

Sandy Frakie on behalf of the Student Council was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-150-A. Walton-Frakie. That the request of the EGR High School Student Council to allow the display of a 4'-0" x 15'-0" banner on the fence at the corner of Lake Drive and Lakeside Drive for three weeks prior to the annual craft show each year (generally held the weekend prior to Thanksgiving), be approved with the conditions listed below and with the waiver of the \$75 application fee:

- 1) the banner is to be located at least 25'-0" from the corner of the fence,
- 2) that the variance expire at the end of the assumed life span of this particular banner (assumed to be five years with the variance ending after the year 2000),
- 3) if any substantial change were to take place at the fence location, the Student Council would have to reapply for a new variance.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Frakie asked that the sign ordinance be reviewed to determine if any changes were necessary to allow these types of variances to be approved by the staff. Mayor Edison replied that the Infrastructure Committee was meeting next week to discuss this issue.

97-151. Discussion of Grand Valley Metro Council City-Township Cooperation Committee policy statement.

Jerry Felix, Executive Director of the Grand Valley Metro Council, went over the City-Township

Cooperation policy statements and answered questions from the City Commission.

97-151-A. Walton-Orlebeke. Motion to endorse the City-Township Cooperation statements as presented and to ask Mayor Edison to vote in favor of these policies at the upcoming Metro Council meeting.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-152. Consideration of a request to award a bid for the annual tree planting program.

97-152-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That the bid for the annual tree planting program be awarded to Landscape Specialties for the purchase and planting of 165 trees in the amount of \$9,318.00 as outlined in the staff proposal.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-153. Quarterly financial report for the quarter ended September 30, 1996.

Finance Director Laura VanderWall presented the financial report and answered questions from the commissioners.

97-154. Consideration of a request to award contracts for employee medical, life and disability insurances and plan administration services.

97-154-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the renewal proposals for life insurance from American United Life, disability coverage with Fortis Benefits, flexible benefit plan administration with ASR Corporation and stop loss coverage from First Allamerica with ASR being the administrator as recommended in the staff proposal be approved and to waive the competitive bidding process since no advantage to the City would result from competitive bidding.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-155. The preliminary minutes of the joint meeting of the East Grand Rapids School Board and City Commission on October 14, 1996 were received.

97-156. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held October 28, 1996 were received.

97-157. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held October 14, 1996 were received.

Commissioner Walton reported that a new site is needed for launching fireworks on the 4th of July next year because of the construction that will be happening at the Middle School. The current proposal is to use the Gilmore Property/Waterfront Park area for the one year of the construction. Staff is still investigating this matter and will present a recommendation to the Parks & Recreation Commission in December.

96-158. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held November 1, 1996, were received.

97-159. The City Services Department Report for the month of October, 1996 was received.

97-160. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of October, 1996 was received.

97-161. Commissioner Bartman reported that East Grand Rapids residents Kyle Irwin, Diane Zarafonitis and Karen Sterk were recently awarded the YWCA Tribute Awards. Commissioner Bartman thanked the Streets & Utilities Department, especially Ken Lucht, for work on the Christmas lights in Gaslight Village. The Public Safety Department fought two fires in the last week and did a great job in both instances. No one was injured because of their quick response and excellent work. Community/School Liaison Officer Brian Davis spoke to eighth graders last week and was very well received. She also noted the great article in the Grand Rapids Press last week featuring CSW Coordinator Teresa Hayes and the community service program.

97-162. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until December 2, 1996.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

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Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-167. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Holwerda of 2916 Pioneer Club Road to allow the construction of a detached garage with an average height of 19'-0" instead of the 12'-0" allowed.

Greg Holwerda, 2916 Pioneer Club Road, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-167-A. Bartman-Mehney. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Holwerda of 2916 Pioneer Club Road to allow the construction of a detached garage with an average height of 19'-0" instead of the 12'-0" allowed, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-168. Consideration of a request to approve appointments to the East Grand Rapids Library Commission.

97-168-A. Frakie-Bartman. That the appointments of Mrs. Suzanne Schriefer and Dr. David Aussicker to the East Grand Rapids Library Commission be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-169. Consideration of a request to approve the sale of city-owned property located at 845 Ross Court.

97-169-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the property located at 845 Ross Court be sold to Mr. Kent Mudie for the amount of \$500.00 as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-170. Consideration of a request to approve the new Employee Handbook.

