

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held January 3, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Executive Secretary Austin

95-193. The minutes of the regular meeting held December 19, 1994 were received as submitted.

95-194. Bartman-Williamson. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$244,185.19, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$102,519.42, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$198,425.21, 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-195. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held November 28, 1994 were received.

95-196. The preliminary minutes of the Recreation Commission meeting held December 12, 1994 were received.

95-197. Commissioner Edison thanked the City Services crews for their work picking up leaves this fall.

95-198. Williamson-Edison. To enter into executive session to discuss an attorney's opinion pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-199. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until January 16, 1995.

City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
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Regular Meeting Held January 16, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Recreation Director Rhodes; Streets & Utilities Superintendent Sterkenburg; Finance Director VanderWall; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; Executive Secretary Austin

95-200. The minutes of the regular meeting held January 3, 1995 were received as submitted.

95-201. Walton-Bartman. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$624,065.21, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$109,736.82, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$77,612.32, 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-202. A public hearing was held regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendment to parking requirements in the C-1 Gaslight Village Commercial District.

95-202-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the ordinance amending Section 5.53 and adding Section 5.53A of Chapter 50 of Title V of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids concerning the parking requirements in the C-1 Gaslight Village Commercial District, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-203. A public hearing was held regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendment pertaining to antennas.

95-203-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the ordinance amending Sections 5.221-5.226 of Chapter 52 of Title V of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids pertaining to antennas, be adopted.

95-203-B. Williamson-Walton. Motion to amend the proposed ordinance to remove Section F, paragraph 4, of Section 5.224.

Vote on 95-203-B.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-203-C. Bartman-Walton. Motion to amend the proposed ordinance to clarify the wording of Section E, paragraph 4, of Section 5.224.

Vote on 95-203-C.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Walton and Deems - 5

Nays: Edison and Williamson - 2

95-203-D. Edison-Bartman. Motion to table this proposed ordinance amendment until the changes listed above can be completed by the City Attorney and brought back for review by the City Commission.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton and Deems - 5

Nays: Mehney and Williamson - 2

95-204. Consideration of a request to award a contract for renewal of medical, dental and life insurance policies.

95-204-A. Williamson-Edison. That the request to award a contract in the total amount of \$467,294.64 for medical and dental insurance from State Mutual and life insurance from NABCO, with ASR Corporation being the administrator for all plans, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-205. Consideration of a request to authorize the purchase of one 35K cab and chassis for the Streets & Utilities Department.

95-205-A. Edison-Bartman. That the request to authorize the purchase of one 35K cab and chassis in the amount of \$36,995.00 from Duthler Ford, and to purchase components for this vehicle in the amount of \$19,342.00 from Truck & Trailer Specialists for a total of \$56,337.00, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-206. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the design and construction documents required for the site remediation at the Streets & Utilities Building.

95-206-A. Walton-Williamson. That the request to award a contract to Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber in the amount of \$18,000.00 for the design and construction documents required for the site remediation at the Streets & Utilities Building, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: Frakie - 1

Commissioner Frakie asked City Staff to use competitive proposals for all professional services used by the City.

95-207. Consideration of a request to award a contract for t-shirts for spring baseball, softball and soccer programs of the Recreation Department.

95-207-A. Edison-Walton. That the request to award a contract for 1,655 t-shirts for spring baseball,

softball and soccer programs of the Recreation Department to All Graphics Corp in an amount not-to-exceed \$6,302.29, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-208. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held December 13, 1994 were received.

95-209. The Public Safety Report for the month of December, 1994 was received.

95-210. The Building Inspection Report for the month of December, 1994 was received.

95-211. Commissioner Walton recognized and congratulated EGR Planning Commissioner Jay Cravens for his recent appointment as the Township Supervisor of Cascade Township.

Commissioner Edison reported that Manhattan park is being used extensively by the community. Commissioner Edison also congratulated Recreation Director Bill Rhodes on his 25th year anniversary with the City of East Grand Rapids.

Commissioner Bartman reported that all Christmas trees had been picked up and recycled by the dedicated staff of the City Services Department.

95-212. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until February 6, 1995.

City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment to parking requirements in Gaslight Village Commercial District

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
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Regular Meeting Held February 6, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Recreation Director Rhodes; Building Inspector Conley; Executive Secretary Austin

95-213. The minutes of the regular meeting held January 16, 1995 were received as submitted.

95-214. Mayor Deems advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

A) Letter from resident thanking PSO Tuttle for his friendliness when welcoming her to the City.

95-215. Bartman-Williamson. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$1,242,564.83, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$113,866.05, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$278,874.23, 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: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

95-216. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Michael and Nancy Snoeyink of 2606 Beechwood Drive, to allow a combined side yard setback of 16'-0" instead of the required 18'-0".

Mike Snoeyink, 2606 Beechwood Drive, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following people were present and expressed their views concerning this variance request:

- Helen Reihmer, 2612 Beechwood SE	Opposed
- Steve Marshall, 2634 Beechwood SE	In Favor

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

95-216-A. Frakie-Edison. That the request of Michael and Nancy Snoeyink of 2606 Beechwood Drive, to allow a combined side yard setback of 16'-0" instead of the required 18'-0", be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: Walton - 1

95-217. Consideration of a request to introduce an ordinance amendment to Section 7.49 of Chapter 74 of

Title VII of the City Code pertaining to liquor license applications.

95-217-A. Walton-Frskie. That the ordinance amending Section 7.49 of Chapter 74 of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to liquor license applications, be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frskie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-218. Consideration of a request to adopt an ordinance amendment to Sections 5.221-5.226 of Chapter 52 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to antennas.

95-218-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the ordinance amending Sections 5.221-5.226 of Chapter 52 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to antennas, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frskie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-219. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving a settlement of the rate dispute with TCI Cablevision of West Michigan and adopting new cable television rates.

95-219-A. Edison-Mehney. That the request to adopt a resolution approving a settlement concerning the rate dispute with TCI Cablevision of West Michigan and adopting new cable rates, be approved as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frskie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-220. Consideration of a request to approve appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals.

95-220-A. Bartman-Edison. That the following individuals be appointed to the Construction Board of Appeals:

Steve Williams, Engineer	3 years
John Kielen, Structural Engineer	2 years
Jim Karczewski, Architect	4 years
Patrick Thompson, Builder	5 years
Nick Nicola, Builder	1 year

Alternates: Pete Keener, Project Manager 5 years

Ed Barnes, Comm. Const. Ret. 5 years

Diane Lange, Builder 1 year

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

Abstain: Frskie - 1

95-221. Consideration of a request to proceed with the grant application process through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to subsidize the City's tree planting program.

95-221-A. Williamson-Edison. That the City Services Department be directed to file a grant application with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to subsidize the City's tree planting program.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-222. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the purchase of a cargo van for the City Services Department.

95-222-A. Walton-Bartman. That the request to award a contract in the amount of \$15,477.00 for the purchase of a cargo van from Good GMC of Grand Rapids, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-223. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held January 20, 1995 were received.

95-223-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the motion of the Traffic Commission be amended to include "No Standing, Stopping or Parking During School Hours" signs on Wealthy Street in front of the Schoolhouse Condos.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-224. Commissioner Williamson welcomed Grand Rapids Press Reporter Monica Scott back to East Grand Rapids after her assignment in Lansing.

95-225. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until February 20, 1995.

City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance Amendment to Pertaining to Liquor License Applications

B - Ordinance Amendment to Pertaining to Antennas

C - Resolution Approving Settlement with TCI Cablevision and Setting New Cable Rates

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Regular Meeting Held February 20, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Recreation Director Rhodes; Streets & Utilities Sup't Sterkenburg; Assistant Recreation Director Kline; Finance Director VanderWall; Executive Secretary Austin

95-226. The minutes of the regular meeting held February 6, 1995 were received as submitted.

95-227. Mayor Deems advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

A) Letter from resident thanking PSO's Donker and Ross for their assistance recently.

95-228. Walton-Bartman. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$189,445.16, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$117,987.43, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$192,419.44, 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, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

95-229. Mayor Deems presented an anniversary watch to Recreation Director Bill Rhodes for his 25 years of service with the City's Recreation Department. The Commissioners each congratulated Bill and thanked him for his dedication.

95-230. Consideration of a request to adopt an ordinance amendment to Section 7.49 of Chapter 74 of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to liquor license applications.

95-230-A. Frakie-Walton. That the ordinance amending Section 7.49 of Chapter 74 of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to liquor license applications, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-231. Consideration of a request to adopt rules and regulations for parks and recreation facilities.

95-231-A. Edison-Walton. That the rules and regulations for parks and recreation facilities, be adopted.

95-231-B. Williamson-Frakie. Motion to table this request until the City Commissioners can review

these rules with the City Attorney and City Manager.

Vote on 95-231-B.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Williamson and Deems - 4

Nays: Mehney, Edison, Walton - 3

95-232. Consideration of a request to approve procedures for the administration of the Joint Facilities Fund operated by the City of East Grand Rapids and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

95-232-A. Edison-Mehney. That the request to approve procedures for the administration of the Joint Facilities Fund operated by the City of East Grand Rapids and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools be approved as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

95-232-B. Walton-Williamson. Motion to amend paragraph #7 of the Procedures for Joint Facilities Fund to read:

"All budgeted purchases must be approved by [both] the City Manager and the Assistant Superintendent for Business. All purchases should have at least three quotes and any purchase or project over \$5,000 [must] be bid."

Vote on 95-232-B.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-232-C. Walton-Bartman. Motion to amend paragraph #4 of the Procedures for Joint Facilities Fund to read:

"At the beginning of each fiscal year, both the City and the School District will transfer [a mutually agreed upon like amount] to the Joint Facilities Fund. Any additional funding must be approved by the Board of Education and the City Commission."

Vote on 95-232-C.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Walton and Deems - 4

Nays: Edison, Mehney, Williamson - 3

95-232-D. Walton-Edison. Motion to amend paragraph #8 of the Procedures for Joint Facilities Fund to read:

"A Routine Maintenance line item may be annually budgeted. Routine repairs may be authorized by [both] the City Manager and the Assistant Superintendent for Business for items under \$1,000 as long as funding remains in this line item. Any project over \$1,000 must be approved by the Joint Facilities Committee."

Vote on 95-232-D.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

Vote on 95-232-A as amended.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: Mehney - 1

95-233. Consideration of a request to proceed with the grant application process through the Community Development Block Grant program to fund handicap accessible projects for City facilities.

95-233-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the City Services Department be authorized to file a Community Development Block Grant application for funding of handicap accessible projects for City facilities.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-234. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the purchase of a accounting software for the Finance Department.

95-234-A. Williamson-Edison. That the request to award a contract to Data West Corporation in the amount of \$18,423.00 for the purchase of accounting software, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-235. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the sampling of Reeds Lake in conjunction with the monitoring project.

95-235-A. Edison-Bartman. That the request to award a contract in the amount of \$4,000.00 to Prien and Newhoff, P.C., of Grand Rapids for the sampling of Reeds Lake, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-236. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the purchase of an exercise treadmill for the Public Safety Department.

95-236-A. Bartman-Edison. That the request to award a contract in the amount of \$5,950.00 for the purchase of an exercise treadmill from Fitness Things West in Grand Rapids, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-237. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the fireworks at the 4th of July celebration.

95-237-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to award a contract in the amount of \$7,596.18 to Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc. for the fireworks show at the 4th of July celebration, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-238. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the purchase of a one-ton cab and chassis with dump box and plow attachments.

95-238-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to award a contract to Good GMC of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$18,208.00 for the cab and chassis, and to Truck and Trailer Specialists of Dutton, Michigan in the amount of \$3,297.00 for the accessories, be approved.

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

95-239. Finance Director VanderWall presented the financial report for the quarter ended December 31, 1994 and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Walton complimented Laura on her continued attention to the City's financial investments.

95-240. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held January 23, 1995 were received.

95-241. The preliminary minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held January 9, 1995 were received.

95-242. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held February 1, 1995 were received.

95-243. The Public Safety Report for the month of January, 1995 was received.

95-244. The EGR Library Annual Report for 1994 was received.

95-245. Commissioner Mehney invited everyone to an open skating party at Patterson Ice Arena on March 12 from 7-9 p.m. to benefit the Facilities Info Network of the EGR Public Schools for the upcoming bond election.

Commissioner Bartman thanked Community Service Coordinator Bryan Gruesbeck and his crews for their work clearing the intersection at El Centro and Robinson Road of obstructing brush. Commissioner Bartman also wished a speedy recovery to Mrs. Sarne, crossing guard at Wealthy Elementary, and thanked the PSO's for temporarily assuming her duties.

95-246. Williamson-Edison. To enter into executive session to discuss an attorney's opinion in accordance with Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

95-247. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until March 6, 1995.

City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance Amendment to Pertaining to Liquor License Applications
B - Procedures for Joint Facilities Fund

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Regular Meeting Held March 6, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Building Inspector Conley; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban, Asst. Recreation Director Kline; Executive Secretary Austin

95-248. The minutes of the regular meeting held February 20, 1995 were received as submitted.

95-249. Mayor Deems advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

A) Letter from Mr. Otten thanking PSO's Gingrich and Mull for their assistance during a recent medical emergency.

95-250. Williamson-Bartman. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$113,890.84, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$106,714.13, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$193,260.00, 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-251. Mayor Deems presented four families with awards for their outstanding improvements to their homes over the last year. Those honored with these awards were:

The James Stelter Family	2933 Bonnell Avenue
The Bruce Young Family	2851 Reeds Lake Blvd.
The James Harger Family	1049 Eastwood Avenue
Mr. Jerry Giguere	1439 Sherwood Avenue

Special recognition was given to Commissioner Steve Edison for his home improvement efforts in the recent taming of a rebellious tree in his back yard.

95-252. Consideration of a request to award a contract to the Coca-Cola Bottling Company to sell Coke products at all City facilities for ten years in exchange for sponsorship of athletic scoreboards and selected special events.

95-252-A. Mehney-Edison. That the request to award a contract to the Coca-Cola Bottling Company to sell Coke products at all City facilities for ten years in exchange for sponsorship of athletic scoreboards and selected special events, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-253. Consideration of a request to set fees for filing an application for a hearing with the Construction Board of Appeals.

95-253-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the application fee for requesting a hearing with the Construction Board of Appeals be set at \$75.00.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 5

Nays: Mehney - 1

Abstain: Frakie - 1

95-254. Consideration of a request to approve an agreement with the County of Kent to participate in the Kent County Community Development Block Grant Program and to carryover \$11,000.00 of current funding to Fiscal Year 1996-97.

95-254-A. Edison-Walton. That the request to approve an agreement to participate in the Kent County Community Development Block Grant Program and to carryover \$11,000.00 for the funding of barrier-free improvements to City buildings to FY 96-97, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-255. Consideration of a request to authorize the City Services Department to seek bids for 1995 road construction projects.

95-255-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the City Services Department be authorized to seek bids for 1995 road construction projects.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-256. Consideration of a request to ratify the purchase of printing services for the Spring/Summer Recreation program brochures.

95-256-A. Edison-Walton. That the request to ratify the purchase of printing services in the amount of \$3,114.00 to News Web Printing for the Spring/Summer Recreation program brochures, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-257. Consideration of a request to award a contract for site reclamation at 2310 Reeds Lake Boulevard.

95-257-A. Williamson-Edison. That the request to award a contract in the amount of \$55,898.53 to K & D Grand Rapids for site reclamation at 2310 Reeds Lake Boulevard, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-258. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the replacement of a chiller condenser for the City Hall air conditioning system.

95-258-A. Edison-Bartman. That the request to award a contract in the amount of \$2,816.50 to KHC Mechanical Services of Belmont, Michigan for the replacement of the chiller condenser in the City Hall air conditioning unit, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-259. Consideration of a request to award a contract to perform health physicals for officers of the Public Safety Department.

95-259-A. Edison-Bartman. That the request to award a contract to Blodgett Hospital to perform health physicals for officers of the Public Safety Department in the amount of \$214 per officer and \$79 per officer for additional tests, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-260. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held February 17, 1995 were received. No action was taken on the motion by the Traffic Commission to proceed with a traffic study of the Wealthy/Lakeside intersection.

95-261. The City Services Department Report for the month of January, 1995 was received.

95-262. Commissioner Williamson asked City Manager Donovan and City Attorney Huff to review the current ordinance pertaining to home offices to determine whether any changes are needed.

Commissioner Edison complimented Recreation Director Rhodes on his work on the Coca-Cola sponsorship contract. Commissioner Edison also asked staff to investigate the property for sale near Manhattan Park in case the purchase would be advantageous to the park.

Commissioner Bartman noted that the Public Safety Department has been practicing with the new deck-mounted water gun. Commissioner Bartman also thanked Jim Stehower for his work replacing her water meter and thanked Rick Barr for his assistance in framing photographs of the Manhattan dedication. The pictures of the dedication were presented to Recreation Director Rhodes and City Services Director Baragar.

95-263. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until March 20, 1995.

City Clerk

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Building Inspector Conley; Foreman Keating; Recording Secretary Harrington

95-264. The minutes of the regular meeting held March 6, 1995 were received as submitted.

95-265. Mayor Deems advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

A) Mayor Deems recognized Ken Ross for the appointment to the State Municipal Employees Retirement Board.

95-266. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$103,511.47, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$140,395.71, 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-267. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Jim and Betsy Buchholz of 1773 Oxford, to allow a side yard setback of 1'-0" instead of the required 7'-0" and to allow a rear yard setback of 7'-0" instead of the required 25'-0".

Joseph Grochowalski of Capstone Architects spoke on behalf of the owners in favor the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall with regard to the variance request:

Michael Distel, 2158 Tenway	In Favor
David Aussicker, 1779 Oxford	In Favor
Melinda Wolf-Taylor, 1761 Oxford	In Favor
Walter & Barbara Ungermann, 1778 Oxford	In Favor
William & Mary Walker, 1770 Oxford	In Favor
James Ferrito, 1762 Oxford	In Favor
Wilma Eick, 2151 Tenway	In Favor
Mary Jo Kuhlman, 2145 Tenway	In Favor
Guy Dober, 2137 Tenway	In Favor
John Balardo, 2150 Tenway	In Favor
Bill & Amy Neis, 2159 Tenway	In Favor
Rich Peiffer, 1754 Oxford	In Favor

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

95-267-A. Walton-Bartman. That the request of Jim and Betsy Buchholz of 1773 Oxford, to allow a side yard setback of 1'-0" instead of the required 7'-0" and to allow a rear yard setback of 7'-0" instead of the required 25'-0", be approved.

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

95-268. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of AFG Partners of 550 Laurel SE, to allow a side yard setback of 1'-0" instead of the required 3'-0"

Joel Peterson, Representative for AFG Partners, spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall with regard to the variance request:

Kim Ervine, 611 Laurel (Telephone Call) In Favor

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

95-268-A. Williamson-Mehney. That the request of AFG Partners of 550 Laurel, to allow a side yard setback of 1'-0" instead of the required 3'-0", be approved.

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

95-269. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mrs. Sally VanKuiken of 2912 Pioneer Club Rd, to allow enlargement of a non-conforming structure on a non-conforming lot, three stories instead of the two and one-half requirement, 28'-0" instead of the required 25'-0", and a side yard setback of 2'-6" instead of the required 5'-0", be approved.

Jim Karczewski of Karczewski Architects spoke in favor of the variance request on behalf of the owners.

The following communications were received at City Hall with regard to the variance request:

Cynthia & Richard VanGelderren, 2904 Pioneer Club Opposed
Greg & Cheryl Holwerda, 2916 Pioneer Club Concerned

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

Mayor Deems and Commissioners Frakie and Edison spoke of their concern that this property could be used as a rental unit in a single family district, Mayor Deems asked that precautions be taken to keep this from happening.

95-269-A. Mehney-Edison. That the request of Mrs. Sally VanKuiken of 2912 Pioneer Club Rd, to allow enlargement of a non-conforming structure on a non-conforming lot, three stories instead of the two and one-half requirement, and a side yard setback of 2'-6" instead of the required 5'-0", be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney and Williamson - 5
Nays: Walton and Deems - 2

95-270. Consideration of the request to approve the appointment of Shane Hansen as the City's representative to the GRATA Board of Directors.

Mayor Deems thanked Commissioner Bartman for her help in finding a representative.

95-270-A. Edison-Walton. That Shane Hansen be appointed as the City's representative to the GRATA Board of Directors.

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

95-271. Consideration of the request to adopt a resolution amending the prior liquor license application of Osta's Restaurant for an on-premises Class C Liquor License to include Aouad Jean Aouad as a applicant.

95-271-A. Frakie-Edison. That the request to adopt a resolution amending the prior liquor license application of Osta's Restaurant for an on-premises Class C Liquor License to include Aouad Jean Aouad as a applicant, be approved.

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

95-272. Consideration of a request to prepare bids for aerial spraying of Gypsy Moth infestation.

City Services Director Baragar will provide a map with designated areas of the Grand Rapids metropolitan area that are going to be sprayed. Scott VanWyk of Poortenga Tree Company reported that the golf course on 28th and Kalamazoo in Grand Rapids was heavily infested.

95-272-A. Williamson-Walton. That the request to prepare bids for aerial spraying of Gypsy Moth infestation and a fund transfer of \$22,980.00 from the undesignated fund balance, be approved

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

95-273. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to add Section 5.63 to Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to parking vehicles in the front yard.

95-273-A. Bartman-Edison. That an ordinance amendment to add Section 5.63 to Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to parking vehicles in the front yard, be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and sent to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

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

95-274. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution waiving rights to a claim regarding Officer Bruce VanPopering.

95-274-A. Williamson-Mehney. That a resolution waiving rights to a claim regarding Officer Bruce VanPopering be adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Herman A. Damstra was the driver of an automobile which hit and killed Officer Bruce VanPopering in July 1994; and

WHEREAS Mr. Damstra and his insurance carrier, Citizens Insurance Company, have been involved in negotiations with Mrs. VanPopering regarding the payment to her of an amount of money sufficient to settle any and all claims she might have against Mr. Damstra; and

WHEREAS Mrs. VanPopering has asked the City of East Grand Rapids to waive any and all claims it might have against Mr. Damstra and Citizens Insurance Company in order to facilitate said settlement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the City of East Grand Rapids agrees to waive any and all claims it might have against Mr. Damstra and his insurance carrier, Citizens Insurance Company, arising out of the death of Officer Bruce VanPopering in order to facilitate a settlement between Mrs. VanPopering, Mr. Damstra, and Citizens Insurance Company.

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

95-275. Consideration of a request to approve changes in billing policies for Water/Sewer charges.

95-275-A. Bartman-Edison. That a request to approve changes in billing policies for Water/Sewer charges, be approved as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

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

95-276. Consideration of a request to approve a modification of the Readiness-to-Serve charges for Water/Sewer billing.

95-276-A. Frakie-Williamson. That the request to approve a modification of the Readiness-to-Serve charges for Water/Sewer billing, be approved as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

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

95-277. Consideration of a request to authorize the sale of certain city-owned properties.

95-277-A. Williamson-Edison. That the request to authorize the sale of certain City-owned properties, be approved.

95-277-B. Walton-Edison. Motion to amend the proposed list of properties to omit (#1) Lot 8, Griffiths Lake Park Addition from sellable properties until 1998.

Vote on 95-277-B.

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

95-277-C. Frakie-Bartman. Motion to amend the proposed list of properties to omit (#8) Lot 7, Griffiths Lake Park Addition from sellable properties.

Commissioner Walton requested a confidential opinion from City Attorney Huff on: 1) How this property

came into the City's possession; 2) The current status of the title of the property; 3) What would be accomplished in terms of a quiet title action.

Vote on 95-277-C.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

Vote on 95-277-A, as amended.

Yeas: Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: Bartman - 1

95-278. Consideration of a request to authorize the purchase of a Bobcat Skid/Steer Loader for the City Services Department.

95-278-A. Bartman-Walton. That the request to authorize the purchase of a Bobcat Skid/Steer loader to Carleton Equipment Company in the amount of \$10,900.00, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: Frakie - 1

95-279. Consideration of a request to award a contract for purchase of protective entry vests for the Public Safety Department.

95-279-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to award a contract for purchase of protective entry vests for the Public Safety Department to Michigan Quality Second Chance in the amount of \$3,643.75 from the Drug Seizure Fund, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-280. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held March 3, 1995 were received.

No action was taken on the motion of the Traffic Commission to prioritize the intersections of Wealthy/Lakeside and Lakeside/Greenwood in the upcoming traffic safety study.

95-281. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held February 27, 1995 were received.

95-282. The preliminary minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held February 13, 1995 were received.

95-283. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held February 14, 1995 were received.

95-284. The Public Safety Report for the month of February, 1995, was received.

95-285. The City Services Monthly Report for February, 1995, was received.

Commissioner Frakie commended Jim Stehouwer for his work on meter replacement and requested that

staff accelerate the replacement project out of fairness to all residents.

95-286. Commissioner Edison reminded everyone to vote on school bond issue, March 22, 1995.

Commissioner Walton brought to the Commission's attention the increase of cost to the city for Wealthy Pool, City Manager Donovan will investigate.

95-287. Williamson-Mehney. To enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter in accordance with Section 15.268(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-288. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until April 3, 1995.

City Clerk

Attachments:

- A - Ordinance Amendment to Pertaining to Parking in Front Yards
- B - Procedures for Water/Sewer billing
- C - Readiness-To-Serve Charges

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Rescheduled Regular Meeting Held March 30, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: Commissioner Mehney

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

95-289. The minutes of the regular meeting held March 20, 1995 were received as submitted.

95-290. Bartman-Williamson. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$745,604.75, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$126,873.38, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$89,715.31, 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, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

95-291. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the purchase of t-shirts for the annual Reeds Lake Run.

95-291-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to award a contract to Studio Ink in the amount not to exceed \$10,832.25 for the purchase Reeds Lake Run t-shirts, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

95-292. Consideration of a request to award a contract for grounds maintenance services for city properties.

95-292-A. Edison-Walton. That the request to award two-year contracts to Natural Lawns in the amount of \$48,760 for Section A-1, \$23,780 for Section A-3, and \$9,900 for Section A-4, and to Monsma Landscaping in the amount of \$5,080 for Section A-2 for a total of \$87,520, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

95-293. Consideration of a request to approve the low bid for the aerial spraying to control the gypsy moth infestation.

95-293-A. Williamson-Frakie. That the low bid of Al's Aerial Spraying of Ovid Michigan at a cost of \$8.47 per acre for a total of \$19,464, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

95-294. Recreation Director Rhodes challenged the City Commissioners to a golf outing against the City's Department Heads. The Commissioners will select the time and place.

95-295. Commissioner Bartman congratulated Fred Bunn on his excellent finish in the recent "Blodget Irish Jig" race.

Commissioner Walton congratulated the EGR Boys Varsity Basketball team and Coach Scott Tompkins on their excellent season.

Commissioner Williamson reminded everyone that EGR residents can use the City's yard waste collection service to compost their yard waste and do not have to pay their trash hauler for this service under the new Michigan law.

95-296. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until April 17, 1995.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held April 17, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

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 Ditmar; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; Foreman Keating; Building Inspector Conley; Finance Director VanderWall; Executive Secretary Brower

95-297. The minutes of the regular meeting held March 30, 1995 were received as submitted.

95-298. Mayor Deems advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- A) Letter from Officer Jim Pullen announcing his retirement at the end of April.
- B) Letters from local Cub Scout group thanking the Streets & Utilities Department for allowing them to visit the department and learn about their operations.

95-299. Walton-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$124,622.83, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$198,330.00, 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, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

95-300. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McGee of 2207 Estelle Drive SE, to allow a front yard setback of 25'-0" instead of the required 30'-0".

Ron McGee, 2207 Estelle SE, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

95-300-A. Walton-Bartman. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McGee of 2207 Estelle Drive SE, to allow a front yard setback of 25'-0" instead of the required 30'-0", be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-301. Consideration of a request to award a contract for annual audits of the City's financial statements.

Doug Plamondon and Doug Wohlberg from Hoffman, Steensma & Plamondon, P.L.C. were present and answered questions from the Commission.

95-301-A. Williamson-Walton. That the request to award a contract for annual audits of the City's financial statements to Hoffman, Steensma & Plamondon, P.L.C. in the amounts of \$10,000 for 1995; \$10,500 for 1996; \$11,000 for 1997; \$11,500 for 1998 and \$12,000 for 1999, for a total of \$55,000, be approved.

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

95-302. Consideration of a request to approve an amendment to the Right-of-Way Agreement with City Signal, Inc.

95-302-A. Frakie-Bartman. That the request to amend the Right-of-Way Agreement with City Signal, Inc., be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" as attached hereto.

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

95-303. Consideration of a request to reorganize the dispatching operations of the Public Safety Department.

Gordon Jones, 325 Rosewood, was present and urged the City Commission to carefully evaluate all of the factors involved in this reorganization such as summer vs. winter response, emergency vs. non-emergency interpretation, etc.

Chief Gallagher addressed the concerns of Mr. Jones and answered questions from the Commission. City Staff will continue to monitor the arrangements with the Sheriff's Department and work with them on any needed improvements.

95-303-A. Edison-Bartman. That the request to transfer the dispatching operations to the Kent County Sheriff's Department and to reclassify the two dispatcher positions to Public Safety Clerk positions, be approved contingent upon the approval of the Public Safety Union.

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

95-304. Consideration of a request to adopt rules and regulations for the Joint Facilities properties.

95-304-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to adopt rules and regulations for the Joint Facilities properties, be approved as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

95-304-B. Edison-Walton. Motion to amend paragraph #14 (page 6) of the rules and regulations to read:

"14. Golf Prohibition. No person shall play or practice golf in a public park."

The motion was withdrawn after discussion.

95-304-C. Edison-Mehney. Motion to amend paragraph #14 (page 6) of the rules and regulations to read:

"14. Golf Prohibition. No person shall play or practice golf in a public park except in the designated area located at the Manhattan Recreation Area."

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Williamson - 4

Nays: Frakie, Walton, Deems - 3

Frank Most of Most Enterprising, a lawn care contractor, was present and spoke about the increased liability involved with allowing golf practice in public parks.

Vote on 95-304-A, as amended.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: Walton - 1

95-305. Consideration of a request to re-award a contract for the replacement of the chiller condenser for the City Hall air conditioning system.

95-305-A. Walton-Mehney. That a contract be awarded to Holwerda-Huizinga for the chiller condenser unit in the amount of \$3,692.00.

Yeas: Walton - 1

Nays: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Williamson and Deems - 6

95-305-B. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to re-award a contract for the chiller condenser unit to GHC Mechanical Services in the amount of \$3,534.90, be approved.

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

Nays: Walton, Deems - 2

95-306. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the purchase of watermain materials for summer construction projects.

95-306-A. Williamson-Edison. That the request to award a contract for the purchase of watermain materials to East Jordan Iron Works in the amount of \$4,087.00 and to Etna Supply in the amount of \$11,199.08, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-307. Consideration of a request to award a contract for weed harvesting on Reeds Lake.

95-307-A. Mehney-Bartman. That the request to award a two-year contract for weed harvesting on Reeds Lake to Professional Lake Management in the amount of \$24,480.00, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-308. Consideration of a request to re-award a contract for grounds maintenance services in Section A-2.

95-308-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the contract awarded to Monsma Landscaping for Section A-2 be revoked and the contract re-awarded to Most Enterprising for a two-year contract in the amount of \$6,824.00 for Section A-2.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-309. The preliminary minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held March 13, 1995 were received.

95-310. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held March 27, 1995 were received.

95-311. The Public Safety Report for the month of March, 1995 was received.

95-312. The City Services Department Report for the month of March, 1995 was received.

The Commission asked City staff to continue to investigate the use of Grand Rapids water pressure for possible savings to East Grand Rapids.

95-313. Gordon Jones, 325 Rosewood, thanked the City Commission for investigating the dispatching operations thoroughly and for their explanations at this meeting.

Brendan Kelly, 2110 San Lu Rae, reported that his family was without sewer services at this time because of a broken lateral. He asked the City Commission to review the policy regarding the repair of sewer laterals being the responsibility of the homeowner. Mayor Deems explained that without knowing the entire situation, the City Commission is unable to take any action. Mayor Deems explained the history behind the City policy and the steps which can be taken to file an appeal to the City Commission.

95-314. Commissioner Bartman commended City Services employee Joel VanKlompberg on his expertise and helpful attitude recently while changing water meters.

Commissioner Mehney expressed the best wishes of the Commission to Officer Pullen on his retirement and reiterated how much his services will be missed in East Grand Rapids.

95-315. Williamson-Edison. To enter into executive session to discuss an attorney's opinion in accordance with Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-316. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until May 1, 1995.

City Clerk

Attachments: A - Amended Right-of-Way Agreement with City Signal

B - Rules for Joint Facilities properties

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held May 1, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Recreation Director Rhodes; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Executive Secretary Brower

95-317. The minutes of the regular meeting held April 17, 1995 were received as submitted.

95-318. Mayor Deems advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

A) Letter from Grand Rapids Township Fire Chief thanking the EGR Public Safety Department for help in putting out a recent house fire.

95-319. Williamson-Bartman. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$1,028.65, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$101,416.02, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$112,202.62, 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-320. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution directing the City Attorney to file a quiet title action for the property known as Lot 7 - Griffiths Lake Addition.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning the sale and/or residential development of this property:

- Steve & Mary Schwartz, 2863 Pioneer Club Rd	Opposed
- Claude & Helen Wade, 2925 Reeds Lake Blvd.	Opposed
- Susan Graves and Molly Pendergast, 2905 Pioneer Club	Opposed
- Andrew Rundquist, 2944 Reeds Lake Blvd	Opposed

Bruce Young, 2851 Reeds Lake Blvd, was present and expressed his opposition to the City selling this property because it was originally deeded to the City as park land.

Mark Vasu, 2827 Reeds Lake Blvd, was present and expressed ecological concerns about developing the property.

Mike Meneau, 2900 Reeds Lake Blvd, was present and spoke against any sale or development of this property.

Pat Mears, 2801 Reeds Lake Blvd, was present and asked if the City had been approached by a potential buyer for the property and what had prompted the City to show an interest in selling the property now. Mayor Deems told Mr. Mears that there had been no offer to buy the property.

Mayor Deems explained that the City owns several pieces of property and periodically reviews the list of properties to determine if the parcels are needed for future use or if they would better serve the community in the hands of private owners. When researching this piece of property, it was determined that some deed restrictions had existed since the property was donated in 1923. This quiet title action is to determine whether or not the City of East Grand Rapids does still own this property or if it has reverted to the heirs of the donor. When title has been determined, the City Commission will then decide whether to keep the property in its present state or offer it for sale.

Commissioner Mehney expressed his opposition to the sale or development of this property and to the quiet title action because the property had existed in its natural state for so many years and should not be disturbed.

Commissioners Edison and Walton stated their support for the quiet title action because they felt the City needed to determine clear ownership of the property no matter what the eventual determined use of the property will be. Sale of the property should be considered separately once title is established.

95-320-A. Walton-Williamson. That a resolution directing the City Attorney to file a quiet title action be adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City Commission has previously directed the City Attorney to evaluate the condition of title to Lot No. 7 of the Griffiths Lake Addition to the City of East Grand Rapids (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has advised the City Commission that the conditions affecting the title of the property impair the marketability and the value of the Property, which conditions under certain circumstances may be removed pursuant to a quiet action; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to sell the Property under appropriate circumstances since the City has no current or foreseeable use for the Property as City-owned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids that the City Attorney is directed to prepare and file a lawsuit in the Kent County Circuit Court, pursuant to the Revised Judicature Act, as amended, and applicable Michigan Court Rules, to seek to quiet title in the Property in the name of the City of East Grand Rapids, and to take all such further action that is necessary and appropriate to prosecute and bring to conclusion such lawsuit.

Commissioner Bartman expressed her concern about the impact of any change in the state of this property on the surrounding neighborhood. She urged everyone to carefully consider the total impact before deciding on this issue.

Commissioner Edison stated that the quiet title action was a separate issue from any potential sale of the property. The City needs to determine clear title to the property whether it is left in its natural state, developed into a public park, or sold.

Commissioner Frakie expressed his concern about seeing this property sold.

95-320-B. Walton-Edison. Motion to amend the resolution to delete the third paragraph which refers to the City's intent to sell the property.

Vote on 95-320-B.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

The resolution will now read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City Commission has previously directed the City Attorney to evaluate the condition of title to Lot No. 7 of the Griffiths Lake Addition to the City of East Grand Rapids (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has advised the City Commission that the conditions affecting the title of the property impair the marketability and the value of the Property, which conditions under certain circumstances may be removed pursuant to a quiet action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids that the City Attorney is directed to prepare and file a lawsuit in the Kent County Circuit Court, pursuant to the Revised Judicature Act, as amended, and applicable Michigan Court Rules, to seek to quiet title in the Property in the name of the City of East Grand Rapids, and to take all such further action that is necessary and appropriate to prosecute and bring to conclusion such lawsuit.

Vote on 95-320-A as amended.

Yeas: Edison, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 4

Nays: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney - 3

95-321. Finance Director VanderWall presented the financial report for the quarter ended March 31, 1995 and answered questions from the Commission.

95-322. City Manager Brian Donovan presented the recommended budget for Fiscal Year 1995-96 and gave the Commission a brief overview of the budget and the suggested timelines for adoption.

95-323. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to amend Section 2.83 and 2.83-1 of Chapter 24 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to the establishment of water and sewer rates.

95-323-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an ordinance amending Section 2.83 and 2.83-1 of Chapter 24 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to the establishment of water and sewer rates, be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" as attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-324. Consideration of a request to discuss new rates for water and sewer billing for Fiscal Year 1995-96.

The City Commission discussed the different options and directed Staff to prepare resolutions for adoption at the next meeting.

95-325. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the chip sealing of city streets.

95-325-A. Williamson-Edison. That the request to award contract to D & D Contracting of Grawn, Michigan, in the amount of \$18,520.29, for the annual chip seal program, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: Frakie - 1

95-326. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the repair of the sanitary sewer on Locust Drive.

95-326-A. Bartman-Mehney. That the request to award a contract to Insituform North, Inc. of Chesterfield, Missouri, in the amount of \$15,980.00 for the relining of the sanitary sewer on Locust Drive, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-327. City Manager Brian Donovan explained the proposed memorial for Public Safety Officer Bruce VanPopering who died last year from injuries received while directing pedestrian traffic. The memorial is scheduled to be dedicated this summer.

95-328. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held April 11, 1995, were received.

95-329. Commissioner Frakie congratulated Account Clerk Karen Zinda for her work on obtaining a refund of over \$6,000 from Ameritech for taxes which should not have been charged to East Grand Rapids.

Commissioner Edison reminded the Commission of the staff challenge to a golf match. Commissioners Walton and Frakie volunteered to head the team and make arrangements for the match. Commissioner Edison also announced his candidacy for Mayor in the fall elections and his decision not to seek another term as City Commissioner.

95-330. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until May 15, 1995.

City Clerk

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Attachments: A - Ordinance Amendment Regarding Water/Sewer Rates

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held May 15, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Building Inspector Conley; Foreman Keating; Data Processing Manager Nickels; Executive Secretary Brower

95-331. The minutes of the regular meeting held May 1, 1995 were received as submitted.

95-332. Mayor Deems advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

A) Memo from Chief Gallagher commending residents Jan Huff, Patty Kabat, Nancy Heiser, Kim Ervine and Donna Oberle for their work on a recent Public Safety survey.

95-333. Walton-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$117,559.58, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$181,774.52, 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-334. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Art Hossman of 2072 Wealthy Street SE to allow enlargement of current buildings to cover 37% of the lot instead of the 35% allowed; to allow a side yard of 4'-0" instead of the minimum 5'-0", and to allow combined side yards of 10'-0" instead of the required 14'-0".

Bob Winters, architect for Mrs. and Mrs. Hossman, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

- Morton & Diane Harwood, 2049 Wealthy In Favor

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

95-334-A. Bartman-Mehney. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Art Hossman of 2072 Wealthy Street SE to allow enlargement of current buildings to cover 37% of the lot instead of the 35% allowed; to allow a side yard of 4'-0" instead of the minimum 5'-0", and to allow combined side yards of 10'-0" instead of the required 14'-0", be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-335. Consideration of a request to adopt a Resolution to set a public hearing date of June 5, 1995, for the Truth-In-Taxation hearing and to adopt a proposed maximum millage rate for fiscal year 1995-96.

95-335-A. Williamson-Mehney. That a Resolution to set public a hearing date of June 5, 1995, for the Truth-In-Taxation hearing, and to adopt a proposed maximum millage rate for fiscal year 1995-96, be adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, MSA 7.24(5) (6) requires that a Notice of Public Hearing be published and a hearing be held by the City Commission before an additional millage rate, as defined by state law, can be levied by the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, MSA 7.24(5) (7) requires the City Commission to adopt a resolution establishing a maximum millage rate to be included in the Notice of Public Hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids hereby established 15.784 per \$1,000.00 of valuation as the proposed maximum millage rate, subject to the adoption of a General Fund budget, for the fiscal year July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996.

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

95-336. Introduction of an ordinance amendment modifying Section 5.81 and adding Section 5.85 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to business uses permitted in the home.

95-336-A. Frakie-Edison. That an ordinance modifying Section 5.81 and adding Section 5.85 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to business uses permitted in the home, be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" as attached hereto and sent to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

The Commission asked the City Attorney to review the paragraph permitting only family members to work in a home to determine if there was some other language which might be less restrictive.

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

95-337. Consideration of a request to award purchase orders for computer equipment and services.

95-337-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to award purchase orders to AMS Computers in the amount of \$5,576.00 for computer equipment and to Conway, Dierking & Hillman in the amount of \$1,600.00 to configure the equipment, be approved.

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

95-338. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution supporting an increase in state transportation funding.

95-338-A. Edison-Walton. That a resolution supporting an increase in state transportation funding be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Williamson and Deems - 5

Nays: Frakie, Walton - 2

95-339. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held May 5, 1995, were received. No action was taken on the motion by the Traffic Commission to modify the "No Parking" signs placed at the schools. No action was taken on the motion by the Traffic Commission to place a "Dead End" sign at the intersection of Lakewood and Pioneer Club. Accordingly, both of these recommendations will be implemented.

95-340. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held April 24, 1995, were received.

95-341. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held April 24, 1995, were received.

95-342. The Public Safety Report for the month of April, 1995 was received.

95-343. The City Services Report for the month of April, 1995 was received.

95-344. Commissioner Williamson noted that PSO Charles Lark and PSO Martin Tuttle finished very well at the recent Old Kent River Bank Run, finishing 329th and 293rd respectively in their age groups. He also congratulated Recreation Supervisor Fred Bunn on his 12th place overall finish.

Commissioner Bartman commended the City Services crews on their expertise and professionalism in their recent road construction work. Commissioner Bartman also reminded everyone that May 15th is Police Memorial Day to honor the officers who died in the line of duty and extended her thanks to all law enforcement officers for the work they do.

Mayor Deems reported that a City/School committee had been formed to discuss some of the common issues faced by both parties and to explore ways to combine operations or work together to be more efficient.

95-345. There was a recess of the regular City Commission meeting to conduct a FY 1995-96 budget work session.

95-346. The meeting was reconvened after the budget work session concluded.

95-347. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to amend Section 2.83 and 2.83-1 of Chapter 24 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to the establishment of water and sewer rates.

95-336-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an ordinance amending Section 2.83 and 2.83-1 of Chapter 24 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to the establishment of water and sewer rates, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" as attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-348. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution setting new rates for water and sewer billing for Fiscal Year 1995-96.

95-347-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a resolution setting new rates for water and sewer billing be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "D" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-349. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until June 5, 1995.

City Clerk

Attachments: A - Home Occupation Ordinance Amendment

B - Resolution supporting increase in transportation funding

C - Water/Sewer Rate Ordinance Amendment

D - Resolution setting water and sewer rates

[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

Regular Meeting Held June 5, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Building Inspector Conley; Deputy Treasurer Chambers; Asst. Recreation Director Kline; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; Deputy Chief Ditmar; Executive Secretary Brower

95-350. The minutes of the regular meeting held May 15, 1995 were received as submitted.

95-351. Mayor Deems advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

A) Letter from Dorothy Swiss thanking City Manager Donovan and City Services Director Baragar for their help solving a recent situation.

95-352. Williamson-Bartman. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$2.75, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$220,820.05, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$381,950.05, 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-353. Dennis VanTassell was sworn in as a Public Safety Officer for the City of East Grand Rapids. Mayor Deems presented him with an East Grand Rapids sweatshirt, and everyone wished him good luck.

95-354. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Glass of 2002 Robinson Road SE to allow the creation of a non-conforming lot.

Dave Smith, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Glass, and Jim Karczewski, architect for the buyers, were present and explained the variance request.

The following persons were present and expressed their views regarding the variance request:

- Colleen Jarvis (buyer), 900 San Lucia	In Favor
- Patty Glass, 2002 Robinson Road	In Favor

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

- Audrey M. Sebastian, 2000 Robinson Road	In Favor
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Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

95-354-A. Mehney-Bartman. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Glass of 2002 Robinson Road SE to allow the creation of a non-conforming lot at 2002 Robinson Road pursuant to Section 5.164A2 of the City Code, be approved.

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

95-355. 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.

94-355-A. Williamson-Walton. That the special assessment roll of delinquent accounts totalling \$56,756.39 be certified and that these accounts be placed on the July 1, 1995 tax roll.

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

95-356. A Truth-In-Taxation public hearing was held. No public comment was made.

95-357. A public hearing was held pertaining to the General Fund budget for fiscal year 1995-96. No public comment was made.

95-358. Consideration of a request to award a contract for road construction projects.

95-358-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to award a contract to Michigan Colprovia, Inc. in the amount of \$188,177.40 for work on Plymouth Road, Bonnell Avenue, Hall Street and Briarwood Avenue, be approved.

The following persons were present and expressed their views regarding the resurfacing of Plymouth Road:

- Bob Osipoff, 507 Plymouth	Concerned about time
- Will Pestle, 558 Plymouth	Concerned about time
- Roger Grow, Blodgett Hospital	Working with City to minimize disruption of traffic

City Services Director Baragar answered questions from the residents and explained that resurfacing would take only 2-3 weeks. Residents and emergency vehicles travelling to the hospital will be able to access their homes and facilities at all times.

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

95-359. Consideration of a request to award purchase orders for t-shirts for the Recreation Department programs for FY 1995-96.

95-359-A. Edison-Mehney. That the request to award purchase orders to R.T. Brown Ltd in the amount of \$28,839.10 for t-shirts for the Recreation Department programs for FY 1995-96, be approved.

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

95-360. Commissioner Bartman thanked the Public Safety Department for the opportunity to participate in the handgun selection testing. She also commended the City Services Department on their work at the City's Spring Clean-Up Day on June 3, 1995--more than 20 dumpsters were filled with unwanted items and hauled away.

Commissioner Edison related that he was also impressed with the handgun selection testing recently.

95-361. Bartman-Edison. To enter into executive session to discuss pending labor negotiations in accordance with Section 8(c), personnel matters in accordance with Section 8(a) and to discuss the acquisition of property in accordance with Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney and Williamson - 5

Nays: Walton and Deems - 2

95-362. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until June 19, 1995.

City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Special Meeting Held June 5, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; Finance Director VanderWall; Executive Secretary Brower

94-364. Resolution adopting the FY 1995-96 budget and setting a millage rate for the coming year.

94-364-A. Edison-Williamson. That a resolution adopting the FY 1995-96 budget and setting the millage rate at 14.556 for FY 1995-96, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

94-365. The special meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution setting millage rate and adopting budget

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held June 19, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; Building Inspector Conley; Foreman Keating; Executive Secretary Brower

95-366. The minutes of the regular meeting held June 5, 1995 were received as submitted.

95-367. Bartman-Walton. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$125,150.07, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$170,360.93, 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-368. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. James Hagerup of 1764 Asbury Road SE to allow a side-yard air conditioning unit to be placed 5'-0" from the adjoining property line instead of the required 7'-0."

Jim and Cindy Hagerup, 1764 Asbury Road SE, were present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

- Wilbur Baumruck, 1758 Asbury SE

In Favor

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

95-368-A. Walton-Edison. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. James Hagerup of 1764 Asbury Road SE to allow the installation of a side-yard air conditioning unit 5'-0" from the adjoining property line instead of the required 7'-0," be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-369. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Lake Drive Baptist Church, 2119 Lake Drive SE, to allow the creation of a parking lot in a residential zoned area.

Gerard Knol, congregation member, and Tim Curry, architect representing Lake Drive Baptist Church, were present and explained the variance request.

The following persons were present and expressed their views regarding the variance request:

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| - Henry Berens, 2417 Gilmore | In Favor |
| - Suzanne Eberle, 2107 Lake Drive | Opposed |
| - Mark Baloga, 721 Croswell | Opposed |
| - Ernest Boorsma, 716 Croswell | In Favor |
| - Irma Ripperger, 2115 Lake Drive | Opposed |
| - Mrs. George Macie, 715 Croswell | Opposed |
| - Deb Powell, 704 Lovett | Opposed |
| - Arnold Toering, 2114 Lake Drive | In Favor |

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

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| - James & Elizabeth Wojciuch, 712 Lovett SE | Opposed |
| - Mark Baloga and Amy Williams, 721 Croswell (2) | Opposed |
| - Daniel Lorenz & Aletta VanderPlaat, 2103 Lake Drive | Opposed |
| - Gary Eberle, 2107 Lake Drive | Opposed |
| - Arthur & Ann Losse, 2101 Lake Drive | Opposed |

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

95-369-A. Walton-Mehney. That the request of Lake Drive Baptist Church, 2119 Lake Drive SE, to allow the creation of a parking lot in a residential zoned area with a front yard of 5'-0" instead of the required 58'-0" from the center of the street; side yards of 0' instead of the required 10'-0"; allow for a fence only instead of plantings/landscaping and fence as required; allow a parking lot 48'-0" wide instead of the required 50'-0"; and allow two lanes and two tiers of parking spaces in 63'-0" instead of the required 80'-0," be denied.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-370. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center to allow the widening of the driveway off Wealthy Street to a full two-lane driveway, to eliminate one driveway off Plymouth and reconfigure the remaining two, and to install four additional light fixtures in the "B" parking lot off Plymouth Road.

Roger Grow of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following persons were present and expressed their views regarding the variance request:

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| - Lois DeBoer, 1935 Wealthy | Opposed |
| - Diane Northway, 1923 Wealthy | Opposed |

Bill Reech, representing Blodgett Hospital, addressed some of the concerns raised by residents and the City Commission.

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

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| - Calvin Owen, 1927 Wealthy Street | Opposed |
| - Gordon & Dianne Boozer, 501 Plymouth | In Favor |

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

95-370-A. Edison-Bartman. That the request of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center to eliminate one driveway off Plymouth and reconfigure the remaining two, and to install four additional light fixtures in the "B" parking lot off Plymouth Road, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-370-B. Williamson-Walton. That the request of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center to allow the widening of the driveway off Wealthy Street to a full two-lane driveway, be approved.

95-370-C. Walton-Mehney. Motion to amend 95-370-B to allow the driveway to be used for two-way traffic only for the period of construction on Plymouth.

Vote on 95-370-C.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

Vote on 95-370-B, as amended.

Yeas: Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 4

Nays: Bartman, Edison, Mehney - 3

95-371. Consideration of a request to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with vacating a portion of Reeds Lake Boulevard along the south shore of Reeds Lake.

The following people were present and expressed their opinions about the vacating of this street and the closing of the gates allowing access:

- Edward Wells, 741 San Jose	Opposed
- Edgar Orr, 2951 Bonnell	Questions
- Doug Vermeulen, owner of 3011 Reeds Lake Blvd	Opposed
- Erwin Clahassey, 3037 Mary	Opposed
- Karen Clority, 3619 Reeds Lake Blvd.	Opposed
- Bob Larson, 2121 Boston	Opposed
- Robert Stokes, 2905 Bonnell	Questions
- Tom Peterson, W. Mich. Environ. Action Council	Options
- Jim Vermeulen, owner of 3011 Reeds Lake Blvd	Opposed

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

- Edward Wells, 741 San Jose SE	Opposed
- David Verdier, 3043 Mary SE	In Favor
- Dan & Nancy Mulvihill, 2247 Anderson SE	Opposed

94-371-A. Williamson-_____. That a resolution directing the City Attorney to proceed with the lawsuit to vacate a portion of Reeds Lake Boulevard, be adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids at its regular meeting on September 6, 1994 adopted a resolution deeming it advisable to vacate all of that portion of Reeds Lake Boulevard (whether platted or established by user) lying between Darby Avenue on the west and the city boundary on the east located in Woodcliff Park Subdivision, reserving a right-of-way for public utility purposes and pedestrian access and also providing easement rights to neighboring property owners; and

WHEREAS the City Commission has now determined that it is appropriate to proceed with said vacation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids that the city attorney is hereby directed to prepare and file a lawsuit in the Kent County circuit Court pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Subdivision Control Act, MCL 560.221 et seq., for the purpose of vacating said right-of-way in accordance with the terms of this resolution and the previous resolution of September 6, 1994.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

95-371-B. Frakie-_____. Motion to terminate any further action on vacating this property.

Mayor Deems explained that by not taking any action on the vacating process, the matter is effectively dismissed and a motion to terminate is not necessary and would not be binding.

Commissioner Mehney left the meeting for a short time.

95-372. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution pertaining to the bonds for the Silver Creek Phase II drain project, which resolution authorizes the City Manager to file a Notice of Intent to Issue an Obligation.

95-372-A. Williamson-Bartman. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to file a Notice of Intent to Issue an Obligation relating to the Silver Creek Phase II drain project, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

95-373. Consideration of a request to appoint a City Clerk.

95-373-A. Walton-Frakie. That Karen Brower be appointed to the position of City Clerk of the City of East Grand Rapids.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

95-374. Public Hearing and Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to add a new Section 5.63 to Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code prohibiting parking in front yards unless on an improved driveway.

No public comment was made at the public hearing.

95-374-A. Bartman-Edison. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Section 5.63 to Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code prohibiting parking in front yards unless on an improved driveway, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Williamson and Deems - 5

Nays: Walton - 1

95-375. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

95-375-A. Williamson-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 Coopersville, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

95-376. Consideration of a request to authorize the purchase of computer equipment.

95-376-A. Edison-Bartman. That the request to purchase computer equipment to AMS Computer Store in the amount of \$1,813.00, to Adobe Systems in the amount of \$150.00 and to Gateway Computers in the amount of \$2,568.00 for a total price of \$4,531.00 from the Recreation Designated Fund, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

95-377. Consideration of a request to approve the FY 1995-96 commission appointments list.

95-377-A. Williamson-Walton. That the commission appointment lists for FY 1995-96 be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

95-378. The schedule of City Commission meeting dates for FY 1995-96 was received.

95-379. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held May 24, 1995 were received.

95-380. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held May 9, 1995 were received.

95-381. The Public Safety Report for the month of May, 1995 was received.

95-382. The City Services Report for the month of May, 1995 was received.

95-383. Commissioner Bartman noted that EGR resident Mel Fox was chosen to represent small businesses in West Michigan at a recent conference at the White House. She also commended the City Services crews on their work at a recent watermain break on Hall Street. She also presented tie tacks made of aggregate from the chip seal projects to all City Commissioners. Commissioner Bartman also announced her candidacy for Mayor in the fall election.

Commissioner Edison wished Commissioner Bartman good luck in her campaign. He also complimented

all of organizers of the Clothesline Art Fair in Gaslight Village over the weekend. Everything was well organized and the event was a great asset to East Grand Rapids.

Commissioner Mehney returned to the meeting.

95-384. Williamson-Edison. 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, Edison, Mehney, Walton and Williamson - 5

Nays: Frakie and Deems - 2

95-385. The meeting resumed after the Executive Session.

95-386. Consideration of a request to continue consulting services with Kushner & Co., and to approve related budget amendment.

No action was taken on this item.

95-387. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until July 3, 1995.

City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution Authorizing Silver Creek Phase II Bonds

B - Ordinance Amendment Pertaining to Parking In Front Yards

C - Resolution Approving Amendments to GVMC Articles of Incorporation

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held July 3, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: Commissioner Mehney

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Deputy Public Safety Director Ditmar; Recreation Director Rhodes; Executive Secretary Brower

96-1. The minutes of the regular meeting held June 19, 1995 were received as submitted.

96-2. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$115,976.20, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$72,211.05, 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, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

96-3. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution setting readiness-to-serve rates for residential water-only meters.

96-4. Williamson-Bartman. That a resolution setting readiness-to-serve rates for residential water-only meters be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

96-4. Consideration of a request to approve the tax collection agreement with the East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

96-4-A. Edison-Walton. That the tax collection agreement between the City of East Grand Rapids and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools be approved as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

96-5. Consideration of a request to ratify a pay and benefit plan for the Public Safety Lieutenant, Deputy Director and Director.

96-5-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the recommended pay, benefit and pension changes for the Public Safety Lieutenants, Deputy Director and Director recommended by the City Manager, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

96-6. Consideration of a request to ratify the emergency repair of the compressor for the municipal complex air conditioning system.

96-6-A. Walton-Edison. That the payment of \$4,995.00 to GHC Mechanical Contractors for the emergency repair of a 30 H.P. compressor for the city air conditioning system, be ratified.

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

96-7. Consideration of a request to approve a contract for animal control services with Kent County.

96-7-A. Frakie-Edison. That the request to approve a contract for animal control services with Kent County, be approved as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

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

96-8. Election of President of City Commission for FY 1995-96.

96-8-A. Walton-Bartman. Motion to appoint Kent Williamson as President of the City Commission for the fiscal year 1995-96.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Walton, and Deems - 5
Nays: -0-
Abstain: Williamson - 1

96-9. Commissioner Walton complimented Bill Rhodes and the Recreation Department staff on the Reeds Lake Run held recently. All events went smoothly and were very well organized.

Commissioner Edison also thanked the Recreation Staff on a job well done and congratulated Commissioner Walton on his finish in the run.

Commissioner Bartman announced that the EGR Big Wheels (snowplow rodeo team) would be appearing in the 4th of July Parade.

Mayor Deems complimented the Recreation Staff for their work on the upcoming 4th of July festivities. He also expressed compliments and appreciation to the Public Safety Officers for their professionalism, dedication to duty and continued excellent service during the extended contract negotiations which were recently concluded.

96-10. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until July 17, 1995.

City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution Setting Readiness-to-Serve Charges for Residential Water-Only Meters
B - Tax Collection Agreement with EGR Public Schools
C - Animal Control Agreement

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- Jack Kuhatschek, 1532 Ridgewood In Favor
- Elizabeth Southworth, 1539 Ridgewood In Favor
- Karen Begrow, 1521 Ridgewood In Favor
- Eryn Quinn, 1533 Ridgewood In Favor
- Christopher Smith, 1545 Ridgewood In Favor
- Julia Sheehan, 1545 Ridgewood In Favor
- Cheri Luchtefeld, 1450 Edgewood In Favor
- Bob Horn, 2930 Maplewood In Favor
- Catherine Horn, 2930 Maplewood In Favor
- Herb Ritsema, 1407 Ridgewood In Favor
- Lorianne Cottrell, 1441 Ridgewood In Favor
- Lensworth Cottrell, 1441 Ridgewood In Favor

96-15-A. Frakie-Edison. That the request of Jon Tuthill of 1520 Ridgewood SE, to allow the construction of a garage and master bedroom with a front yard setback of 22'-0" from the street line rather than the required 28'-0", and to allow combined side yards of 16'-0" instead of the required 16'-6", be approved.

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

96-16. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Eric Krautwurst of 1530 Woodcliff Drive SE, to allow the construction of an addition to an existing garage creating a side yard setback of 2'-0" instead of the required 5'-0" minimum for a non conforming lot of record.

Ms. Deb Krautwurst, 1530 Woodcliff SE, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

- Burt J. Bach, 1539 Woodcliff SE In Favor
- Laura Hire, 1533 Woodcliff In Favor
- Robert Easley, 1540 Woodcliff In Favor
- Cynthia Kimball, 1525 Woodcliff In Favor

96-16-A. Edison-Bartman. That the request of Eric Krautwurst of 1530 Woodcliff Drive SE, to allow the construction of an addition to an existing garage creating a side yard setback of 2'-0" instead of the required 5'-0" minimum for a non conforming lot of record, be approved.

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

96-17. Consideration of a request to continue consulting services with Kushner & Co.

96-17-A. Mehney-Bartman. That consulting services with Kushner & Co., be continued in the amount not-to-exceed \$25,000 to establish a flexible benefit plan for employees, and to approve a related budget amendment.

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

96-18. The report of the City/School Committee was accepted.

96-19. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held July 7, 1995 were received.

Commissioners Walton and Edison felt that perhaps the ordinance requiring the use of bicycle helmets could be made even broader to include all age groups and to include other sports such as rollerblading and skateboarding.

Commissioner Mehney requested statistics from East Grand Rapids be presented when this issue comes before the City Commission.

96-20. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held June 13, 1995 were received.

96-21. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held June 12, 1995 were received.

96-22. The preliminary minutes of the EGR Library Commission meeting held May 22, 1995 were received.

96-23. The Public Safety Report for the month of June, 1995 was received.

96-24. Jim Higgins, 2035 Wilshire, was present and questioned the City Commission about plans for alleviating the sewer back up problems experienced by many residents over the past several years. Mrs. Higgins also expressed concerns. Mayor Deems answered some of the questions and assured residents that as soon as information had been gathered and analyzed, an action plan would be communicated to them.

Don Drummond, 2524 Albert Drive, also expressed questions about the number of times the area near his home has flooded in the past several years.

96-25. Commissioner Williamson asked that the gates on Reeds Lake Boulevard be placed on the next agenda to address the closing of the access to a public road.

Commissioner Edison thanked Mary Kline for her many years of service to the Recreation Department, and stated that she will be missed when she leaves.

Commissioner Bartman also thanked Mary Kline for her friendly service and helpfulness over the years. Commissioner Bartman also expressed to the residents present her concerns over the flooding and promised to keep this issue moving forward and to present any solutions as soon as possible.

Commissioner Mehney thanked Mary Kline for her commitment to the sports programs of the city and schools over the years and wished her well in the future.

96-26. Mehney-Walton. To add to the agenda consideration of a request to approve the expenditure of \$12,500 for partial funding of the restroom project at the EGR High School Football field.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney and Walton - 5

Nays: Williamson and Deems - 2

Commissioners Williamson and Walton were very concerned about the timing of this request and their concern that this project was not discussed by or budgeted through the Joint Facilities Committee.

Mayor Deems also expressed concern that this project was being done before maintenance on the existing facilities was addressed.

96-26-A. Mehney-Edison. Motion to approve the expenditure of \$12,500 for the construction of restroom facilities at Memorial Field and the related budget amendment from the General Fund Undesignated balance.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-27. Edison-Walton. To enter into executive session 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-28. The meeting was reconvened after the executive session concluded.

96-29. Edison-Bartman. Motion to increase the salary of the City Manager to \$70,000 as a merit increase and cost-of-living adjustment retroactive to July 1, 1995.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-30. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until August 7, 1995.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held August 7, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: Commissioner Frakie

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; City Services Director Baragar; Finance Director VanderWall; Building Inspector Conley; Engineering Services Supervisor Kadzban; Clerk Brower

96-31. The minutes of the regular meeting held July 17, 1995 were received as submitted.

96-32. Mayor Deems advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- A) Commendations to PSO Carrie Hudenko, PSO Jeffrey Metternich, PSO Harry Weertman and Chief Peter Gallagher for their professionalism and teamwork in the apprehension of a suspect recently. Mayor Deems also received a telephone call from a resident who witnessed this situation commending the officers.
- B) Commendation for PSO Carrie Hudenko and two citizens for their work in apprehending an individual selling alcohol to minors.

96-33. Williamson-Edison. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$204,922.11, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$264,138.13 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, Edison, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

96-34. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. John Nystrom of 1043 Eastwood SE, to allow a detached garage 6" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0".

John and Kathy Nystrom, 1043 Eastwood SE, were present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following persons were present and expressed their views concerning this variance request:

- Patty Seenstra, 1035 Eastwood

No Objections

96-34-A. Bartman-Edison. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. John Nystrom of 1043 Eastwood SE, to allow a detached garage 6" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0", be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

96-35. Consideration of a request to place stop signs on Englewood Drive at Oxford Road.

Chief Gallagher reported on traffic counts in this area and explained that "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices" conditions used to place stop signs are not met on this street.

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

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| - Dave & Mary Gebhardt, 2134 Englewood | In Favor |
| - Stanley Haan, 1651 Gorham | In Favor |

The following people were present and expressed their views concerning this request:

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| - Steve Kremers, 2158 Englewood | In Favor |
| - Greg Dangelis, 2148 Englewood | In Favor |
| - Betsy Buchholtz, 1773 Oxford | In Favor |
| - Greg McAleenan, 1643 Gorham (G.R.) | In Favor |
| - Ed Haurek, 2354 Englewood | In Favor |
| - Patty DeJong, 2258 Englewood | In Favor |
| - Alan Toms, 2255 Englewood | Opposed to stop signs but concerned about speeding traffic |
| - Lillian Koster, 2265 Englewood | In Favor |
| - Malcolm Fenton, 1748 Vesta | In Favor |
| - Mike Kerwin, 1725 Oxford | In Favor |
| - Richard Dyer, 2200 Englewood | In Favor |
| - David Greenwood, 2155 Englewood | In Favor |
| - Davonna Haurek, 2354 Englewood | In Favor |
| - Karl Osborn, 2225 Englewood | In Favor |
| - Martin Coffield, 2341 Englewood | In Favor |
| - Carl Christenson, 2340 Englewood | In Favor |

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Walton expressed his views that, although there may be an occasional speeding problem down this street, stop signs will probably not solve the problem because of people slowing quickly, accelerating away from the signs, and those who do not stop at all. Commissioner Walton was contacted by the following people regarding this matter:

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| - Gail Haebich, 2107 Gorham | In Favor |
| - Tom Rybarsyk, 2133 Englewood | In Favor |
| - Barb Crow, 2350 Englewood | Opposed |

Commissioner Mehney recommended trying the stop signs for six months and then evaluating their effectiveness.

96-35-A. Mehney-_____. Motion to place a stop sign at Englewood Drive and Oxford Road.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Bartman expressed her views that stop signs would not eliminate the problems, but that speed limit signs should be placed in this area to remind drivers of the 25 mph speed limit.

Chief Gallagher also addressed the issue of cul-de-sac streets and how this would create increased traffic on

other streets as well as restricting access to the area for emergency vehicles.

Mayor Deems asked the Public Safety Department and the City Services Department to review this situation and prepare a report on the types of problems in this area and solutions which would alleviate the speeding traffic. Residents will be notified when this report is completed.

96-36. Consideration of a request to award a contract for relining of the Floral Avenue sanitary sewer.

96-36-A. Williamson-Walton. That a contract be awarded to Insituform North, Inc. of Chesterfield, Missouri in the amount of \$23,910.00 to reline the sanitary sewer on Floral Avenue.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

96-37. Consideration of a request to approve engineering services with O.M.M. Engineering at a cost not-to-exceed \$8,000 for on-site visits and recommendations in connection with the recent storm.

96-37-A. Edison-Bartman. That the request to use O.M.M. Engineering at a cost not-to-exceed \$8,000 to provide on-site visits and recommendations, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

96-38. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the televising of sanitary sewers.

96-38-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a contract be awarded to Ryan's Modern Sewer Cleaning of Grand Rapids, Michigan in the maximum amount of \$20,000.00 to televise and clean 10,500 feet of sewer lines, and that a budget amendment of \$10,000 from the Water/Sewer Fund ending balance to the contractual services account, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

Mayor Deems asked that city staff look at the possibility of bidding out sewer televising services with the Metro Council in order to get a more competitive bid for all municipalities.

96-39. Consideration of a request to award a contract for custodial services for City buildings.

96-39-A. Edison-Bartman. That a contract extension of one year be awarded to Aromatics Chemical, Inc. of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$31,900.00 for custodial services for City buildings.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: -0-

96-40. The City Services Department Report for the month of June, 1995 was received.

96-41. Don Drummond, 2524 Albert Drive, questioned the commission about the storm water sewers and sanitary sewers in East Grand Rapids. Mayor Deems answered questions about the separation of sewers in East Grand Rapids and in Grand Rapids.

Bill Isenberg, 322 Lakewood, expressed his concern about paving gravel roads in the city and the costs that would be passed to the property owners. Mayor Deems reported that city staff is currently working on the issue

of paving these roads and would have recommendations ready for the City Commission soon. Property owners will be notified when this matter is brought before the City Commission.

96-42. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until August 21, 1995.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held August 21, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; Attorney Buchanan; Public Safety Director Gallagher; City Services Director Baragar; Finance Director VanderWall; Building Inspector Conley; Clerk Brower

96-43. The minutes of the regular meeting held August 7, 1995 were received as submitted.

96-44. Walton-Bartman. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$1,051,062.15, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$125,265.80, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$107,214.58 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-45. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Ms. Shelly Suzuki of 1149 Eastwood Avenue to allow an addition to the rear of the home to be 8'-6" from the detached garage instead of the required 10'-0."

Shelly Suzuki, 1149 Eastwood, was present.

96-45-A. Frakie-Williamson. That the request of Ms. Shelly Suzuki of 1149 Eastwood Avenue to allow an addition to the rear of the home to be 8'-6" from the detached garage instead of the required 10'-0," be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-46. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Foster of 2120 Wealthy Street to allow the installation of a 5'-6" wood privacy fence at approximately 0'-0" from the street right-of-way instead of the required 15'-0."

Mr. Foster, 2120 Wealthy, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

- Margit Sarne, 647 Lovett

In Favor

96-46-A. Walton-Frakie. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Foster of 2120 Wealthy Street to allow the installation of a 5'-6" wood privacy fence at approximately 0'-0" from the street right-of-way instead of the required 15'-0," be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton and Deems - 6

Nays: Williamson - 1

96-47. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. James Coerper of 750 Rosewood to allow the installation of a 3'-6" picket fence instead of the maximum allowable height of 3'-0" and to allow the fence to be 2'-0" from the street right-of-way instead of the required 15'-0."

James Coerper, 750 Rosewood, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

- David Sarnacki & Bridget Flynn, 720 Rosewood In Favor

96-47-A. Walton-Bartman. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. James Coerper of 750 Rosewood to allow the installation of a 3'-6" picket fence instead of the maximum allowable height of 3'-0" and to allow the fence to be 2'-0" from the street right-of-way instead of the required 15'-0," be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-48. Consideration of a request to approve an evaluation and merit pay system for employees of the City of East Grand Rapids.

City Manager Donovan reviewed the plan and explained the various systems which would be put in place.

96-48-A. Walton-Bartman. That the evaluation and merit pay system be approved as recommended by the City Manager.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-49. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of portable radios for the Public Safety Department.

96-49-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the purchase of fifteen portable radios from Communications Specialists, Inc. of Grand Rapids, in the amount of \$9,906.00, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-50. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings held July 10, and August 14, 1995 were received.

96-51. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held July 11, 1995 were received.

Commissioner Williamson expressed his concern about the lack of a quorum at two of the recent Planning Commission meetings. Mayor Deems stated that he had talked to the Chairperson about this and the problem was being addressed.

96-52. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held July 27, 1995 were received.

96-53. The Public Safety Report for the month of July, 1995 was received.

96-54. Cherilyn DeVries, reporter for the Cadence, informed the City Commission that she was leaving her position at the Cadence and introduced the new reporter, Joanne Bailey, to everyone. Mayor Deems presented Cherilyn with a commemorative book on East Grand Rapids and wished her good luck in the future.

96-55. Commissioner Frakie commended Deputy Treasurer Marilou Chambers on all of her work during the past several years and wished her good luck in her new position with the State of Michigan.

Commissioner Walton commended Commissioner Williamson on the events put on at Grattan Raceway recently. He also congratulated Commissioner Frakie on his 24th wedding anniversary that day. Commissioner Walton also commended Chief Gallagher and staff on the resolution of a recent situation involving a potentially dangerous GRATA bus route. He also noted that Mayor Deems would be leaving his post as chair of the Metro Council and expressed his interest in filling that position when it is available.

Commissioner Edison thanked Marilou Chambers for her work during the transition between city managers and thanked Cherilyn DeVries for her excellent reporting of events in East Grand Rapids over the last year. Commissioner Edison also expressed his hope for a good outcome in the upcoming Michigan-Virginia football game.

Commissioner Bartman also thanked Marilou Chambers for her assistance in understanding municipal accounting. Commissioner Bartman thanked City Manager Brian Donovan for his handling of the fisherman on the pedestrian bridge over the lake channel. She also wished her son Joey Bartman a happy 7th birthday!

Commissioner Mehney wished Commissioner Walton good luck in his efforts to become chairperson of the Metro Council.

96-56. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until September 5, 1995.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held September 5, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Recreation Director Rhodes; Engineering Services Supervisor Kadzban; Finance Director VanderWall; Clerk Brower

96-57. The minutes of the regular meeting held August 21, 1995 were received as submitted.

96-58. Bartman-Walton. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$2,324,812.70, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$116,176.93, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$367,526.00 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-59. Finance Director VanderWall presented the financial report for the quarter ended June 30, 1995 and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Frakie complimented Finance Director Laura VanderWall on her careful attention to the City's investments and the resulting high rate of return.

96-60. Consideration of a request to adopt a policy concerning the unimproved section of Reeds Lake Boulevard between Darby and the eastern city limits.

Public comment was received. The following people were present and expressed their views concerning this matter:

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| - Al Swanson, 2945 Bonnell | Leave gates |
| - Edgar Orr, 2951 Bonnell | Leave gates |
| - Don Buske, 3055 Mary | Leave gates |
| - Erwin Clahassey, 3037 Mary owners | No improvements, more flexible access for property |
| - Robert Stokes, 2905 Bonnell | Leave gates, improve drainage |
| - Chris Panopoulos, 3033 Mary | Leave gates, improve drainage |
| - Bill Malpass, 2929 Bonnell | Leave gates, improve drainage |
| - Margo App, 2747 Darby | Leave gates, vacate property |
| - Jim Vermeulen, 341 Somerset | Take down gates to allow access to property owners |
| - Nick Nicola, 2721 Darby | Leave gates |
| - Tim Feagan, 3137 Bonnell | Leave gates |

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

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| - Mohammad Riahi, 2861 Bonnell | Vacate property, leave gates |
| - Kurt Lacks, 3105 Bonnell
other streets | Take down gates but patrol and maintain like all |
| - Alfred Swanson, 2945 Bonnell | Leave gates |

Chief Gallagher explained that this portion of road is somewhat unique because of its location, but that it does not warrant having locked gates restricting access when no other areas are gated off.

Commissioner Mehney asked about making this area a City park that would allow restricted access. Mayor Deems stated this had been researched, but did not offer a solution. Commissioner Mehney felt that vacating was the long-term solution.

Commissioner Frakie felt that maintenance costs were nominal and could be borne by the City. He stated drainage and lighting in specific areas should be addressed. He also wanted to give Mr. Vermeulen access to his property by issuing a gate key.

Commissioner Walton stated that this issue needed to be resolved. He felt that gates were not used in other neighborhoods of East Grand Rapids to reduce crime and vandalism and should not be used on this road.

Mayor Deems stated that this road runs through people's yards and serves no purpose for the general welfare of the city residents. This issue has been addressed several times over the years and vacating is the long-term solution. If vacating is not approved by the Commission, Mayor Deems felt a minimal level of maintenance should be done.

Commissioner Williamson also felt this matter needed to be settled. He was very opposed to restricting access to a public road at any time. Vacating the property while retaining an easement for walking/biking is the solution he favored.

96-60-A. Williamson-Edison. Motion to begin proceedings to vacate the portion of Reeds Lake Boulevard between Darby and the eastern city limits.

Commissioner Edison agreed that the gates should come down; however he was concerned about the road running through people's yards and the drainage problems that exist.

Commissioner Bartman spoke in favor of vacating the property because it would give control of the area to the property owners and allow them more options than having the road owned by the City. The City will continue to maintain the walking/biking path.

Commissioner Frakie stated that no action should be taken on this road because there had been no complaints about the gates being opened or closed during certain hours. Commissioner Frakie also wanted to give notice to the public who use this road before any decision is made.

Commissioner Mehney thought the road should be vacated to solve this problem once and for all. Future commissions could make a decision several years from now that would not be approved of by the property owners.

Patty Stokes, 2905 Bonnell, stated that the actual road does not lie within the platted right-of-way and that this issue should be addressed. She also stated that drainage improvements are needed to keep property and the road from eroding.

Chris Panopoulos, 3033 Mary, noted that the storm water drainage which empties near his property comes from all surrounding streets in the area and should be taken care of by the City.

Edgar Orr, 2951 Bonnell, stated that a property owners association would not work and that the neighbors shouldn't be forced to form an association to care for a road that has always been taken care of by the City.

Dave Verdier, 3043 Mary, favored the vacating of the road.

Margo App, 2747 Darby, stated she had previously lived on a private drive that was taken care of by the residents and that it worked quite well. The property was well cared for and enjoyed by all. She favored the vacating.

Robert Stokes, 2905 Bonnell, stated that the drainage has gotten much worse over the last few years. He felt the improvements could be made for much less than the \$145,000 estimated by the City.

Erwin Clahassey, 3037 Mary, was against the road being closed to the public. He felt the entire population should vote on the vacating in an election.

Jim Vermeulen, 341 Somerset, stated that this has always been a public road that should continue to be maintained by the City. He favored taking down the gates to allow access and patrolling the area carefully at first to determine if there were increased vandalism problems before other options were considered.

Nick Nicola, 2721 Darby, asked that this issue be sent to committee for their study and a deadline given for their recommendation.

Don Buske, 3055 Mary, stated that there are other roads in the state that are closed to the public at various times and that this road should continue to be closed at night and during the winter.

Commissioners Mehney, Bartman and Edison, felt that this matter needed more study and should not be voted on at this meeting.

96-60-B. Edison-Bartman. Motion to table the matter of Reeds Lake Boulevard between Darby and the eastern city limits until more information can be obtained.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

Mayor Deems asked that staff look at options and gather more information on drainage improvements and other costs and bring this matter back to a future commission meeting.

Commissioner Frakie asked that each specific drainage problem be estimated for repair.

Commissioner Williamson asked that everyone who attended the last meeting where this issue was addressed be notified of the next meeting where this would be discussed again.

96-60-C. Edison-Mehney. Motion to give gate keys to any property owner along this length of road who requests one to allow for 24-hour access.

Yeas: Edison, Frakie, - 2

Nays: Bartman, Mehney, Walton, Williamson, Deems - 5

96-61. Consideration of a request to authorize the Recreation Director to apply for a "Get Michigan Youth Moving" grant.

96-61-A. Williamson-Edison. That the Recreation Director be authorized to work with the Community Action Council in applying for a \$5,000 grant from the State of Michigan for a "Get Michigan Youth Moving" grant for additional programs.

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

96-62. Consideration of a request to approve a contract with Cascade Township for mechanical, electrical and plumbing inspections.

96-62-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the contract between the City of East Grand Rapids and Cascade Township for mechanical, plumbing and electrical inspections and plan reviews, be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

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

96-63. Consideration of a request to approve an agreement for tree maintenance services.

96-63-A. Bartman-Edison. That the bid of Poortenga Tree Service of \$60.00 per hour for trimming, \$11.50 per inch diameter for tree removal, \$3.00 per inch diameter for grinding and no charge for consultation, be accepted.

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

96-64. Consideration of a request to authorize the purchase of water meters for the replacement program.

96-64-A. Williamson-Edison. That the request to purchase \$115,000.00 in water meters from Sensus Technologies of Union Town, Pennsylvania, be approved.

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

95-65. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

95-65-A. Edison-Williamson. That a resolution approving the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council confirming the membership of the City of Greenville, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

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

96-66. The City Services Report for the month of July, 1995 was received.

96-67. No other public comment was made.

96-68. Commissioner Bartman noted that the Reeds Lake Triathlon will taken place on Saturday, September 9th and urged everyone to get out and enjoy the event. She also reported that City Manager Brian Donovan will be competing in the Celebrity Division of the Snowplow Roadeo on September 13.

Commissioner Edison congratulated Fred Bunn on his promotion to Assistant Recreation Director. He also noted that Melissa Hinken and Susan Perry applied for the position of assistant and recognized their significant accomplishments and contributions to the Recreation Department.

96-69. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until September 18, 1995.

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Attachments:

- A - Inspection Services Contract with Cascade Township
- B - Resolution Approving Amendment to Grand Valley Metro Council Articles of Incorporation

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held September 18, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

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

96-70. The minutes of the regular meeting held September 5, 1995 were received as submitted.

96-71. Walton-Bartman. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$924,055.49, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$129,638.57, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$120,874.71 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-72. Consideration of a request to adopt a policy concerning gravel roads within the City of East Grand Rapids.

Mayor Deems explained the current policy for maintaining gravel roads and the expense and time involved in this maintenance. The Infrastructure Committee has recommended that all roads be paved within the next five years.

Public comment was received. The following people were present and expressed their views concerning this matter:

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| - Jeanne Battjes, 2555 Frederick | Questions about curbs/sidewalks |
| - Ellen Flack, 1015 Orchard | Opposed to vacating, correct drainage problems |
| - Dick Lyman, 2607 Frederick | Opposed to paving |
| - Nick Stover, 2214 Argentina | Opposed to paving |
| - Diane Lange, 2150 Lansing | In favor of paving |
| - Bob Hubbard, 2602 Frederick | Opposed to paving |
| - Carl Anderson, 2145 Durant | Concerned about cost of paving |
| - Bill Busch, 2545 Frederick | Opposed to paving |
| - Bill Isenberg, 322 Lakewood | Opposed to vacating |
| - Bob Koch, 2560 Frederick | In favor of paving |
| - Kate Johnson, 2204 Argentina
group | Consider each road separately, not as a whole |
| - Gerard Farrell, 316 Pioneer Club | Opposed to paving |
| - Sara Gavin, 244 Hodenpyl | Opposed to paving, make one-way or cul-de-sac |
| - Dan Hunsberger, 223 Pioneer Club | Slow down traffic |

Commissioners Mehney, Bartman and Frakie also expressed support for the helmet ordinance.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-74. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 89 of Title VII of the City Code assuming responsibility for administration and enforcement of the State Mechanical Code.

96-74-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 89 of Title VIII of the City Code assuming responsibility for administration and enforcement of the State Mechanical Code, be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-75. Consideration of a request to approve the hiring of a labor negotiator and a labor attorney.

96-75-A. Williamson-Bartman. That Joseph Fremont of the Michigan Municipal League be hired as the lead labor negotiator and the law firm of Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey be hired as labor attorneys.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-76. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of a computerized tax roll as the data base for the city's property taxes.

96-76-A. Frakie-Edison. That a resolution authorizing the use of a computerized tax roll be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-77. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held September 1, 1995 were received.

96-78. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meetings held August 8, and August 29, 1995 were received.

96-79. The Public Safety Report for the month of August, 1995 was received.

96-80. Commissioner Williamson congratulated the City's Snowplow Rodeo Team of Mike Ferris and Marty Kroes for their third place finish in the professional division and Brian Donovan for his third place (out of 17) in the celebrity division.

Commissioner Edison informed the City Commission that the Joint Facilities Committee would be preparing recommendations for replacement of the high school track and drainage improvements at Remington Field. These will be presented to the City Commission as soon as available.

Commissioner Bartman congratulated the staff of the Recreation Department on the excellent organization of the recent Reeds Lake Triathlon and the walk around Reeds Lake. She also commended Chief Gallagher on a presentation made recently to students at Wealthy Elementary on fingerprinting.

Commissioner Mehney reported that the Joint Facilities Committee will look at fund raising and donations to offset the cost of the track and field improvements.

96-81. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until October 2, 1995.

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Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment requiring bicycle helmets
B - Ordinance amendment regarding mechanical code
C - Resolution authorizing computerized tax roll

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CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held October 2, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Recreation Director Rhodes; Assessor Woolford; Building Inspector Conley; Finance Director VanderWall; Clerk Brower

96-82. The minutes of the regular meeting held September 18, 1995 were received as submitted.

96-83. Mayor Deems advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- (A) Letter from the Kent County Board of Commissioners seeking interested persons to fill positions on community boards. Anyone interested should see Mayor Deems.
- (B) Letter from Christian Youth and Family Services thanking the Public Safety Department for their assistance with some of their clients recently.
- (C) Letter from high school soccer coach expressing his appreciation for the good condition of the soccer fields at the beginning of the season.

96-84. Bartman-Williamson. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$26,492.71, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$108,053.08, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$190,540.42 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-85. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Lake Drive Baptist Church at 2119 Lake Drive to 1) allow a parking lot to be created on a lot zoned B-1 (Section 5.59F); 2) to allow a parking lot 48'-0" wide instead of the required 50'-0"; and 3) and to refund the \$75 application fee.

Reverend Lane of Lake Drive Baptist Church was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following persons were present and expressed their views concerning this variance request:

- Art Losse, 2101 Lake Drive	Opposed
- Suzanne Eberle, 2107 Lake Drive	Opposed
- Ernie Boorsma, 716 Croswell	In Favor
- Ann Losse, 2101 Lake Drive	Opposed
- Irma Ripperger, 2115 Lake Drive	Opposed
- Gary Eberle, 2107 Lake Drive	Opposed
- Connie Wood, 2131 Lake Drive	In Favor

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

- Extrusions Division, Inc\EMA and Company & James D. Azzar (owner of 703 Crosswell, 654 Lovett and 661 Crosswell) Opposed
- Rick & Carol Godfrey, 728 San Jose Opposed
- Dan Lorenz, 2103 Lake Drive (phone call) Opposed
- Erin Mulhall, 2145 Lake Drive Opposed

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

96-86-A. Williamson-Edison. That the variance request of Lake Drive Baptist Church to allow a parking lot to be created on a lot zoned B-1 (Section 5.59F), and to allow a parking lot 48'-0" wide instead of the required 50'-0", be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Williamson and Deems - 6
Nays: -0-
Abstain: Walton - 1

96-86. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Thomas Rothwell of 600 Locust Avenue for the property at 455 Manhattan Road to allow a front yard setback of 63'-0" instead of the required 80'-0".

Mr. Tom Rothwell, 600 Locust Avenue, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following persons were present and expressed their views concerning this variance request:

- Norman Keller, 439 Manhattan Road Opposed
- Sandra Quick, 619 Manhattan Opposed
- David Pray, 2935 Reeds Lake Blvd Opposed
- Marlene Overmyer, 2950 Reeds Lake Blvd Opposed
- Susan Keulen, 405 Manhattan Opposed
- Barry Kane, 350 Manhattan Opposed
- Sue VanDuinen, 2954 Reeds Lake Blvd Opposed
- Barb Keller, 439 Manhattan Opposed

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

- Claude Wade, 2925 Reeds Lake Blvd. Opposed
- Dave Pray, 2935 Reeds Lake Blvd Opposed
- Norman & Barbara Keller, 439 Manhattan Opposed

Petition signed by:

- David & Mary Pray, 2935 Reeds Lake Blvd. Opposed
- Claude & Helen Wade, 2925 Reeds Lake Blvd. Opposed
- Henry & Patricia Gignac, 2936 Reeds Lake Blvd. Opposed
- Robert & Ann Saltsman, 2905 Reeds Lake Blvd Opposed
- Marlene Overmyer, 2950 Reeds Lake Blvd. Opposed
- Andrew Rundquist, 2944 Reeds Lake Blvd. Opposed
- Patrick & Sue VanDuinen, 2954 Reeds Lake Blvd. Opposed
- Bruce & Laurel Young, 2851 Reeds Lake Blvd. Opposed
- Sandra Gallagher, 2958 Reeds Lake Blvd. Opposed

- Gordon Ralston, 2863 Reeds Lake Blvd. Opposed
- Michael Meneau, 2900 Reeds Lake Blvd. Opposed
- Weldon & Karen Schwartz, 2924 Reeds Lake Blvd. Opposed
- John & Jackie Educato, 2930 Reeds Lake Blvd. Opposed
- Norman & Barbara Keller, 439 Manhattan Road Opposed
- John & Sandra Quick, 619 Manhattan Road Opposed
- Helen Bradford, 417 Manhattan Road Opposed
- Eileen Brown, 361 Manhattan Road Opposed
- Perii Hutchings, 361 Manhattan Road Opposed
- Mark & Susan Keulen, 405 Manhattan Road Opposed
- Joellen Clary, 337 Manhattan Road Opposed
- David & Catherine Rabideau, 265 Manhattan Road Opposed
- Marguerite Vrugink, 345 Manhattan Road Opposed
- James & Mary Nachtegall, 350 Manhattan Road Opposed
- Jim & Melissa Burns, 262 Manhattan Road Opposed
- Lynn Gregory, 250 Manhattan Road Opposed
- Edward Buck, 308 Manhattan Road Opposed
- Amy Mathews, 245 Manhattan Road Opposed

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

96-86-A. Walton-Edison. That the variance request of Thomas Rothwell of 600 Locust Avenue for the property at 455 Manhattan Road to allow a front yard setback of 63'-0" instead of the required 80'-0", be denied.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 6
 Nays: -0-
 Abstain: Frakie - 1

96-87. Consideration of a request to approve the sale of the vacant lot at 455 Manhattan Road.

96-87-A. Edison-Williamson. Motion to direct staff to proceed with the sale process for the vacant lot at 455 Manhattan Road using the existing bids.

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

96-88. Consideration of a request to appoint a new representative to the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

Geoffrey Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, spoke favorably of the Metro Council and urged that the representative appointed to replace Mayor Deems be the next mayor of the city.

96-88-A. Edison-Williamson. That Commissioner Michael Walton be appointed as the representative of East Grand Rapids to the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Board beginning November 1, 1995.

Yeas: Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Williamson and Deems - 5
 Nays: Bartman - 1
 Abstain: Walton - 1

96-89. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 105 to Title X pertaining to bicycle helmets.

Public comment was received. The following people were present and expressed their views concerning this matter:

- Tom Tuggle, 670 Lovett Supported ordinance, but opposed to the provision requiring helmets be worn by those over 18.

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

- John & Penny Pestle, 515 Plymouth Road In Favor
- Steven Cole, 1112 Lake Grove Opposed
- Donna Greenlee, 1175 Patterson (non-resident) Opposed

96-89-A. Edison-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 105 to Title X requiring bicycle helmets to be worn by persons under the age of eighteen (18), labeled Option #1, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Walton, Williamson - 5
Nays: Frakie, Deems - 2

96-90. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 89 of Title VII of the City Code assuming responsibility for administration and enforcement of the State Mechanical Code.

96-90-A. Williamson-Edison. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 89 to Title VIII of the City Code assuming responsibility for administration and enforcement of the State Mechanical Code, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

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

96-91. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase and installation of permanent tree lights for Gaslight Village and a related fund transfer.

96-91-A. Bartman-Edison. That the request to purchase and install permanent tree lights in Gaslight Village from Crites, Tidey and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$11,000, and the related fund transfer of \$11,000 from the General Fund ending balance to the Tree Removal and Maintenance Account, be approved.

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

96-92. Consideration of a request to award a bid for the bus service for the 1995/96 Ski Club.

96-92-A. Williamson-Edison. That request to award the bid for bus service for the 1995/96 Ski Club to Great Lakes Motor Coach, Inc, in the amount of \$250.00 per unit and a show up charge of \$75 per bus, be approved.

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

96-93. The City Services Department Report for the month of August, 1995 was received.

96-94. No Public Comment was made.

96-95. Commissioner Bartman commended Mechanic Rick Barr of the City Services Department for his assistance to a motorist with car trouble recently. The motorist expressed appreciation by sending flowers to the department.

Mayor Deems asked the Finance Committee to consider a special use for the money received from the potential sale of city property, such as recreation projects or other special projects.

96-96. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until October 16, 1995.

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Regular Meeting Held October 16, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

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

96-97. The minutes of the regular meeting held October 2, 1995 were received as submitted.

96-98. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$127,685.61 and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$756,205.47 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-99. Doug Plamondon and Randy Novotny of Hoffman, Steensma & Plamondon presented the audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 1994-95 and answered questions from the Commission.

96-100. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cody of 2138 Anderson Drive to allow an addition to a detached garage within 1'-0" of the side lot line instead of the 3'-0" required.

Edward Cody, 2138 Anderson Drive, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

96-100-A. Walton-Bartman. That the variance request of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cody of 2138 Anderson Drive to allow an addition to a detached garage within 1'-0" of the side lot line instead of the 3'-0" required, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-101. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bye of 2326 Oakwood Avenue to allow a combined side yard of 16'-0" instead of the required 18'-0".

Scott Bye, 2326 Oakwood Avenue, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

- Mac Perry, 1215 Eastlawn

In Favor

- Jan & Dave Cornelius, 2256 Elmwood

In Favor

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

96-101-A. Walton-Frakie. That the variance request of Mr. and Mrs. of Scott Bye of 2326 Oakwood Avenue to allow an addition to a detached garage within 1'-0" of the side lot line instead of the 3'-0" required, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-102. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. John Redding of 2705 Reeds Lake Blvd to allow a rear yard setback of 16'-0" instead of the required 25'-0".

Deborah Redding, 2705 Reeds Lake Blvd, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

- Charles & Ruth Miller, 2713 Reeds Lake Blvd In Favor

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

96-102-A. Mehney-Bartman. That the variance request of Mr. and Mrs. John Redding of 2705 Reeds Lake Blvd to allow a rear yard setback of 16'-0" instead of the required 25'-0", be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Frakie asked staff to investigate the possibility of abandoning Meadowvale Drive and giving the land to the neighbors while retaining an easement for any utilities running through that area.

96-103. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of the East Grand Rapids Team Boosters to allow the display of 5'-0" x 30'-0" banner on the fence at the corner of Lake Drive and Lakeside Drive for a specific period of time.

Jack Shimko of the EGR Team Boosters, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Jack Munger, 2360 Lake Drive, was present and expressed his opposition to the sign being placed on the fence.

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

96-103-A. Mehney-Edison. That the variance request of the East Grand Rapids Team Boosters to allow the display of 5'-0" x 30'-0" banner on the fence at the corner of Lake Drive and Lakeside Drive between the dates of November 26 and December 17, 1995 for their Christmas tree sale, be approved. The banner must be placed so as not to obstruct visibility at the corner as determined by the City Services Director and the Public Safety Director.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: Walton - 1

96-104. A Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed ordinance amendment modifying Section 5.81 and adding a new section 5.85 regarding home occupations.

No public comment was made. Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

96-104-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the ordinance amendment modifying Section 5.81 and adding a new section 5.85 regarding the types of business permitted in a residential zone, be adopted as recommended by the Planning Commission with the exception of deleting the last phrase of Section 5.85, Paragraph C referring to 250 square feet, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Commissioner Walton asked City Attorney Huff to consider defining the term "immediate family," to investigate the method of figuring 25% of usage, and to look into a licensing/permitting and/or inspection process for businesses operated in homes.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-105. A Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed ordinance amendment to Section 5.24 regarding special uses.

No public comment was made. Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

96-105-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the ordinance amendment to Section 5.24 regarding special uses be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Williamson and Deems - 6

Nays: Walton - 1

96-106. Consideration of a request to approve the sale of the vacant lot at 455 Manhattan Road.

96-106-A. Williamson-Edison. That the property at 455 Manhattan Road be sold to AFG Partners for the sum of \$27,000.

Joel Peterson of AFG Partners was present and confirmed his understanding that he was not seeking a variance to build on this lot and would purchase the land with no contingencies regarding buildable area.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-107. Consideration of a request to approve the installation of a standard cobra streetlight on Lake Pointe Drive.

Bill Hubble, 2032 Lake Pointe Drive, was present and expressed his opposition to a streetlight in the proposed location.

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

- Charles Caldwell, 2037 Lake Pointe

Opposed to location

- William Hubble, 2032 Lake Pointe

Opposed to location

96-107-A. Frakie-Bartman. That the request to install a standard cobra streetlight on Lake Pointe Drive for the sum of \$100.00, be denied.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-108. Consideration of a request to approve the renewal of liability and property insurance.

96-108-A. Bartman-Edison. That the request to renew liability and property insurance with Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool (MMLPP) in the amount of \$167,285.00, be approved.

Commissioner Frakie asked that staff investigate the premium and coverage labeled "General Fund" and "Inland Marine."

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Mehney, Walton, Deems - 5

Nays: Frakie, Williamson - 2

96-109. Consideration of a request to approve a budget amendment for tree removal services performed during Fiscal Year 1994-95.

96-109-A. Williamson-Edison. That the request to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$6,270.00 from the non-designated General Fund Balance to the General Fund Account Tree Removal, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-110. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held September 11, 1995, were received.

96-111. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held September 25, 1995, were received.

96-112. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held September 7, 1995, were received.

96-113. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held October 6, 1995, were received.

96-113-A. Edison-Williamson. That the motion of the Traffic Commission be amended to place removable tape as a dividing line on Bonnell instead of permanent paint on a temporary basis until traffic studies can be completed to determine if the line has the desired effect of slowing down traffic.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Mehney asked that the results of this experiment be reported back to the City Commission for their review.

96-114. The Public Safety Report for the month of September, 1995 was received.

96-115. The City Services Department Report for the month of September, 1995 was received.

96-116. No other Public Comment was made.

96-117. Commissioner Williamson wished Northwestern University good luck in their upcoming games.

96-118. Frakie-Bartman. To add to the agenda consideration of a request to approve the transfer of funds from contingency to the library account for the purchase of materials.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: Deems - 1

96-118-A. Frakie-Bartman. Motion to transfer the amount of \$3,304.64 from the contingency account to the library account for the purchase of periodicals.

Commissioner Williamson asked about the possibility of loaning money to the Kent District Library until their millage becomes effective and they could pay it back.

Commissioner Frakie stated that these materials are used extensively by the residents of East Grand Rapids and should be continued. It is unfortunate that the situation between Kent County and the District Library has brought about the shortage of funds.

Mayor Deems stated that this problem should have been anticipated by the County and the District Library before the new library was created. The more the local municipalities pay for bills that the County will not, the more the County will expect from them. The County should be responsible for these bills until the library millage takes affect.

Commissioner Walton stated that he resented being put in the position of having to deny materials to the community because Kent County would not pay for them.

Commissioner Bartman felt that the County should be paying these bills, but that this money was put into contingency for this exact reason and the EGR Library should not be punished for something beyond their control.

Commissioner Williamson stated he felt he was being forced to "be the bad guy" who was against the library when this was not true. He felt the library should be supported by the County until such time that the millage took effect and that forcing the local municipalities to pay for these things at the last minute was not fair.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney - 4

Nays: Walton, Williamson and Deems - 3

96-119. Commissioner Edison reported that the Recreation Commission had unanimously approved a recommendation supporting the EGR schools upcoming bond issue and urged the City Commissioners to consider doing the same. Commissioner Edison stated that information was available from the Recreation Department about the impact of the bond issue on the City's recreation programs and events.

Commissioner Bartman thanked the Recreation Department staff for their contributions to the recent "Kid's Night of the Stars" where a good time was had by all who attended.

Commissioner Mehney reported that the EGR Team Boosters were also supporting the bond issue even though they are not a part of the actual school system administration.

96-120. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until November 6, 1995.

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Regular Meeting Held November 6, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

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

96-121. The minutes of the regular meeting held October 16, 1995 were received as submitted.

96-122. Mayor Deems advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

A) PSO Chuck Lark has been awarded the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers award by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization. This is the fifth year that Officer Lark has received this award.

96-123. Walton-Bartman. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$49,266.47, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$116,852.12 and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$194,840.06 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-124. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Frank of 2929 Beechwood Drive to allow an air conditioning unit to be placed 5'-0" from the side yard line instead of the required 7'-0".

Jeff Frank, 2929 Beechwood Drive, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

- Elisabeth Beels, 2958 Beechwood	In Favor
- Craig & Linda Pell, 2863 Beechwood	In Favor
- Steve & Melissa Cooper, 2900 Hall Street	In Favor

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

96-124-A. Walton-Frakie. That the variance request of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Frank of 2929 Beechwood Drive to allow an air conditioning unit to be placed 5'-0" from the side yard line instead of the required 7'-0", be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-125. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. William Tyson of 2121 Burchard Street to allow an addition to the rear of the home to be 6'6" from the detached garage instead of the required 10'-0".

Bill Tyson, 2121 Burchard Street, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

96-125-A. Williamson-Edison. That the variance request of Mr. William Tyson of 2121 Burchard Street to allow an addition to the rear of the home to be 6'6" from the detached garage instead of the required 10'-0", be approved with a firewall to be installed in the garage.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-126. Consideration of a request to approve the sale of the vacant lot at 3591 Reeds Lake Boulevard (Outlot C) in Grand Rapids Township.

96-126-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the property at 3591 Reeds Lake Boulevard in Grand Rapids Township be sold to the Woodcliff Park Association and Jack and Janet Bowie for \$3,100.00, and the proceeds designated to the Water/Sewer Fund.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-127. Review of traffic report for Englewood Drive and approval of recommendation.

96-127-A. Edison-Bartman. That the request to approve the design purchase and installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Breton and Boston at a cost not-to-exceed \$30,000, and the related budget amendment of \$30,000 from the non-designated fund balance to the non-General Fund account traffic services capital, be approved.

Commissioner Walton reported that he received a phone call Mr. Ed Haurek of 2354 Englewood who supported the left-turn arrow at Boston and Breton. Commissioner Walton also asked that staff take counts after the signal is installed and return to the City Commission if further measures such as a "No Left Turn" sign on Breton at Englewood is warranted.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-128. Consideration of a request to approve appointments to the Planning Commission.

96-128-A. Edison-Walton. That Patricia Power and Steve Kremers be appointed to the Planning Commission as recommended by Mayor Deems.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-129. Final reading of an ordinance amendment to Section 5.24 of Chapter 50 of the City Code pertaining to special uses.

96-129-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the ordinance amendment to Section 5.24 regarding special uses be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-130. Consideration of a request to approve an employee merit pay schedule for FY 1995-96.

96-130-A. Edison-Bartman. That the employee merit pay schedule for FY 1995-96 be set at three percent (3%) for an "exceeding standards" review and five percent (5%) for an "outstanding" review.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-131. Consideration of a request to adopt an indemnification policy to be included in the Employee Personnel Manual.

96-131-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an indemnification policy for elected and appointed officials and employees, be adopted as follows:

"The City of East Grand Rapids agrees to defend and indemnify its elected and appointed officials and employees from any claims, liabilities, costs or judgments which these officials or employees are legally obligated to pay as a result of actions taken, or not taken, by them while in the course of their authority. However, this policy shall not apply to any claims, liabilities, costs or judgments arising out of unauthorized acts, criminal misconduct or willful misconduct with knowledge of wrongdoing, intentional tortious acts, or actions taken while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substances."

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-132. Consideration of a request to approve a bid for tree planting services for the upcoming program.

96-132-A. Edison-Frakie. That request to accept the bid from Tepper Nursery of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$11,980.00 for the tree planting program, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-133. Consideration of a request to approve a bid for the purchase of PASS alarms for the Public Safety Department.

96-133-A. Williamson-Bartman. That request to purchase 32 PASS alarms for the Public Safety Department from West Shore Services of Allendale, Michigan, at a cost of \$108.00 per unit for a total of \$3,456.00, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-134. Consideration of a request to approve a budget amendment for the Building Authority Fund.

96-134-A. Bartman-Frakie. That a budget amendment in the amount of \$30,000 in the Building Authority Fund for the principal portion of the annual bond installment, be approved.

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

96-135. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held October 9, 1995, were received.

Commissioner Walton asked City Manager Donovan to investigate the middle school A/B sports program to determine if the different designations of skill are still necessary or if there is a better way to administer these sports programs.

96-136. Bruce Young, 2851 Reeds Lake Blvd., stated that he and other neighbors object to the pending litigation in which the City of East Grand Rapids is seeking to remove the park restrictions from the title of Lot 7 Griffiths Park Addition. He has filed a motion to block this portion of the lawsuit because he feels the City should leave this land in its natural state as a park.

Pat Mears, 2801 Reeds Lake Blvd., also stated that he feels this land should remain as a park and not be sold for development.

Joellen Clary, 337 Manhattan, stated that she felt the original intent of the donors was to have this land used as a park and that these wishes should be honored. She felt that more park space is wanted by the residents of the City.

Gerard Farrell, 316 Pioneer Club Road, asked that the property remain in its natural state because this was what the donors wanted. The property has remained as a park for all these years and should remain so.

Ed Haurek, 2354 Englewood, stated that he had come in to City Hall and requested a copy of the information on Englewood Drive traffic but was told he could not have a copy. He questioned the Commission on why this was. Mr. Haurek also asked that he be notified when the follow-up information on the effectiveness of the left-turn signal is available because he would like a copy of this information as well. Mayor Deems stated that all information is available to the public and was sorry that there was a miscommunication with staff in not allowing Mr. Haurek a copy.

Virginia Johnson, 2150 Englewood, asked that the City Commission consider placing more streetlights in East Grand Rapids as the streets here are very dark on rainy nights. Mayor Deems replied that the City takes requests from residents on individual streets and then studies that area for placing additional lighting.

96-137. Commissioner Walton commended Gail DeYoung and Gail Haebich of the EGR Library for their many years of dedication to the library system. They have done an incredible job and will be difficult to replace. He also stated that Mary Reed Kelly had been a great resource to the Planning Commission and was sorry she was leaving that commission. He also stated his regret that the EGR School system has decided not to have a representative on the Planning Commission as there are always issues that need input from both the city and the schools.

Commissioner Edison thanked the city staff for their professionalism and neutrality in the election administration. He congratulated Commissioners Mehney and Williamson on their imminent re-elections, and wished good luck to Malcolm Fenton and Tim Orlebeke on their quest for the 2nd Ward seat. He also thanked Commissioner Bartman and Geoff Hughes for their professional, upbeat campaign and wished them luck in the election. He stated that he felt the City Commission should sponsor a forum in future elections to allow a chance for candidates to express their positions to the citizens. He also asked that the new Mayor fill the vacancies left on commissions after the election, and look at merging the Joint Facilities and Joint Operations committees into one group. He also thanked the citizens of East Grand Rapids for their hospitality during the campaign.

Commissioner Bartman stated that she has put material concerning the Blodgett/Butterworth merger on reserve at the library if residents are interested in perusing it. She also thanked the citizens of East Grand Rapids for their friendliness and hospitality, and the staff for their professionalism.

96-138. To enter into executive session to discuss pending labor negotiations in accordance with Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, and to add to the executive session a discussion of the pending litigation regarding Lot 7 of Griffiths Park Addition in accordance with Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Deems - 5

Nays: Walton, Williamson - 2

96-139. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until November 20, 1995.

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Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment regarding special uses

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held November 20, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

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

96-140. The minutes of the regular meeting held November 6, 1995 were received as submitted.

96-141. Walton-Bartman. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$29,230.39, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$287,707.61 and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$568,626.85 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-142. Charles Spencer was sworn in as Deputy Director of Public Safety for the City of East Grand Rapids. Mayor Deems and the City Commissioners welcomed Mr. Spencer and wished him good luck.

96-143. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Cheney of 1056 Breton Road to allow the installation of a 3'-6" picket fence instead of the maximum allowed height of 3'-0", and to allow the fence to be placed approximately 4'-6" from the sidewalk instead of the required 15'-0".

Grant Cheney, 1056 Breton Road, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

- Ruth Emerick, 1051 Kenesaw

In Favor.

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

96-143-A. Walton-Mehney. That the variance request of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Cheney of 1056 Breton Road to allow the installation of a 3'-6" picket fence instead of the maximum allowed height of 3'-0", and to allow the fence to be placed approximately 4'-6" from the sidewalk instead of the required 15'-0", be approved.

Yeas: Mehney, Walton, Deems - 3

Nays: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Williamson - 4

96-144. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Philip Goodspeed of 1404 Sherwood Avenue to allow the construction of a masonry chimney creating a side yard of approximately 6'-0" instead of the 7'-0" minimum required.

Mrs. Goodspeed, 1404 Sherwood Avenue, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

96-144-A. Bartman-Edison. That the variance request of Mr. Philip Goodspeed of 1404 Sherwood Avenue to allow the construction of a masonry chimney creating a side yard of approximately 6'-0" instead of the 7'-0" minimum required, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-145. Discussion of unimproved section of Reeds Lake Boulevard between Darby Avenue and the eastern City limits.

96-145-A. Frakie-_____. Motion to table this discussion until the new City Commission is seated in December.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

The following people were present and expressed their views concerning the vacating of Reeds Lake Boulevard and the subsequent closing of the road to vehicular traffic:

- Bob Kress, 435 Plymouth		Opposed
- Steve Minard, 2453 Albert		Opposed
- Sue Vermeulen, co-owner of 3011 Reeds Lakd Blvd	Opposed	
- David Stocking, 3040 Bonnell		In Favor
- Beatrice Kress, 435 Plymouth		Opposed
- Peter Wege, 2754 Pioneer Club		Opposed
- Chris Panopoulos, 3033 Mary		In Favor
- Jim Vermeulen, co-owner of 3011 Reeds Lakd Blvd	Opposed	
- Dave Verdier, 3043 Mary		In Favor
- Betsy Vandermeer, co-owner of 3011 Reeds Lakd Blvd	Opposed	
- Nick Nicola, 2721 Darby		In Favor
- Don Buske, 3055 Mary		In Favor
- Dave Vermeulen, co-owner of 3011 Reeds Lakd Blvd	Opposed	
- Joanne Nicola, 2721 Darby		In Favor
- Joel Peterson, 349 Briarwood		Opposed
- Patty Stokes, 2905 Bonnell		In Favor
- Doug Vandermeer, co-owner of 3011 Reeds Lakd Blvd	Opposed	
- Robert Stokes, 2905 Bonnell		In Favor
- Tom Gleason, 656 Manhattan		In Favor
- Sandy Shank, 141 Rexford		Questions

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

Alfred Swanson, 2945 Bonnell		In Favor
Thom Peterson, W.Mich. Environmental Action Council	Options	
Edward Wells, 741 San Jose		Opposed

96-145-B. Williamson-Bartman. That the resolution directing the City Attorney to vacate a portion of Reeds Lake Boulevard while retaining an easement for a public pedestrian/bike path, be adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids at its regular meeting on September 6, 1994 adopted a resolution deeming it advisable to vacate all of that portion of Reeds Lake Boulevard (whether platted or established by user) lying between Darby Avenue on the west and the city boundary on the east located in Woodcliff Park Subdivision, reserving a right-of-way for public utility purposes and pedestrian access and also providing easement rights to neighboring property owners; and

WHEREAS the City Commission has now determined that it is appropriate to proceed with said vacation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids that the city attorney is hereby directed to prepare and file a lawsuit in the Kent County circuit Court pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Subdivision Control Act, MCL 560.221 et seq., for the purpose of vacating said right-of-way in accordance with the terms of this resolution and the previous resolution of September 6, 1994.

Commissioner Walton stated that he felt the City should continue to operate and maintain this roadway as it has in the past and should not vacate the road.

Commissioner Frakie stated that he understood both sides of this issue and the concerns of everyone concerning safety, vandalism, and maintenance, but that he felt the issue had not been sufficiently studied and the options explored. He felt more time was needed to study the costs of improving the road and the possibility of making the road a linear park.

Mayor Deems stated that he thought it made sense to vacate this road for several reasons. The road bed will soon need to be replaced and this would involve major expense. There is also the possibility of lot splits and having homes built along the lower road which would require paving of the road to allow access.

Commissioner Edison asked what the difference in the city's maintenance would be between the current program and after the road was vacated. City Manager Donovan stated that the pedestrian/bike easement would be maintained at a 10 foot width instead of the current varying widths, but that the maintenance would be basically the same.

Commissioner Walton questioned the location of the easement. City Attorney Huff stated that the platted location of the road would be vacated and that the current location of the road would become the easement.

Commissioner Bartman stated that she was in agreement with the vacation of this roadway now that the neighbors had had the opportunity to review the options and were in support of the vacation.

Vote on 96-145-B.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Williamson, Deems - 4

Nays: Edison, Frakie, Walton - 3

96-146. Consideration of a request to authorize the sale of the city-owned property located on Reeds Lake Boulevard known as at Lot Seven (7) - Griffiths Lake Addition.

96-146-A. Frakie-Mehney. Motion to table this matter until everyone has had the opportunity to thoroughly review this issue and the communications received from residents.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, - 4

Nays: Walton, Williamson, Deems - 3

96-147. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the purchase of road salt.

96-147-A. Walton-Bartman. That the request to award a contract to North American Salt Company of Overland Park, Kansas, in the amount of \$26.29 per ton, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

96-148. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held October 23, 1995, were received.

96-149. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held November 3, 1995, were received. No action was taken on the motion by the Traffic Commission to remove three parking spaces on Lakeside Drive near Ramona Medical Center.

96-149-A. Walton-_____. Motion to table the matter of removing three parking spaces on Lakeside Drive until accident statistics could be reviewed.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

96-150. The Public Safety Report for the month of October, 1995, was received.

96-151. The City Services Report for the month of October, 1995, was received.

96-152. Doug and Betsy Vandermeer, co-owners of 3011 Reeds Lake Boulevard, questioned whether Commissioner Mehney should have abstained from voting on the matter of vacating Reeds Lake Boulevard since he was a property owner affected by this matter. Mayor Deems and City Attorney Huff stated that Commissioner Mehney was not required to abstain on this vote because he did not have a direct financial interest in the outcome of this matter. Rather, he was representing the desires of his neighbors.

Howard Frisbee, 563 Belvedere, asked the City Commissioners to consider writing a letter to the Federal Trade Commission expressing their views on the proposed merger of Blodgett and Butterworth hospitals. He also asked that the City Commission consider placing this matter on a future agenda for a position to be adopted by the City Commission.

96-153. Commissioner Williamson congratulated the Varsity Football team on their fantastic season and wished them good luck in the game this weekend at the Silverdome.

Commissioner Frakie also wished the football team good luck this weekend.

Commissioner Walton congratulated the Women's Basketball Team on their fantastic season and their win over Catholic Central in the pre-districts last weekend. The team members are Emily Ewald, Lisa Etter, Christy Townsend, Andrea Geyer, Lisa Bruwer, Jenny Joyce, Andrea Wittingen, Pam Monday, Beth O'Leary, Kellie Post, Carolyn Fore, and Coach Colleen Lamoreaux. Congratulations!

Commissioner Edison congratulated the Women's Tennis and Swimming teams who also made the finals in their respective sports. He also reported that he had attended a forum on the hospital merger that was very informative and answered many questions.

Commissioner Bartman expressed concern about the relocation of the district court and felt this issue needed to be addressed by the City with input from the Public Safety Department. She also reported that the Planning Commission has been working to update the City's Master Plan and that input is needed from the City Commission. She asked that a joint worksession between the Planning Commission and the City Commission be held to bring everyone up to date and allow questions and comments to be addressed. Commissioner Bartman also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Mehney congratulated the Women's Basketball team on their season and expressed appreciation for Coach Colleen Lamoreaux and her excellent work.

Commissioners Frakie and Edison expressed interest in reviewing the Master Plan and giving input to the Planning Commission. It was agreed that when the factual changes had been completed, the Plan would be distributed to everyone for their review. A meeting would then be set to answer questions.

Mayor Deems stated that he had hoped to wrap up several issues before leaving office, but that there was still the issue of the storm flooding that occurred on June 29th. The engineering report is scheduled to be completed soon and recommendations should be brought before the City Commission in early 1996.

96-154. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until December 4, 1995.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
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Regular Meeting Held December 4, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: Commissioner Mehney

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Recreation Director Rhodes; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Finance Director VanderWall; Clerk Brower

96-155. The minutes of the regular meeting held November 20, 1995 were received as submitted.

96-156. The City Clerk administered the oath of office to the new Mayor, Stephen W. Edison, to the new Second Ward Commissioner Timothy Orlebeke, and to Third Ward Commissioner Kent Williamson. The new Mayor and Commissioners were seated on the Commission.

Mayor Edison presented a plaque and a portrait to outgoing Mayor Nyal Deems. The Commissioners thanked Nyal Deems for all of his work over the years. Mayor Edison thanked Nyal Deems on behalf of Commissioner Mehney who was unable to attend this meeting.

96-157. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- A) Letter from Monica Cook complimenting Deputy Clerk Sally Bode on the professional administration and friendliness of other workers during the recent election.
- B) Letter from Robert Kress expressing concerns about the recent decision of the City Commission to vacate a portion of Reeds Lake Boulevard.

96-158. Bartman-Walton. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$166.38, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$107,773.95 and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$141,887.15 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-

96-159. The consideration of a request to grant limited indemnification for the property at 455 Manhattan was withdrawn from the agenda.

96-160. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of traffic counters and to approve related budget amendment.

96-160-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to approve the purchase of two traffic counters from Carrier and Gable, Inc., of Farmington Hills, Michigan, in the amount of \$2,566.00, and the related transfer from the Non-Designated General Fund to the General Fund Capital Expenditures, be approved.

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

Nays: -0-

96-161. Consideration of a request to approve the design of the traffic signal to be installed at the intersection of Boston Street and Breton Road.

96-161-A. Walton-Orlebeke. That the request to award a contract for the traffic signal design to Ed Swanson & Associates of Grand Rapids, Michigan in the amount of \$4,500.00 be approved.

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

Nays: -0-

96-162. Discussion of GRATA contract for FY 1995-96.

City Manager Donovan explained that the City's payment to GRATA for bus service would increase by 6% in the current fiscal year and answered questions from the City Commission.

Mr. Geoffrey Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, asked that the City Commission conduct a resident survey to determine the needs of those who use the bus service. He suggested that current routes might need to be reconfigured to provide service to the airport, and the bus and train stations.

96-163. Consideration of a request to approve appointments to City Commissions and Committees.

96-163-A. Bartman-Frakie. That the following appointments, as recommended by Mayor Edison, be approved:

Joint Facilities Committee - Cindy Bartman, Tim Orlebeke, and
Kent Williamson
Recreation Commission - Mike Walton
Planning Commission - Cindy Bartman
Traffic Commission - Kent Williamson
Library Commission - Jim Frakie
Board of Review - Tim Orlebeke

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

Nays: -0-

96-164. Will Pierson, 2012 Wilshire, asked that the City continue it's leaf pick-up because his neighborhood had not yet been picked up.

96-165. Commissioner Williamson thanked Nyal Deems for his ten years of service as Mayor.

Commissioner Frakie also thanked Nyal Deems and stated what a tremendous help he was to the City several years ago when he dealt with the day-to-day operations of the City when City Manager Tholen was ill.

Commissioner Walton also stated that Nyal Deems performed his duties with great skill and presence during that difficult time and during all of the time of his tenure.

Commissioner Orlebeke stated that he was very pleased to be a part of the City Commission and was looking forward to working with the City Commissioners and the staff.

Commissioner Bartman stated that it had been a pleasure working with Nyal Deems and that he would be missed. She also reported receiving phone calls from residents in the Robinson Road/Lakeside Drive area about a crumbling cement wall that could pose a danger to school children walking in that area. She has contacted the Kent County Road Commission who will be checking into this concern. Commissioner Bartman also presented a petition from residents on Edgemere Drive requesting the placement of a Cobra streetlight in their area.

Mayor Edison reported that WWMT Channel 3 would be doing a segment on Gaslight Village on December 11. He also reported that he and staff were getting more information and forming a reply to Judge Smolenski regarding the relocation of the court. Anyone with information or input should contact staff as soon as possible.

96-166. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until December 18 , 1995.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held December 18, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison.

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; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Clerk Brower

96-167. The minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 1995 were received as submitted.

96-168. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$107,103.04 and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$210,697.66 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-

96-169. The City Commission viewed a Public Service Announcement video entitled "No Excuses - Buckle-up!" The video was produced earlier this year and starred East Grand Rapids' own Lt. Gary Bowman promoting seat belt safety.

96-170. Consideration of a request to approve appointments to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

96-170-A. Walton-Bartman. That Dick H. Tupper and Richard M. Smith be appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission as recommended by Mayor Edison.

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

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

96-171. Consideration of a request to authorize the City of Grand Rapids to incorporate the design, bidding and construction of work on Franklin Street and on Lake Drive connected with the Southeast Watermain Loop.

Rick DeVries of the City of Grand Rapids and Mike Dyer of Fishbeck Thompson Carr & Huber were present and went over the watermain project and answered questions from the City Commission.

96-171-A. Williamson-Mehney. That the request to authorize the City of Grand Rapids to incorporate the design, bidding and construction of the concrete base on Franklin street and the street, curb and gutter work on Lake Drive connected with the Southeast Watermain Loop, and to approve the related budget amendment of \$190,000 for the Street Fund budget, be approved with the funding source to be determined during the budget process.

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

Nays: -0-

96-172. Finance Director VanderWall presented the financial report for the quarter ended September 30, 1994 and answered questions from the Commission.

96-173. City Manager Brian Donovan presented information on the new water/sewer rate structure being charged by the City of Grand Rapids.

Commissioner Frakie asked for information on the new water rates for customers within the City of Grand Rapids. City Manager Donovan will obtain this information.

96-174. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held November 14, 1995 were received.

Commissioner Bartman reported that the Planning Commission is currently researching the regulations governing day care centers and will report to the City Commission on any ordinance changes necessary.

96-175. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held November 13, 1995 were received.

96-176. The Goals and Objectives report for 1995 from the EGR Library was received.

96-177. The Public Safety Report for the month of November, 1995 was received.

96-178. The City Services Department Report for the month of November, 1995 was received.

96-179. Commissioner Mehney asked about the six-month timeline necessary for Consumers Power to complete design work for a new streetlight. City Services Director Baragar replied that these lights are not priority requests and are handled by Consumers Power when time permits.

Commissioner Bartman wished everyone "Happy Holidays!"

Commissioner Frakie wished both Gail DeYoung and Gail Haebich of the EGR Library good luck in their futures. They will both be missed.

Mayor Edison complimented the Streets & Utilities staff for their work keeping the streets and sidewalks cleared during the snowstorm the weekend of December 9-10. EGR streets were the best in the metropolitan area. Mayor Edison also reported that the issue of the district courts will be discussed with our County Commissioner, Sam Afendoulis, very soon and any necessary report will be given to the City Commission. Mayor Edison reported that an update on Griffith's Addition Lot 7 will be coming from staff and forwarded to the Commission.

96-180. Williamson-Bartman. To enter into executive session to discuss pending labor negotiations 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-

95-181. The meeting resumed after the Executive Session.

96-182. Consideration of a request to approve recommendation for employee benefit package.

96-182-A. Williamson-Walton. That the request to approve a health and flexible benefit plan with ASR Corporation as the third party administrator be approved, and to authorize Mayor Edison to sign all necessary documents.

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

Nays: -0-

96-183. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until January 2, 1996.

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