97-170-A. Williamson-Walton. That the new Employee Handbook be approved as presented with an effective date of January 1, 1997.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7
Nays: -0-

97-171. Consideration of a request to approve the construction and installation of a sign for Collins Park.

97-171-A. Walton-Frakie. That the request to approve the construction of a sign for Collins Park from Signs Now in the amount of \$3,120.00 plus \$450.00 for installation for a total cost of \$3,570.00, be approved.

Yeas: Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6
Nays: -0-
Abstain: Bartman - 1

97-172. No other public comment was received.

97-173. Commissioner Bartman wished Doug Kadzban Jr., son of Engineering Services Supervisor Doug Kadzban, a happy 9th birthday.

Commissioner Frakie asked City Manager Donovan if any research had been done on the proposed water/sewer rates for the upcoming year from the City of Grand Rapids. City Manager Donovan replied that this has not been done yet because of the amount of information to be reviewed and the difficulty finding an expert in this field to review the information. Commissioner Frakie asked that this analysis be given priority because of the short timelines involved.

Commissioner Frakie asked Mayor Edison and City Manager Donovan to keep the Commission informed of the progress of the Woodcliff Use Committee. Commissioner Frakie also complimented the Public Safety Department on their Diversion Program which gives juvenile offenders an alternative to the court system.

Commissioner Frakie also commented on the long-term liabilities for bonds and whether they should be placed in the water/sewer fund or the general fund and asked that this issue be discussed at a future budget session. He also asked when the engineering report for solutions to the flooding problems could be expected. Mayor Edison replied that this was expected within the next three to four weeks.

97-174. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until December 16, 1996.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Purchase Agreement for sale of Ross Court property

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held December 16, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Finance Director VanderWall; City Clerk Brower

97-175. The minutes of the regular meeting held December 2, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-176. Williamson-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$129,712.01; county and schools disbursements in the amount of \$12,374.39; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$255,754.74, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-177. Consideration of a request to approve changes to merit pay increase scale.

97-177-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the merit increase scale be revised to provide for a salary increase equal to the overall score for scores of 3.3 or higher and a bonus system of one extra day of vacation for employees at the top of their pay scale who score 4.0 - 4.3 for two consecutive years, and two extra vacation days for a score of 4.4 - 5.0 for two consecutive years be approved as recommended by the City Manager.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-178. Consideration of a request to approve a contract for pedestrian crossing signals at Lake Drive and Hall Street.

97-178-A. Walton-Mehney. That a contract be awarded to Strain Electric in the amount of \$3,160.00 for the installation of two pedestrian crossing signals, and to approve a budget amendment in the same amount from the General Fund ending balance to the Major Street Fund Capital account.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: Frakie - 1

97-179. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held November 25, 1996 were received.

97-180. The minutes of the Kent District Library Board meeting held September 19, 1996 were received.

97-181. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held November 12, 1996 were received.

Commissioner Bartman reported on the meeting held on December 10th during which the Planning Commission asked for a review of the current ordinance provisions for site plan review. City Attorney Huff will review this matter and report to the City Commission.

97-182. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held November 12, 1996 were received.

97-183. The Public Safety Report for the month of November, 1996 was received.

97-184. The City Services Department Report for the month of November, 1996 was received.

97-185. No other public comment was received.

97-186. Commissioner Frakie congratulated Chuck Lark and Brett Naumcheff for recently completing their master's degrees.

Commissioner Walton reported that he had been recently appointed to the Kent County Community Mental Health Board and would welcome input on any matters being considered by the board.

Commissioner Bartman reported on a recent conversation with a resident who thought all PSO's should be recognized for the outstanding work they do each and every day. Commissioner Bartman also complimented City Services Director Bill Baragar for his work with a neighborhood group about concerns they had.

Mayor Edison informed the commission that the Joint Facilities Committee had decided to postpone the installation of lights at the Manhattan soccer field because of the settling that is occurring on this field. Staff is working with the engineers to make recommendations on this situation. Mayor Edison also reported that the Woodcliff Use Committee has begun meeting and that he will keep the commission updated on the suggested uses for the Woodcliff building. Mayor Edison expressed his thanks to the City Commission and staff for their support and assistance over the past year and handed out mugs filled with candy to everyone.

97-187. The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until January 6, 1997.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk