

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held January 5, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.

Absent: Coms. Clary and Cooper.

204. The minutes of the meeting held December 15, 1975, were approved as written.

205. The City Manager reviewed a memorandum dated December 12, that was introduced and discussed at the December 15th Commission meeting and distributed a draft of an ordinance amendment regarding the proposed water rate structure.

205-A. Remien-Robberson. That the following ordinance be adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.83 OF
CHAPTER 19 - WATER RATES - OF TITLE I
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST GRAND
RAPIDS

The City of East Grand Rapids ordains:

Section 1. Section 2.83 of Chapter 19 of Title I of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids is amended to read as follows:

2.83. Water Rates. The rates to be charged for water service shall be as follows:

Consumption Rates

Inside City Limits	\$.66	per 1000 gallons
Outside City Limits	\$.99	per 1000 gallons

Minimum bill shall be the total of the appropriate meter service charge and the cost of 10,000 gallons of water.

Quarterly Meter Service Charges

1/2" - 3/4" Meter	- \$4.75	2" Meter	- \$34.00
1" Meter	- \$8.50	3" Meter	- \$76.00
1 1/4" Meter	- \$13.00	4" Meter	- \$135.00
1 1/2" Meter	- \$19.00	6" Meter	- \$305.00

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately and the rates established by this ordinance shall apply to all billings for water service mailed after the enactment of this ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be published in full within 10 days after its enactment pursuant to Chapter VIII, Section 5, of the City Charter.

Yeas: Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 4

Nays: Pierce - 1

206. Robberson-Remien. That the Recreation & Parks Agreement with the East Grand Rapids School Board be removed from the table.

Yeas: Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

Nays: 0

206-A. Robberson-Remien. That the Recreation & Parks Agreement with the East Grand Rapids Board of Education be adopted subject to the approval of the School Board.

Yeas: Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

207. A report regarding traffic visibility at the southwest corner of Argentina and Breton was submitted by the City Engineer. Mr. T. W. Nelis was present to discuss his interests in this matter as it relates to the shrubbery located on his property.

207-A. Robberson-Pierce. That the requirement to cut Mr. Nelis' hedge be exempt from Section 3.41 of the Ordinance.

207-B. It was then moved by Commissioner Murphy and supported by Commissioner Robberson that the above motion be tabled.

Yeas: Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson - 4
Nays: Stoppels - 1

208. The City Manager reviewed his report as to the policy for assessing a benefit district for the cost of storm drain construction. He also provided the Commission with a list of storm drainage projects, ranking them by priority.

208-A. Murphy-Robberson. That this matter be discussed at a work session of the Commission and that it be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of this Commission.

Yeas: Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

209. There were three residents who inquired about the status of the program for prevention of storm water getting into the sanitary sewer system. The Mayor suggested that they make an appointment with the City Engineer to discuss their individual problems with him.

210. A resident inquired about the possibility of using the road rather than the bicycle path on Reeds Lake Blvd., and further stated that the bicycle path was not wide enough to accommodate two-way traffic.

210-A. Robberson. That the signs on Reeds Lake Blvd. be changed to read "please use bicycle path".

The motion failed for lack of support.

211. Reports for the month of December were received from the Fire Department, Police Department and Building Inspector; and monthly reports from the Kent County Library System were also received and filed.

212. The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held December 16, 1975, were received and filed.

213. Remien-Murphy. That the following ordinance be adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER, WHICH NEW CHAPTER SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SECTION 8.501 OF CHAPTER 85 OF TITLE VIII OF SAID CODE

The City of East Grand Rapids ordains:

Section 1. That a new Chapter 85 - Enforcement Under State Construction Code be adopted as follows:

CHAPTER 85 - ENFORCEMENT UNDER STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE

8.501. Agency Designated. Pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 9 of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1972 (Michigan Compiled Laws, Sec. 125.1509), the building inspector of the City of East Grand Rapids is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibilities of the city under Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, State of Michigan. The City of East Grand Rapids hereby assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act throughout its corporate limits.

Section 2. All Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective after legal publication and in accordance with the charter of the City of East Grand Rapids.

Yeas: Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

214. The City Manager reported that the Housing Conservation and Rehabilitation Program is well under way and that on February 3, 1976, at 7:30 p.m., in the Community Room, a meeting will be held with the residents living in the first conservation and rehabilitation area. He also stated that the Planning Commission will meet on January 13th to organize the neighborhood meeting.

215. The City Manager introduced Mr. Al Bennett, who was representing the law firm of Law, Weathers, Richardson & Dutcher in place of Mr. Robert Richardson at this meeting.

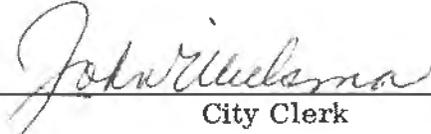
216. The City Clerk reminded the Commission that two members must be appointed to the East Grand Rapids Board of Canvassers prior to the February Primary.

217. Murphy-Robberson. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$2,218,849.70, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$41,797.07, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

218. There were five residents in attendance at this meeting.

219. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until January 19, 1976.



City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held January 19, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: Com. Clary.

220. The minutes of the meeting held January 5, 1976, were approved as written.

221. The City Engineer submitted a report regarding proposals for construction of Mary Avenue storm outlet and recommended that a contract be entered into with C. M. Whitely Contractors.

221-A. Remien-Pierce. That the recommendation of the City Engineer be concurred in and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a contract with C. M. Whitely Contractor in the amount of \$5,710.00.

Yeas: Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

222. A resolution from the City of Kentwood regarding Solid Waste Recovery and Energy System was received and filed. County Commissioner Vern Ehlers was present and encouraged the Commissioners to indicate their preference as to who is to conduct the study for such a program.

222-A. Robberson-Remien.

WHEREAS, the County of Kent is the common thread of government that runs through all governmental units within the County, and is the level of government in which we all have representation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of East Grand Rapids supports the efforts of the County Board of Commissioners to conduct a study and develop a resource recovery program and such land fill operations as are necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kent County be encouraged to cooperate with other governmental units in the County in its endeavors.

Yeas: Cooper, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: Murphy - 1

223. A notice from the Michigan Municipal League regarding its Legislative Conference, which will be held February 18 and 19, was received. The Mayor asked the Commissioners to inform the City Manager or City Clerk as to their intentions regarding attending these sessions. The Mayor asked that Commissioners inform him of their feelings about participation in Mayors' Exchange Day no later than the February 9th meeting.

224. The Mayor recommended that Mr. David M. Amberg and Mr. Merle Johnson be appointed as members of the Board of Canvassers.

224-A. Cooper-Robberson. That the recommendation of the Mayor be concurred in.

Yeas: Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

225. The annual report from the Fire Department was received and filed.

226. A letter from the Gaslight Merchants Association listing expenditures they incurred for public purposes during 1975 was received and filed.

227. The City Manager reviewed the minutes of the East Beltline Association meeting held December 4, 1975.

228. The City Manager distributed a letter from the Superintendent of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools regarding action the Board of Education took at their January 12th meeting to share in the cost of the construction of dugouts at Remington Park, and their concurrence in the East Grand Rapids Recreation and Parks Agreement.

229. Mr. Alan Zimmerman, 1530 Andover SE, was present and presented a letter to the Commission regarding the enforcement of the leash law in our community. The Mayor thanked Mr. Zimmerman for bringing this matter before the Commission and referred it to the Committee-of-the-Whole.

230. Mrs. Sally Charnley reported that she has been appointed as chairman of the GRETS Citizens' Advisory Committee.

231. The City Manager reported that the special assessment bond sale, which was scheduled for this meeting, was cancelled on the recommendation of the Bonding Attorney because of an opinion of the Court of Appeals regarding the case of Merton D. Harter vs. the City of Swartz Creek et al.

232. The City Manager reported that his office has now received the plans for the development of a condominium from Mr. Gilmore.

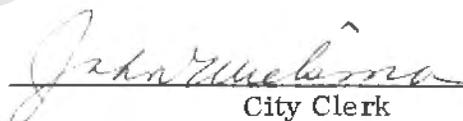
233. Commissioner Remien requested that reports for the Police Department, Fire Department and Building Inspector be placed toward the top of the agenda at future meetings so that these department heads would not need to stay for the entire meeting.

234. Murphy-Robberson. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$1,890,376.21, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$45,237.18, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

235. There were five residents in attendance at this meeting.

236. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until February 9, 1976.



City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held February 9, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: Com. Robberson.

237. The minutes of the meeting held January 19, 1976, were approved as written.

238. Departmental reports from the Fire Department, Police Department, Assessor, and financial reports of the General and Water Funds for a 6-month period ended December 31, 1975, were received and filed.

239. A 6-month report of the Recreation programs, from the City Clerk-Controller-Treasurer, was received and filed.

240. A summary of bids for the storm drain construction on Woodcliff Drive and between Lots 202 and 203 of Ravenswood Plat was received by the City Engineer.

240-A. Remien-Cooper. That the low bid of Smith Brothers Excavating, in the amount of \$12,925.40 be accepted and that the total cost of this project be borne by the City-at-large, contingent upon the receipt of an easement from Mr. John B. Halpin.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

241. The Mayor discussed the feasibility of the City of East Grand Rapids participating in the annual Mayor Exchange Day. This matter was referred to the Mayor for his decision.

242. The City Manager requested authorization to file a pre-application for Community Development Funds. Mrs. Candy Fairgrieve and Mr. & Mrs. Victor Smedstad were present to obtain additional information as to the value this grant would have in their neighborhood.

242-A. Clary-Murphy. That the City Manager be authorized to prepare and file a pre-application for Community Development Funds.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

243. A request was received from ACT for financial participation.

243-A.

BY COMMISSIONERS PIERCE-REMIEN:

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids that the Advisory Center for Teens, an out-patient adolescent/young adult mental health center for Kent County, is a non-profit organization for the purpose of providing an essential community service, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to encourage and cooperate with any such efforts to provide counsel to the young members of our community, and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Center for Teens requires financial support from the City of East Grand Rapids for the fiscal year July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977, based on the Association of Grand Rapids Area Governments (AGRAG) formula of 4.25% of the total of \$27,000.00 needed, amounting to \$1,147.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids will provide the Advisory Center for Teens its share of the necessary financial support during the 1976-1977 fiscal year for the purpose of providing professional counseling and assistance for adolescents/young adults regardless of problem.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

244. A proposed Uniform Traffic Code amendment regarding the placement of street signs throughout the city, was discussed.

244-A. Clary-Cooper. That this matter be tabled.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

245. A letter from Mr. John A. Collins complimenting the City on the removal of snow on our streets and sidewalks, was received and filed.

246. A letter from Mr. Russell J. Weigle, 2108 Wealthy Street, expressing appreciation for the help and thoughtfulness extended by various persons of the City during the period of the Wealthy Street sewer line reconstruction, was received and filed.

247. A report from the Grand Rapids Transit Authority was received and filed.

248. A report from the Kent County Library System was received and filed.

249. The City Manager reported on a court suit in District Court regarding the City of East Grand Rapids vs. Michigan Bell Telephone, and that the award to the City amounted to \$5,331.25.

250. Commissioner Clary inquired about the status of the Commission chairs. The City Clerk stated that he has not investigated this matter any further since the last time it was discussed.

250-A. Clary-Cooper. That the City Manager be authorized to issue a purchase order to Strauch Office Supply Company in the amount of \$1,749.60 for the purpose of purchasing nine Chromecraft chairs, and that this amount be paid from Contingency.

Yeas: Clary, Pierce, Stoppels - 3
Nays: Cooper, Murphy, Remien - 3

The motion failed.

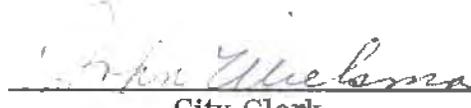
251. Murphy-Clary. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$1,257,688.01, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$42,201.10, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

252. Commissioner Murphy inquired about the policy of using the sidewalk plows during the time when children are going to or from school. The City Manager stated that the policy is that the sidewalk plows are not to be in operation on those sidewalks that are used by the children going to and from school at the time they are doing so.

253. There were six residents in attendance at this meeting.

254. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until February 23, 1976.



City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held February 23, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Cooper, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: Com. Pierce.

The minutes of the meeting held February 9, 1976, were approved as written.

256. Robberson-Cooper. That the amendment to the Traffic Code be removed from the table.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

Commissioner Pierce arrived at this time.

256-A. Robberson-Clary. That the following ordinance be adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION
2.53(a) OF SECTION 10.5 OF CHAPTER 105 OF TITLE
X TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection 2.53(a) of Section 10.5 of Chapter 105 of Title X Traffic be amended to read as follows:

2.53(a) - Traffic Control Orders. Any and all authority to act granted to the traffic engineer, under this Chapter is limited to, subject to, and conditioned upon his first securing in every instance approval of the Traffic Commission. Upon approval by the Traffic Commission, a report thereof shall be filed with the City Commission prior to becoming effective. Unless reversed or modified by the City Commission at the first meeting after such filing with the City Commission, the actions of the traffic engineer approved by the Traffic Commission shall take effect immediately after said first meeting of the City Commission.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be published in full pursuant to the provisions of Chapter VIII, Section 5(1), of the Charter of the City of East Grand Rapids.

Section 3. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency ordinance and shall have immediate effect. Notice of the adoption of the Ordinance shall be published not later than ten days after its enactment pursuant to Chapter VIII, Section 5(1) of the City Charter.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

257. A report from the Board of Canvassers regarding the Statement of Votes Cast at the Non-Partisan Primary Municipal Election held in the City of East Grand Rapids on Monday, February 16, 1976, was received and filed.

258. A letter from Mr. Prein, of Prein & Newhof Consulting Engineers, regarding his review of the various plans for the Gilmore condominium structures was received. Commissioner Clary expressed his concern about a copy of this letter being sent to Mr. Gilmore prior to the review of the City Manager or the City Commission. No action was taken by the Commission at this time relative to Mr. Prein's comments in his letter.

259. The City Manager requested authorization to issue a purchase order to Nick Muller Enterprises in the amount of \$1,185.75 for the purpose of obtaining a high pressure washer, which would be used in washing the City trucks.

259-A. Remien-Cooper. That the City Manager be authorized to issue this purchase order in the amount of \$1,185.75 to Nick Muller Enterprises.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

260. Traffic Commission minutes of their meeting held February 10, 1976, were received and filed.

261. The Parks & Recreation Commission meeting agenda and supportive materials for their meeting held February 18, was received and filed.

262. Financial reports for a 7-month period ended January 31, of the General and Water Funds were received and filed.

263. Commissioner Pierce inquired about a tilting tree which was evidently moved or damaged by Michigan Bell employees, located on the south side of Lake Drive near the East city limits. The City Engineer was directed to check into this matter.

264. Commissioner Robberson stated that he had received a call from a citizen who attempted to make a citizen's arrest and was told that he must go to the City Attorney's office to file his complaint. The Police Chief and City Attorney were directed to look into this situation and report back to the City Commission.

265. Murphy-Robberson. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$1,304,894.62, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$41,755.06, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be directed to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

266. The Mayor congratulated Commissioner Remien and newly elected Commissioner George Gale on their election in the City Primary Election.

267. There were six residents in attendance at this meeting.

268. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until March 8, 1976.

City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held March 8, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien and Mayor Stoppels.

Absent: Coms. Clary and Remien.

269. The minutes of the meeting held February 23, 1976, were approved as written.

270. Reports for the month of February of the Police Department, Fire Department and Building Inspector were received and filed. The Commissioners complimented the various departments of the City for their splendid performance during the recent ice storm.

271. The City Manager discussed a letter he had received from the Kent County Civil Defense regarding the accumulation of costs as they relate to the recent ice storm. The Commission authorized him to proceed with the preparation of this form and submission to the Kent County Civil Defense.

272. The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held March 2, 1976, were received and filed.

273. The Police Chief submitted a recommendation relative to right turns on red signal at the various intersections that have traffic lights.

273-A. Murphy-Robberson. That right turns on red lights not be permitted and that signs be appropriately placed to indicate this at the following intersections: Lake Drive at Breton, and Breton at Hall.

Yeas: Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Stoppels - 5

Nays: 0

274. A letter from Calvin College & Seminary inviting the Commissioners to the community open house, which will be held on Thursday, March 18, was received and filed.

275. A progress report from Project REHAB was received and filed.

276. A letter from the Michigan Municipal League regarding an annual meeting of Region V, which will be held April 22 at 2:00 p.m. in Muskegon, was received and filed.

277. The Mayor discussed Michigan Week, which will be held May 15 - 22, 1976, and informed the Commission that East Grand Rapids has been paired with the City of Burton, and that plans will be made and dates established as to when this exchange will take place.

278. The City Manager requested authorization to issue a purchase order to Verwise, Inc., in the amount of \$1,068.28 for the engine repair on one of the street sweepers.

278-A. Robberson-Pierce. That the Commission concur in the City Manager's request.

Yeas: Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Stoppels - 5

Nays: 0

279. A letter from the Kent County Library System was received regarding the City's 1976 financial formula in support of the library located in East Grand Rapids. The Mayor directed that this be placed on the agenda for March 22.

280. Membership on the board of the Community Action Program was discussed inasmuch as Commissioner Cooper would be leaving his seat as Commissioner on May 1st. The Mayor re-appointed Commissioner Cooper to serve on the CAP Board for another term with this position to be reviewed on an annual basis.

281. A letter from Rapid Wheelmen, a Grand Rapids bicycle club, regarding the use of the sidewalk along Reeds Lake Blvd. by bikers was received. The Mayor designated Commissioner Robberson as the Commission's correspondent with the Rapid Wheelmen Club.

282. The City Manager reported that the tree which was damaged by Michigan Bell on Lake Drive near the south city limits will be repaired or replaced by Michigan Bell as soon as the weather permits.

283. The City Attorney and Police Chief submitted a form for citizens to use when making an arrest and filing a complaint. This was received for information. It was requested that copies of this form be sent to the individual Commissioners for their review.

284. Murphy-Pierce. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$243,815.87, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$42,178.36, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

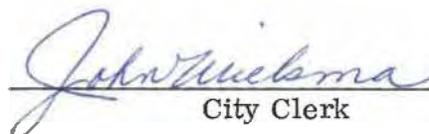
285. Commissioner Robberson delivered to the Clerk-Controller a statement that he had received from the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce for the City's share of the regional operating funds to promote economic growth and to generate new jobs for the entire Grand Rapids area.

286. Commissioner Pierce requested that a report be prepared regarding the flooding in the basements during the past storm.

287. Commissioner Pierce inquired about the status of the various footpaths in the Hodenpyl and Remington Park areas and suggested that a shelter house be considered as a possible Bi-Centennial project and/or a possible service club project. This matter was deferred for further study.

288. There were six residents in attendance at this meeting.

289. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until March 22, 1976.


City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held March 22, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Pierce, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.

Absent: Coms. Cooper and Murphy.

290. The minutes of the meeting held March 8, 1976, were approved as written.

291. A group of East Grand Rapids High School students, representing their Bi-Centennial Committee, were present to discuss their proposed "Lumberjack Day". They requested that the Mayor proclaim April 24 as Lumberjack Day and asked for authorization to use John Collins Park for that day. They also requested that the City Commissioners assist them in publicizing this event and participate in it. The Mayor directed that this matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of this Commission at which time he will have prepared a proclamation for this event.

292. Pursuant to public notice, a hearing was then held upon the request of Mr. James J. Karsina of 2735 Richards Drive, SE, to construct a garage and storage building two feet from his property line. Mr. Karsina was present to discuss his request. There were no objections raised regarding this request.

292-A. Robberson-Pierce. That this Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, grant the variance as requested by Mr. Karsina.

Yeas: Clary, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

Nays: 0

293. A request for the improvement of Meadowvale by owners of Lots 37, 38 and 45, which lots have frontage on Meadowvale Road between Reeds Lake Blvd. and Hodenpyl Drive, was received. The Milanowskis were present to express their request that this street be improved so that the lots they own in this area would be more readily saleable. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Clary and supported by Commissioner Robberson that this item be withdrawn from the agenda.

Yeas: Clary, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

Nays: 0

294. The Kent County Library Support Formula which was deferred from the previous Commission meeting was reviewed.

294-A. Robberson-Pierce. That this Commission indicate its intent to continue in the support formula for 1976-77, the cost to East Grand Rapids being \$43,445.95.

Yeas: Clary, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

Nays: 0

295. An invoice from the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce for the City's share of the regional operating funds to promote economic growth and to generate new jobs for the entire Grand Rapids area was received.

295-A. Robberson-Remien. That East Grand Rapids continue to support the Chamber of Commerce economic development program, the cost being \$636 for the year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977.

Yeas: Clary, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

Nays: 0

296. The City Manager reported that the contract which was awarded to C. M. Whitely at the Commission meeting of January 19, 1976, for the improvement of the Mary Avenue storm outlet should be cancelled because Mr. Whitely has ceased business operations, and that Mr. Whitely has so requested.

296-A. Pierce-Remien. That the action taken by this Commission on January 19, 1976, be rescinded and that the City Manager be authorized to advertise for bids for this Mary Avenue storm outlet project.

Yeas: Clary, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

297. A communication was received from the Engineer and Manager regarding the implementation plan for Uniform Major Street Criteria.

297-A. Pierce-Remien. That this report be submitted to the Traffic Commission for their study and recommendation to the City Commission.

Yeas: Clary, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

298. A proposal from the Kent County Medical Society to AGRAG for funding of an E-Unit coordinator position was received and discussed. This matter was deferred to a work session of the Commission.

299. The City Clerk submitted a letter from the Chairman of the Kent County Board of Commissioners requesting that East Grand Rapids express its interest in using data processing for elections. The City Clerk recommended that we communicate our interest to the County and that he be given authorization to utilize data processing for the May 18th Presidential Preferential Election.

Commissioner Cooper arrived at this time.

299-A. Remien-Clary. That this Commission communicate the fact that they are interested in data processing for elections and that the City Clerk be permitted to utilize data processing for the May 18th Presidential Preferential Primary.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

300. A proposed Metropolitan Transit System Inter-Local Agreement, which was approved by the Grand Rapids City Commission, was received and discussed.

300-A. Clary-Remien. That pages 6 and 9 of this Agreement, which were missing, be obtained and that this matter be tabled.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

301. The City Manager submitted a report from the City Engineer regarding storm damage, which included lake levels, sewer backup and storm water problems in yards and basements. This report was received for information. The City Manager distributed a form of resolution designating an agent from East Grand Rapids to represent the City in providing information to the State and Federal Disaster Assistance Administration for all matters pertaining to our recent storm damage.

301-A. Clary-Robberson. That the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of East Grand Rapids that Fred H. Tholen, City Manager, is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of the City of East Grand Rapids City Commission, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Michigan, this application and to file it in the appropriate State office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 288, 93rd Congress) or otherwise available from the President's Disaster Relief Fund.

THAT East Grand Rapids, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Michigan, hereby authorizes its agent to provide to the State and to the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration (FDAA), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for all matters pertaining to such Federal disaster assistance.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

302. The Mayor reported that the City of Burton would like to visit the City of East Grand Rapids on May 18th and has invited the Mayor and members of the City Commission to the City of Burton on May 20th. The Mayor encouraged the Commissioners to participate in this exchange program. The Mayor also stated that the Village Belles have been involved in the process of establishing a Student in Government Day for which additional information will be forthcoming.

303. The City Manager discussed with the Commission the compensation of the Board of Review, which met three nights and six days this year. The customary charge in the past has been \$25 per day for three days. After much discussion it was moved by Commissioner Cooper and supported by Commissioner Remien that the citizen members of the Board of Review be paid the sum of \$300 each for the time spent while attending the Board of Review and it is understood that this decision is for the year 1976 only.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

303-A. Upon direction of the Mayor, the matter of future compensation for the Board of Review was referred to the Committee-of-the-Whole.

304. The financial reports for an 8-month period of the General Fund and Water Fund were received and filed.

305. Mrs. Lois Smedstad, representing the neighborhood association of Gladstone-Rosewood-Briarwood from Robinson Road to Franklin, encouraged the Commissioners and Mayor to attend their neighborhood meeting which will be held in the Community Room, at 7:30 p. m., on Wednesday, March 24, 1976.

306. The City Manager requested authorization to pay to the Grand Rapids Tree Company an amount of \$2,299 for costs incurred while assisting our Service Department in clearing fallen trees throughout the city due to the storm damage.

306-A. Remien-Cooper. That the request of the City Manager be granted.

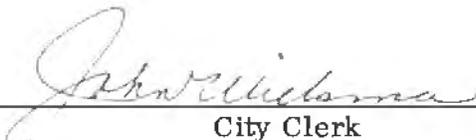
Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

307. Clary-Robberson. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$280,882.22, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$43,030.72, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be approved and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Cooper, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

308. There were 17 residents in attendance at this meeting.

309. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until April 5, 1976.


City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held April 5, 1976

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Commission, Watson Pierce.

Present: Coms. Clary, Murphy, Pierce and Remien.

Absent: Coms. Cooper, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.

310. The minutes of the meeting held March 22, 1976, were approved as written.

311. Departmental reports for the month of March from the Fire Department, Police Department and Assessor were received and filed.

Commissioner Robberson arrived at this time.

312. A proclamation by Mayor Stoppels proclaiming April 24, 1976 as "Lumberjack Day" was read. The Mayor encouraged all citizens to participate in the events of this day.

312-A. Murphy-Clary. That the proclamation by the Mayor proclaiming April 24, 1976, as "Lumberjack Day" be approved.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson - 5

Nays: 0

313. The City Manager reviewed the memorandum he had written to the Commission on the agreement to participate in the Metropolitan Area Planning Process for Waste Water Facilities. He stated that if the City executes this agreement for the study, the City can recover 80% of its expenses under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, including expenses previously incurred.

Mayor Stoppels arrived at this time.

313-A. Remien-Clary. That the Metropolitan Area Planning Process for Waste Water Facilities be approved and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute this agreement.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6

Nays: 0

314. A communication was received from the City Manager regarding the Major Street Criteria Implementation Plan. It was reported that the deadline for a decision on this matter can be extended until a public hearing can be held. This information was received and filed.

315. A communication was received from the City Manager regarding the approval by the Department of Natural Resources of funding the Manhattan Phase II recreational facilities program.

315-A. Clary-Robberson. That the Recreation Director be authorized to sign the agreement under which the City will pay 50% of the cost of the Manhattan Phase II project and that the City Manager include in the 1976-77 budget the sum of \$12,500.00 as the City's share of this project.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6

Nays: 0

316. Mayor Stoppels reported that the 23rd annual regional meeting of the Michigan Municipal League will be held in Muskegon on April 22, 1976. He requested that those Commissioners who are interested in attending this meeting to contact the City Clerk by the end of this week.

317. Commissioner Remien requested that the Mayor appoint a representative to the United Way Steering Committee by April 7, 1976.

317-A. Robberson-Remien. That the Mayor be authorized to appoint a representative of his choosing.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

318. Murphy-Remien. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$96,570.11, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$41,185.05, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

319. Commissioner Robberson requested that the Mayor appoint a committee from the Commission to discuss with the City of Grand Rapids the enforcement of their screening ordinance regarding shopping centers which are located adjacent to residential zoned districts. The Mayor is to report back to the Commission at the next regular meeting.

320. Commissioner Robberson reported that a problem exists at the intersection of Plymouth and Lake Drive regarding northbound vehicles on Plymouth turning right to go east on to Lake Drive. He requested that a study be conducted by the staff.

321. There were eight residents in attendance at this meeting.

322. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until April 19, 1976.



City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held April 19, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Murphy, Pierce, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.

Absent: Coms. Cooper and Remien.

323. The minutes of the meeting held April 5, 1976, were approved as written.

324. The Board of Canvassers' Statement of Votes Cast at the Non-Partisan General Election held April 5, 1976, was received and filed.

325. The report of the East Grand Rapids Board of Review for the tax year of 1976 was received and filed.

326. The Traffic Commission minutes of their meeting held April 6, 1976, was received and filed.

327. An opinion from the City Attorney regarding the basis for, and the limits of, the East Grand Rapids Police Department's authority to enforce parking restrictions on certain private property, and to issue traffic citations for violations of these restrictions, was received for information. A letter was also received from the East Grand Rapids Public Schools requesting the City of East Grand Rapids to establish parking regulations for the High School grounds.

327-A. Robberson-Pierce. That pursuant to the request of the Public Schools, East Grand Rapids establish parking regulations applicable to the East Grand Rapids Public School's property and enforce such parking regulations on school property.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Pierce, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

Nays: 0

328. The Mayor appointed Jack E. Frost to represent the City of East Grand Rapids on the newly created Steering Committee of the United Way. This appointment was confirmed by the Commission.

329. Mr. Norman Reuss submitted a letter of resignation from the Board of Review. The Commission accepted the resignation of Mr. Reuss with regret and directed the Mayor to convey to Mr. Reuss the appreciation of the City for the time and effort he has put forth while serving on the Board of Review for the past ten years.

330. Mayor Stoppels reported that Sally Charnley has requested that she be relieved as the East Grand Rapids representative on the GRETS Policy Committee. The request of Mrs. Charnley was accepted with regrets. A new representative will be appointed by the City Commission.

331. A letter was received from Donald Ford, City Assessor, submitting his resignation as City Assessor effective July 1, 1976. The City Manager was requested to prepare an appropriate resolution for consideration at a later meeting.

332. A letter was received from Mr. Roy Eickman requesting the City Commission to act independently, or in conjunction with the County or State, to develop and implement a more effective dog control policy. This letter was referred to the Committee-of-the-Whole for discussion.

333. A report of bids for the grading and seeding of the Manhattan Phase I project was received and discussed.

333-A. Clary-Robberson. That the contract for the Manhattan Phase I project be awarded to the low bidder, Dykema Excavating, in the amount of \$27,440.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Pierce, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

Nays: 0

334. A report of bids for a sprinkling system at the Manhattan site was reviewed. The City Manager requested time to review the bids and to provide cost comparisons between manual maintenance and automatic sprinkling system costs.

335. A report of bids for dry cleaning Police and Fire uniforms was received.

335-A. That the present contract for the dry cleaning of the Police and Fire uniforms be renewed on a month-to-month basis.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Pierce, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

336. The City Manager reported that an inquiry has been received relative to the possible sale by the City of a portion of the City owned Ross Court property. The Commissioners saw no problem with considering offers on this property but expressed a desire to sell the entire parcel rather than portions thereof.

337. The City Manager reported that Senate Bill #1191 proposes to eliminate the local unemployment compensation systems which have been created by various municipalities throughout the State, including East Grand Rapids. Should this occur, the cost to our municipality would be substantially greater because of the more liberal policies which are found in the State Unemployment Compensation System.

337-A. Clary-Robberson. That this Commission indicate its strong opposition to Senate Bill #1191 on the basis that the State has approved the ordinance which the City adopted and that this ordinance contains adequate protection for our employees; that the cost under the State administered system would be considerably greater; and that such legislation as Senate Bill #1191 creates a direct conflict with the home rule status of municipalities throughout the State.

337-B. Murphy-Pierce. That this motion be tabled.

Yeas: Murphy, Pierce - 2
Nays: Clary, Robberson, Stoppels - 3

A vote was taken on the main motion:

Yeas: Clary, Robberson, Stoppels - 3
Nays: Murphy - 1
Commissioner Pierce abstained.

338. The Mayor reported on Michigan Week which will be observed May 12 - 22. The Mayor and Commissioners from the City of Burton will be visiting our community on May 18, at which time special activities will be planned. The Mayor requested input from the other Commissioners to assist him in planning for this event. He also requested those Commissioners interested in visiting the City of Burton on May 20 to contact him as soon as possible.

339. An invoice was received from the City Attorney regarding time spent by his staff in preparing the rooming house case which is set for a pre-trial hearing on September 9 and a trial on September 27.

339-A. Pierce-Robberson. That the City pay the invoice of Law, Weathers, Richardson and Dutcher in the amount of \$2,808.30.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Pierce, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

340. Financial reports of the General and Water Funds for a 9-month period ended March 31, 1976, were received and filed.

341. The monthly report of the Kent County Library System regarding the circulation statistics was received and filed.

342. Mr. Jack Loeks was present to discuss the philosophy behind assessing properties in our community. He stated that assessed values should consider the person's ability to pay taxes rather than be based strictly on 50% of fair market value as required by the State.

343. The Mayor reported that a Committee-of-the-Whole session will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 26, to discuss various capital requirements for the 1976-1977 year.

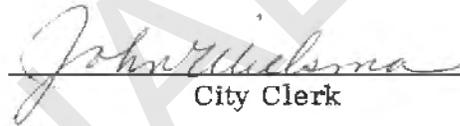
344. Murphy-Robberson. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$198,061.60, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$40,610.09, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Pierce, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

Nays: 0

345. There were four residents in attendance at this meeting.

346. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until May 3, 1976.



City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held May 3, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Cooper, Murphy, Pierce, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: Com. Clary.

347. The minutes of the meeting held April 19, 1976, were approved as written.

348. The Deputy Clerk administered the oath of office to the new Second Ward Commissioner, Jack E. Frost, and to the new Third Ward Commissioner, George E. Gale, III. Having been duly sworn into office, Commissioners Frost and Gale were seated on the Commission. Civic service awards were presented to retiring Commissioners Pierce and Cooper.

349. Traffic Commission minutes of their meeting held April 21, 1976, were distributed to the Commissioners. Mrs. Sally Charnley was present and discussed the minutes of the Traffic Commission. She advised the Commissioners that they were not accurate as to matters discussed or action taken.

349-A. Frost-Remien. That these minutes be referred back to the Traffic Commission and that there be no further distribution of the Traffic Commission minutes of their April 21, 1976 meeting until they have been clarified by the Traffic Commission.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

350. A hearing was then held by the Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, upon the variance request of Kenneth D. and Linda D. Skar of 1145 Lake Grove Ave. SE, to permit the construction of an attached garage 5 ft. from their southerly lot line in accordance with plans submitted. Mr. and Mrs. Skar were present to discuss their request. There were no objections.

350-A. Robberson-Remien. That the variance request of Mr. and Mrs. Skar be granted.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

351. Mr. John Ruhl's letter of resignation from the Planning Commission was received. The City Commission accepted the resignation of Mr. Ruhl with regret.

352. Mrs. Charnley advised that she has resigned as a member and chairman of the GRETS Advisory Committee. Mayor Stoppels noted that this vacancy will be filled when appointments are made on July 1, 1976. Mrs. Charnley will be asked if she will agree to continue to serve on this committee until that time.

353. A memo was received from the City Engineer on bids received for a sprinkler system at the Manhattan Recreation site. A memo was also received from the City Manager regarding the cost of manual sprinkling of this area as compared to an automatic sprinkling system.

353-A. Robberson-Remien. That the contract be awarded to Katerberg-Cavner Lawn Sprinkling Company in the amount of \$10,980.00, contingent upon 50% participation by the East Grand Rapids School System.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 3
Nays: Frost, Gale, Murphy - 3

The motion failed.

354. The City Manager commented on his recommendation for a six-month extension of the supplemental agreement to the waste disposal contract.

354-A. Remien-Robberson. That the supplemental agreement to the waste disposal contract with the Kent County Board of Public Works to permit the levy of an 88¢ per ton charge to cover debt service costs be extended for a six-month period.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

355. The Mayor reported on a communication he had received from a citizen regarding the dog problem.

356. The City Manager requested authorization to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$1,800 for a new brush chipper.

356-A. Remien-Robberson. That the City Manager be authorized to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$1,800 for a new brush chipper.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

357. Reports for the month of April from the Fire Department and Building Inspector were received and filed.

358. Murphy-Robberson. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$408,674.49, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$40,521.51 as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

359. Commissioners Murphy and Robberson both complimented retiring Commissioners Cooper and Pierce on their excellent service to the community over the past four years.

360. There were 32 residents in attendance at this meeting.

361. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until May 17, 1976.



City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held May 17, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: None.

362. The minutes of the meeting held May 3, 1976, were approved as written.

363. Pursuant to public notice, a hearing was then held upon the request of Mr. Peter F. Secchia to permit construction of an accessory building on their lake-front property located at 2333 Bonnell Avenue, SE, adjacent to Reeds Lake Blvd. This building would be located 35 feet from the street right-of-way and zero feet from the west property line. Mr. & Mrs. Secchia were present to discuss their request, as well as Mr. Mark DeVries, their landscape engineer, who represented the Secchia's. Mr. Frederick Vogt, Jr. objected to the fence and the location of the accessory building.

363-A. Robberson-Gale. That this Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, grant the variance requested by Mr. Secchia with the recommendation that the plans for the location of the fence and accessory building be reviewed with the Vogt's.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson - 5
Nays: Stoppels - 1
Commissioner Clary abstained.

364. A letter was received from Mr. & Mrs. John D. Ripmaster, 1829 Lake Drive, SE, regarding a problem they have with motorists using their driveway as a turnaround, resulting in damage to their fence. They requested that they be permitted to install two posts between the sidewalk and the street with a chain across to prevent motorists from using their driveway for this purpose. There was extensive discussion as to possible solutions to the problem.

364-A. Robberson-Gale. That the City permit the resident to place a hump across the entrance of their driveway to slow down vehicles using it for a turnaround.

364-B. Frost-Murphy. That this matter be tabled and that the Engineer study the problem and recommend a solution.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Remien, Stoppels - 5
Nays: Robberson, Gale - 2

365. The minutes of the Traffic Commission of their April 21st meeting were received.

365-A. Robberson-Frost. That the Traffic Commission minutes be accepted.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

366. A recommendation from the Traffic Commission regarding compliance with M. D. S. H. Major Street Criteria was received.

366-A. Murphy-Frost. That a public hearing be held regarding the Major Street Criteria on June 7, 1976, and that the list of recommended parking changes be published in the Cadence.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

367. A letter was received from Old Kent Bank & Trust Company requesting that they be designated as the principal depository for the funds of the City of East Grand Rapids for the City's fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976.

367-A. Clary-Remien. That Old Kent Bank be named as principal depository for the funds of the City of East Grand Rapids for the fiscal year indicated above.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0
Commissioner Robberson abstained.

368. A letter from Mayor Drasin of the City of Grand Rapids was received inviting East Grand Rapids to participate in a regular monthly meeting of area cities with the legislators, and requesting that East Grand Rapids designate two officials to represent our city.

368-A. Clary-Remien. That Mayor Stoppels and Commissioner Murphy be designated as representatives of East Grand Rapids at these meetings.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

369. A letter was received from the City of Grand Rapids regarding an increase in the sewer rates of 46.5% effective on all bills rendered on or after May 1, 1976. This matter was referred to a Committee-of-the-Whole session.

370. A letter was received from the City of Grand Rapids regarding a new water rate charge which would be effective on bills rendered to the City of East Grand Rapids after June 1, 1976, which are as follows:

Readiness to Serve	- \$12,798 per quarter
Commodity Charge	- \$.427 per 100 cubic feet.

This matter was referred to a Committee-of-the-Whole session.

371. A notification of an appeal of Blodgett Hospital regarding their assessment placed upon the hospital parking ramp for 1976 was received and referred to a Committee-of-the-Whole session.

372. The City Manager submitted a memorandum to the Commissioners regarding the replacement of the 1968 Dodge Rescue Van. The Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief were present to discuss this need.

372-A. Clary-Remien. That the City Manager be authorized to issue a purchase order to Grumman Emergency Vehicles in the amount of \$16,600 and that this amount be placed in the Fire Capital Budget of 1976-1977.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

373. A communication was received from the Municipal Codification Service, Inc., recommending that the City's Traffic Code be amended regarding turns on red signals.

373-A. Remien-Gale. That the following ordinance be adopted and given immediate effect:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4.6 OF THE
UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR CITIES, TOWNSHIPS
AND VILLAGES AS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE IN
CHAPTER 105 OF TITLE X TRAFFIC CODE OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Section 1. Section 10.4 of the East Grand Rapids City Code is amended as follows:

Sec. 4.6(c) of the Uniform Traffic Code provisions which are adopted by reference by the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids is amended to read:

Sec. 4.6(c). Steady Red Indication.

- (1) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal alone shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or at a limit line when marked or, if none, then before entering the intersection, and shall remain standing until a green indication is shown, except as provided in subsection (c) (2).
- (2) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal, after stopping before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or at a limit line when marked or, if none, then before entering the intersection, shall be privileged to make a right turn from a one-way or two-way street into a two-way street or into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the right turn, or a left turn from a one-way or two-way street into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the left turn unless prohibited by sign, signal marking, light, or other traffic control device. The vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter and shall have immediate effect.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

374. The City Manager requested that a resolution be adopted authorizing the submission of a Community Development Application as submitted to the meeting.

374-A. Robberson-Remien. That the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the City of East Grand Rapids is eligible for a Community Development Block Grant pursuant to applicable Federal statutes and regulations, including pertinent regulations promulgated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

WHEREAS this Commission has reviewed an Application for Federal Assistance relative to such Grant and has held two public hearings to obtain the views of citizens on the community development and housing needs of this City;

RESOLVED that this City Commission authorizes the filing of the Application for Federal Assistance as presented to and reviewed by this Commission, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and that the City Manager is directed and designated as the authorized representative of the City in connection with such Application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

375. The City Manager submitted a request for a permit for fireworks display on July 4, 1976.

375-A. Clary-Gale. That the permit for fireworks display for the 4th of July be approved.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

376. Mayor Stoppels reported that improper screening of the Breton Village Shopping Center is creating a littering and noise problem where Breton Village property adjoins the south city limits.

376-A. Robberson-Remien. That this Commission resolve that the City of Grand Rapids be requested to enforce its zoning ordinance as it relates to the Breton Village property and that an appropriate screening along the north lot line of said property be installed which would separate the shopping center from the adjoining residences and which would prevent the debris of the shopping center from littering the East Grand Rapids properties within this area.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Manager take appropriate steps to see that the request of the East Grand Rapids Commission is presented to Grand Rapids.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

377. Mayor Stoppels complimented the City staff for the work done in protecting the President during his stay in East Grand Rapids.

378. Financial reports of the General Fund and Water Fund for a 10-month period ended April 30, 1976 were received and filed.

379. The report for the month of April of the activities in the Police Department was received and filed.

380. Notification of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting which will be held May 19, 1976, was received and filed. The Mayor reported on Mayor Exchange Day which will be Tuesday, May 18. East Grand Rapids will exchange with the City of Burton.

381. A letter was received from Mrs. Anne Frahm and Associates regarding publication of the annual budget report of the City of East Grand Rapids. This letter was received for information.

382. The Manhattan Recreation site sprinkling system bids were reconsidered.

382-A. Robberson-Clary. That a contract for the installation of a sprinkling system at the Manhattan Recreational area be awarded to Katerburg-Cavner in the amount of \$10,980 contingent upon the participation of the East Grand Rapids School Board in the amount of 50% of the cost.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Clary, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 4
Nays: Frost, Gale, Murphy - 3

The motion carried.

Commissioner Clary requested that this item be placed on the Joint Facilities Committee agenda for its next meeting.

383. The Mayor requested that the City Clerk read a letter received from the East Grand Rapids High School Bi-Centennial Committee thanking the Commissioners for proclamation of Lumberjack Day and for their assistance with the events of the day.

384. Commissioner Frost reported on a condition that exists at the north end of the Conlon cul-de-sac where vehicles are using the sidewalk that extends from the cul-de-sac to Norfolk as a street because one of the cement posts is missing. The staff was requested to examine the condition of this area and replace the post.

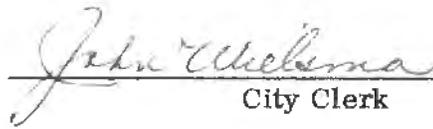
385. Murphy-Robberson. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$178,144.99, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$51,322.45, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

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386. There were approximately 12 residents in attendance at this meeting.

387. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until June 7, 1976.



City Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held June 7, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: None.

388. The minutes of the meeting held May 17, 1976, were approved as written.

389. Pursuant to published notice, a hearing was then held on the matter of compliance with the State Highway Department Major Street Criteria. Mr. Tom Wood requested that the stop signs remain at the intersection of Argentina and San Lucia. Mr. Gary Hopkins, Mr. David Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Carl Brand, also expressed their concerns regarding removal of these stop signs.

389-A. Clary-Murphy. That the stop signs at Argentina and San Lucia be left as is and that a request be made for exception from Major Street Criteria compliance.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

389-B. The removal of parking on San Jose from Lake Drive to Hall Street was discussed.

389-C. Murphy-Frost. That no changes be made in parking on San Jose from Lake Drive to Hall Street from its current status and that a request be made for exception from Major Street Criteria compliance.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien - 5
Nays: Robberson, Stoppels - 2

389-D. Mr. Bill Isenberg requested that the stop sign remain at Pioneer Club Road and Reeds Lake Blvd.

389-E. Murphy-Gale. That the stop signs located on Reeds Lake Blvd. at Pioneer Club Road be left as is and that a request be made for exception from Major Street Criteria compliance.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Stoppels - 6
Nays: Robberson -1

389-F. Frost-Murphy. That the parking remain on Argentina Drive from Plymouth Road to Breton Road and that this street be requested for exemption.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien - 4
Nays: Clary, Robberson, Stoppels - 3

The motion carried.

389-G. Robberson. That Breton Road from Hall Street to the south city limits be included in the list of exceptions so as to permit parking on both sides.

This motion died for lack of support.

389-H. Clary-Remien. That this Commission adopt the recommendations of the Traffic Commission as they relate to the State Major Street Criteria, subject to the exceptions acted upon above.

Yeas: Clary, Gale, Frost, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: Murphy - 1

390. Pursuant to public notice, a hearing was held upon the request of Mr. & Mrs. R. S. Forrest for permission to build an enclosed swimming pool within proscribed rear yard limit at 2101 SanLuRae Dr. Mrs. Forrest was represented by Attorney Stephen Idema who explained this variance request to the Commission. Mr. David Young, 2070 SanLuRae Dr., was present and expressed his approval of this project. Letters supporting the Forrest's plans were received from Roger Wall, DDS, 802 San Jose; Christopher Southwick, 760 San Jose Dr.; Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Young, 2070 San Lu Rae Dr.; Mr. & Mrs. William Henry, 2080 San Lu Rae Dr.; Mr. L. Berman, 2107 San Lu Rae Dr.; Hannah Turner, 2055 San Lu Rae Dr.

390-A. Gale-Remien. That this Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, grant the request of Mr. & Mrs. R. S. Forrest, to permit construction of an enclosed swimming pool within their rear yard limits at 2101 San Lu Rae Dr.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

391. Due to the absence of Dr. Hufford, 2660 Oakwood Drive, the discussion relative to his ornamental pool was deferred until a later meeting.

392. Due to the absence of the Legal Counsel for the owners at 1700 Fisk, discussion on the zoning use violation for this property was deferred to a later meeting.

393. The City Engineer submitted a recommended solution to the driveway problem at 1829 Lake Drive, which includes three signs which attempt to direct motorists to Blodgett Hospital parking and entry facilities. The City staff was directed to proceed with the City Engineer's recommendation.

394. Mr. Lyle Caston and Robert Barrone, representing the Grand Rapids Rotary Club-East, were present to inform the Commission of a project they would like to undertake consisting of erecting an 80-ft. flag pole on which a 50 ft. x 20 ft. American flag would be flown with appropriate lighting and plaque inscriptions, to be located on the Yacht Club property at the end of Wealthy Street. The purpose of this project would be to honor President Gerald R. Ford as the first President from the State of Michigan and the 37th President of the United States. In order to get the community involved, they would solicit contributions through an advertisement in the Cadence. The Mayor thanked the gentlemen from Grand Rapids Rotary Club-East and referred this matter to a Committee-of-the-Whole session.

395. A report from the City Engineer of bids which were received for the construction of the Mary Avenue storm drain outlet was received. He recommended that the contract be awarded to Kamminga & Roodvoets in the amount of \$15,430.

395-A. Mayor Stoppels-Remien. That the contract for the construction of a rip-rap in the Mary Avenue storm drain outlet be awarded to Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc., in the amount of \$15,430 and that this sum be appropriated in the 1976-1977 budget.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

396. A letter with an attached agreement was received from the Grand Rapids Transit Authority. Mr. Donald Edmundson was present to discuss this agreement with the Commissioners.

396-A. Murphy-Gale. That the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the City of East Grand Rapids desires to participate in the formation of a metropolitan transit authority according to the provisions of the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, and

WHEREAS, other cities in the Grand Rapids metropolitan area have expressed a willingness to participate in a metropolitan transit authority, and

WHEREAS, a metropolitan transit authority represents the best method for governing and financing urban public transit at this time, and

WHEREAS, an interlocal agreement to form a metropolitan transit authority has been prepared and approved by the Grand Rapids Transit Authority Board in conformity with the requirements of the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Interlocal Agreement is approved by the City of East Grand Rapids and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the city, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of East Grand Rapids pledges its full cooperation in the organization of a metropolitan transit authority and calls upon the other cities in the Grand Rapids area to join in this important step toward providing public transit service to the residents of this area.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6

Nays: Clary - 1

397. The City Controller submitted a list of delinquent special assessments and water bills and requested that the City Commission authorize the spreading of these bills on the 1976 City tax roll.

397-A. Remien-Robberson. That the delinquent bills as reported by the Controller be re-assessed on the 1976 City tax roll as follows:

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS ON 1976 TAX ROLL

	<u>AM'T OF INSTALL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>10% PENALTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS</u>				
1975 Albert Improvement (1st Install)				
18-03-181-020	\$ <u>16.16</u>	\$ <u>1.13</u>	\$ <u>1.73</u>	\$ <u>19.02</u>
	16.16	1.13	1.73	19.02
1975 Kingswood Improvement (1st Install)				
14-27-482-003	\$1,966.00	137.62	210.36	2,313.98
14-27-482-013	2,477.70	173.44	265.11	2,916.25
14-27-483-005	<u>2,467.13</u>	<u>172.70</u>	<u>264.00</u>	<u>2,903.83</u>
	6,910.83	483.76	739.47	8,134.06
Total '75 Sp. Assessment	\$6,926.99	484.89	741.20	8,153.08
1970 Edgewood Improvement (6th Install)				
18-03-258-014	\$83.37	30.01	11.34	124.72
18-03-259-002	83.37	30.01	11.34	124.72
18-03-259-010	<u>125.05</u>	<u>45.02</u>	<u>17.01</u>	<u>187.08</u>
	291.79	105.04	39.69	436.52
Total '70 Sp. Assessment	\$291.79	\$105.04	\$39.69	\$436.52
1968 Audobon Improvement (8th Install)				
18-04-277-018	\$46.64	11.20	5.78	63.62
18-04-277-023	<u>46.64</u>	<u>11.20</u>	<u>5.78</u>	<u>63.62</u>
	93.28	22.40	11.56	127.24
1968 Santa Barbara (8th Install)				
14-33-376-010	\$ <u>78.34</u>	<u>18.80</u>	<u>9.71</u>	<u>106.85</u>
	78.34	18.80	9.71	106.85
1968 Lakeside Dr. Improvement (8th Install)				
14-33-480-016	\$44.77	2.28	4.71	51.76
14-33-480-013	<u>44.77</u>	<u>2.28</u>	<u>4.71</u>	<u>51.76</u>
	89.54	4.56	9.42	103.52
Total '68 Sp. Assessment	\$261.16	\$45.76	\$30.69	\$337.61
1969 Sherwood Improvement (7th Install)				
18-03-258-004	\$ <u>87.90</u>	<u>26.37</u>	<u>11.43</u>	<u>125.70</u>
Total 1969 Sp. Assessment	\$87.90	\$26.37	\$11.43	\$125.70

	<u>AM'T OF INSTALL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>10% PENALTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1967 Fisk Improvement (9th Install)				
14-33-354-001	\$ <u>103.29</u>	<u>5.53</u>	<u>10.88</u>	<u>119.70</u>
	103.29	5.53	10.88	119.70
1967 Woodlawn Improvement (9th Install)				
18-03-256-003	\$ <u>200.39</u>	<u>10.74</u>	<u>21.11</u>	<u>232.24</u>
	200.39	10.74	21.11	232.24
Total '69 Sp. Assessment	\$303.68	\$16.27	\$31.99	\$351.94
1966 Anderson Dr. Improvement (10th Install)				
18-04-202-001	\$54.64	6.56	6.12	67.32
28-04-204-008	<u>49.56</u>	<u>5.94</u>	<u>5.55</u>	<u>61.05</u>
	\$104.20	\$12.50	\$11.67	\$128.37
Total 1966 Sp. Assessment	\$104.20	\$12.50	\$11.67	\$128.37
TOTAL 1975 Special Assess.	\$6,926.99	\$484.89	\$741.20	\$8,153.08
TOTAL 1970 Special Assess.	291.79	105.04	39.69	436.52
TOTAL 1969 Special Assess.	87.90	26.37	11.43	125.70
TOTAL 1968 Special Assess.	261.16	45.76	30.69	337.61
TOTAL 1967 Special Assess.	303.68	16.27	31.99	351.94
TOTAL 1966 Special Assess.	<u>104.20</u>	<u>12.50</u>	<u>11.67</u>	<u>128.37</u>
	\$7,975.72	\$690.83	\$866.67	\$9,533.22

DELINQUENT WATER BILLS

<u>LEDGER A</u>	<u>AM'T OF BILL</u>	<u>10% PENALTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
14-28-352-027	\$35.25	\$ 3.53	\$38.78
14-28-353-020	49.93	4.99	54.92
14-33-102-009	140.15	14.02	154.17
14-33-102-018	102.33	10.23	112.56
14-33-103-005	149.20	14.92	164.12
14-33-106-013	41.65	4.17	45.82
14-33-151-006	126.25	12.63	138.88
14-33-154-004	182.71	18.28	200.99
14-33-203-011	21.25	2.13	23.38
14-33-203-027	141.97	14.20	156.17
14-33-207-009	33.45	3.35	36.80
14-33-304-001	123.45	12.35	135.80
14-33-452-001	<u>55.42</u>	<u>5.54</u>	<u>60.96</u>
Total Ledger A	\$1,203.01	\$120.34	\$1,323.35
<u>LEDGER B</u>			
14-27-377-010	\$61.30	\$ 6.13	\$67.43
14-33-455-013	34.06	3.41	37.47
14-33-477-008	37.03	3.70	40.73
14-33-481-003	69.05	6.90	75.95
14-34-302-021	53.99	5.40	59.39
14-34-353-005	51.01	5.10	56.11
14-34-356-022	27.70	2.77	30.47
14-34-476-001	85.22	8.52	93.74

	AM'T OF <u>BILL</u>	10% <u>PENALTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
14-34-402-004	\$227.14	\$22.71	\$249.85
14-34-477-017	125.78	12.58	138.36
18-03-255-010	86.33	8.63	94.96
18-03-258-014	109.54	10.95	120.49
18-04-254-011	47.59	4.76	52.35
18-04-281-024	87.58	8.76	96.34
18-04-281-024 yard	36.90	3.69	40.59
18-04-434-020	<u>107.20</u>	<u>10.72</u>	<u>117.92</u>
Total Ledger B	\$ 1,247.42	\$ 124.73	\$ 1,372.15
<u>LEDGER C</u>			
18-04-276-006	113.59	11.36	124.95
18-04-277-018	57.70	5.77	63.47
18-04-280-027	132.97	13.30	146.27
18-04-406-027	98.54	9.85	108.39
18-04-428-012	<u>130.25</u>	<u>13.03</u>	<u>143.28</u>
Total Ledger C	\$ 533.05	\$ 53.31	\$ 586.36
TOTAL LEDGER A	\$ 1,203.01	\$ 120.34	\$ 1,323.35
TOTAL LEDGER B	1,247.42	124.73	1,372.15
TOTAL LEDGER C	<u>533.05</u>	<u>53.31</u>	<u>586.36</u>
	\$ 2,983.48	\$ 298.38	\$ 3,281.86

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

398. A proposal was received from the Cadence relative to publishing the 1976/77 Budget Report.

398-A. Remien-Robberson. That the contract be awarded to Cadence in the amount not to exceed \$1,275.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

399. The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held May 11, 1976, were received and filed.

400. Reports for the month of May from the Police Department, Fire Department, Building Inspector and Library were received and filed.

401. The City Manager distributed copies of a proposed amendment to the site acquisition and service contract with the Kent County Department of Public Works. This matter was referred to the next City Commission meeting which will be held June 21, 1976.

402. The City Manager reported for informational purposes that two zoning variance requests regarding signs will be placed on the June 21, 1976 agenda regarding the Blodgett Memorial Medical Center and the Chemist Shoppe.

403. Clary-Murphy. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$56,934.46, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$83,371.85, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

404. There were 29 residents in attendance at this meeting.

405. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until June 21, 1976.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held June 21, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Frost, Murphy, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.

Absent: Coms. Gale and Remien.

406. The minutes of the meeting held June 7, 1976, were approved as written.

407. Pursuant to published notice regarding the sale of \$92,000.00 of 1975 Special Assessment Bonds, the City Clerk reported that one bid had been received from Old Kent Bank & Trust Company.

407-A. Robberson-Frost. That the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, June 21, 1976, at 7:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, has been set as the date and time for opening bids for the purchase of \$92,000.00 1975 Special Assessment Bonds of the City of East Grand Rapids, County of Kent Michigan;

AND WHEREAS, said bids have been publicly opened and read;

AND WHEREAS, the following bids have been received;

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Premium</u>
Old Kent Bank & Trust Co.	1976-1984	4.75	300.00

AND WHEREAS, the bid of Old Kent Bank & Trust Company has been determined to produce the lowest interest cost to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The bid of Old Kent Bank & Trust Company as above stated, be and the same is hereby accepted.
2. Checks of the unsuccessful bidders be returned to each bidder's representative or by registered mail.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

Nays: 0

408. Pursuant to public notice, a hearing was then held on the zoning variance request of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center to place identifying signs on their property.

Mr. Robert Chovanec, legal counsel for Blodgett, was present to discuss the need for these signs. There were five Plymouth Road residents who objected to the two proposed wall signs to be placed on the Blodgett Professional Building.

408-A. Robberson-Murphy. That this Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, deny the request for the two signs which would be placed on the Blodgett Professional Building.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 4

Nays: Frost - 1

408-B. Robberson Clary. That this Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, grant the request of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center to place a ground sign on its property in accordance with the specifications.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

409. Pursuant to public notice, a hearing was then held on the zoning variance request of the Chemist Shop located in the Blodgett Medical Building to place an identifying sign on the wall of the Professional Office Building. Mr. Robert Chovanec was present to discuss the necessity for this sign.

409-A. Clary-Frost. That this Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, grant the request of the Chemist Shop to permit the placement of an identifying sign in accordance with the specifications.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

410. Pursuant to public notice, a hearing was then held on the zoning variance request of Mr. & Mrs. Steven R. Horlings, 2200 Audobon Dr. SE, to permit construction of a garage one foot from their rear and side lot lines. Mrs. Horlings was present to discuss with the Commission their request. Letters were received from Dr. Terrell M. Brace, DDS, and Mr. & Mrs. James E. Weiss, 2201 Heather, who were not opposed to the project but requested that the garage be finished with aluminum siding and that the existing fence remain on the rear lot line.

410-A. Frost-Robberson. That this Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, grant the request of the Horlings with the condition that the garage be finished with aluminum siding and the existing fence remain.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

411. The City Clerk submitted a comparison of bids which were received for the City's Workmen's Compensation Insurance coverage for 1976/77. There were seven bids received. Mr. William Henry from Crosby & Henry and Mr. Merle Johnson from Sentry Insurance Company were present to discuss their proposals.

411-A. Robberson-Clary. That the bid of Crosby & Henry, using the Netherlands Insurance Company, be accepted with the net premium being \$19,037.00.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

412. The City Manager discussed a proposed amendment to the Site Acquisition and Service Contract. Mr. Vern Ehlers, County Commissioner, was present to answer questions and to help clarify this contract.

412-A. Clary-Robberson. That the City Clerk and Mayor be authorized to execute this contract, subject to the review by the City Attorney.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

413. A petition was received from residents in the 400 block of Gladstone requesting that the City make the vacant lot which it owns at 423 Gladstone into a parking lot. A letter was also received from Mr. Bruce C. Boland, 419 Gladstone, proposing to purchase the lot in question from the City for the purpose of providing off-street parking.

413-A. Clary-Frost. That the petition and letter be tabled.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

414. The City Clerk requested authorization to issue a purchase order to Computer Election Systems in the amount of \$13,449.00 for the purpose of obtaining equipment necessary to conduct our August 3rd Primary on data processing.

414-A. Clary-Robberson. That the City Clerk be authorized to issue a purchase order to Computer Election Systems in the amount of \$13,449.00, which amount is appropriated in the 1976-77 budget.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

415. A request for authorization to issue a purchase order to Strauch Office Supply Co. in the amount of \$1,620.00 for nine chairs for the Commission Room was received, to be paid from the 1976-77 budget.

415-A. Robberson-Frost. That a purchase order be issued to Strauch Office Supply Co. in the amount of \$1,620.00.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

416. The minutes of the Traffic Commission for its meeting held June 8, 1976, were received and filed.

417. Financial reports of the General Fund and Water Fund for an 11-month period ended May 31, 1976, were received and filed.

418. The Mayor introduced Mrs. Shirley Norman who will be the new City Assessor.

419. The Mayor reported receipt of a letter from the East Grand Rapids Junior High School complimenting the E-Unit personnel of the Fire Department for their cooperation in assisting the Junior High School 8th Grade Science Classes and staff in staging an introductory CPR Clinic at the Junior High School.

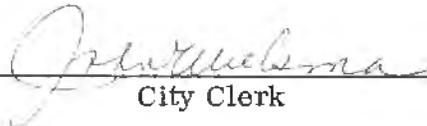
420. Murphy-Robberson. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$58,435.39, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$45,966.43, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

421. Mr. Vern Ehlers reported on the progress of the Kent County Waste Disposal Plan.

422. There were 13 residents in attendance at this meeting.

423. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until July 12, 1976.



City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Special Meeting Held June 28, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Coms. Clary, Frost, Murphy, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: Com. Gale.

424. The Mayor presented a civic service award plaque to Mr. Donald Ford in recognition of his 21 years of service as Assessor-Building Inspector for the City of East Grand Rapids and wished him a happy retirement.

425. Pursuant to published notice, a hearing was held by the City Commission relative to the proposed budget for the fiscal year 1976/77. There were three residents in attendance at this meeting with whom the Commission discussed various items of the budget.

425-A. Clary-Remien. RESOLVED that the following budget be adopted as the annual budget for the City of East Grand Rapids for the year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977:

ANTICIPATED REVENUES:

City Taxes	\$ 1,508,500
Licenses & Permits	2,600
Fines & Fees	23,000
Distribution from Other Agencies	454,000
From Use of Money & Property	30,000
Charges for Current Services	<u>466,100</u>
Total Anticipated Revenues	2,484,200

EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS:

General Government	315,500
Public Safety	678,500
Public Service	760,900
Contributions & Aid	191,200
Other Operating Expenses	<u>312,900</u>
Sub-Total Operating	2,259,000
Capital Expenditures	<u>225,200</u>
Total Expense Appropriations	\$ 2,484,200

Adn that there be levied a tax upon all property subject to taxation by the municipal government of the City of East Grand Rapids sufficient, with other resources, to pay the estimated expense of the City government for the ensuing fiscal year, the maintenance of all sinking funds and interest of all municipal debts, the total of which said amount and the amounts estimated to be necessary for such purposes is hereby declared to be the sum of \$2,484,200 and the tax per \$1,000 valuation is hereby determined to be \$20.40.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City levy a sewage charge of \$.90 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed during the winter quarter and that this charge be included in the water bill of the consumer.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Frost, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Clary, Stoppels - 6

Nays: 0

The resolution was declared adopted.

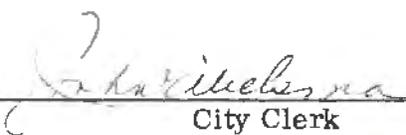
426. The Mayor submitted a request from Mr. James B. Burr, Jr., 966 Cambridge Blvd. SE, for permission to have a fireworks display at his residence.

426-A. Mayor Stoppels-Robberson. That a fireworks permit be issued to Mr. James B. Burr, subject to the approval of the Fire Chief.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

Nays: Frost - 1

427. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until July 12, 1976.



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held July 12, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Gale, Murphy and Mayor Stoppels.

Absent: Coms. Frost, Remien and Robberson.

1. The minutes of the meeting held June 21, 1976, were corrected by changing the vote in Item 414-A to 4 Yeas and 1 Nay - Murphy. They were then approved as corrected.

2. The minutes of the meeting held June 28, 1976 were approved as written.

3. Reports for the month of June from the Fire Department, Police Department and Building Inspector were received and filed.

4. The Mayor submitted a list of appointments to the various committees and commissions of the City. Inasmuch as there were only four Commissioners present, it was decided to defer this matter until the next regular Commission meeting.

5. A notice was received from the Department of Natural Resources regarding a proposal submitted to them by Dr. Alfred S. Swanson, 2945 Bonnell Ave. SE, to refill eroded beach frontage to align with adjacent property and to build a seawall. The City Manager was instructed to notify the adjacent property owners of Dr. Swanson's request.

6. A letter was received from the Michigan Grand River Watershed Council requesting East Grand Rapids to renew its membership in this Council.

Commissioner Robberson arrived at this time.

6-A. Clary-Murphy. That the City of East Grand Rapids not renew its membership in the Michigan Grand River Watershed Council.

Yeas: Clary, Gale, Murphy, Stoppels - 4

Nays: Robberson - 1

7. The City Clerk submitted a tentative schedule of the City Commission meetings for 1976-1977. This was received for information.

8. The City Manager reported on bids which were received for the City's tire requirements and recommended that the low bid of Goodyear Service Stores be accepted.

8-A. Robberson-Gale. That this Commission concur in the City Manager's recommendation.

Yeas: Clary, Gale, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

Nays: 0

9. The Mayor reported on information he had received relative to a lake pollution field trip being planned by Region 8 and invited Commissioners who were interested to participate in this trip.

10. Commissioner Clary stated that the 4th of July fireworks display created a lot of interest in our community and to his observation was one of the largest crowds our city has had to view the display. He further stated that he believes this Commission owes an apology to the citizens of East Grand Rapids for the manner in which traffic was handled at the conclusion of the display.

11. Murphy-Robberson. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$561,532.15, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$51,051.63, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Gale, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

12. There were 3 residents in attendance at this meeting.

13. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until July 26, 1976.



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held July 26, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Frost, Gale, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: Com. Murphy.

14. The minutes of the meeting held July 12, 1976, were approved as written.

15. The Mayor submitted a list of appointments for the 1976-77 fiscal year to the various committees and commissions of the City.

15-A. Clary-Robberson. That the following list of appointments be approved:

PRESIDENT OF COMMISSION & VICE-CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS	Herbert Remien	
CITY MANAGER	Frederic H. Tholen, Jr.	
CITY CLERK, CONTROLLER, TREASURER, ASS'T MANAGER	John Wielsma	
CITY ATTORNEY	Robert W. Richardson	
ASSESSOR-BUILDING INSPECTOR	Shirley Norman	
ASSISTANT ASSESSORS	Sydney D. Shank	
	William Newberry	
CHIEF OF POLICE	Farrell Babcock	
FIRE CHIEF	John F. Terpstra	
HEALTH OFFICER	Dr. W. B. Prothro	
HARBOR MASTER	Charles Harrett	
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	John DeBoer	
FORRESTER	Richard Kruizenga	
<u>WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE</u>	<u>BOARD OF REVIEW</u>	
Herbert Remien, Chm.	Shirley Norman, Chwmn.	
George Gale	Sydney D. Shank	
Jack Frost	William Newberry	
	Jack Frost	
	William Murphy	
<u>FIRE & POLICE</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
William Murphy, Chm.	<u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u>	
Jack Frost	William Henry	7/1/78
J. R. Clary	William S. Bennett	7/1/77
	William Thrall	7/1/77
<u>STREETS, SIDEWALKS, TREES</u>	Marcia Clapp	7/1/77
H. C. Remien	Richard D. Murphy	7/1/78
T. C. Robberson	Herbert Remien	7/1/78
J. R. Clary	Peter M. Sears	7/1/79
	Valerie Nelson (Mrs. Willis)	7/1/79
<u>RECREATION & PARKS</u>	Alan VanderMeer	7/1/79
George Gale, Chm.	Board of Education	
J. R. Clary	Rudyard Abbott	ex-officio
T. C. Robberson	The Mayor	ex-officio
	The Manager	ex-officio
<u>UTILITIES COMMITTEE</u>		
T. C. Robberson, Chm.	<u>TRAFFIC COMMISSION</u>	
Jack Frost	Harold L. Child	
William Murphy	Lois Moseley	
	Carl R. Fleetwood	
<u>ORDINANCE COMMITTEE</u>	Wallace Rickard	
J. F. Clary, Chm.	Police Chief	
T. C. Robberson	The Manager	
H. C. Remien	T. C. Robberson	

LIBRARY COMMISSION

Dolores Zabroske (Mrs. Robert)
 Myrtle Starr (Mrs. John)
 Mrs. Frederic J. Renaud
 William Murphy
 Nancy Buskird (Mrs. Thomas)
 Harold Shapiro
 Donald Pengelly
 Deanne Carr (Mrs. Gordon)
 Charlotte Elliott (Mrs. George)

EAST BELTLINE BD. OF DIRECTORS

Ingwar W. Samuelson (Business) 1/1/78
 Jack Steketee (Citizen) 1/1/77
 F. H. Tholen (Gov't) 1/1/79

ELECTION COMMISSION

John Wielsma
 Shirley Norman
 R. W. Richardson

NOTE: All appointments that do not have an expiration date are for a period of one year.

BOARD OF CANVASSERS

David M. Amberg
 Mrs. Herbert R. Boshoven
 Douglas W. Hillman
 Merle Johnson

Term ExpiresRECREATION COMMISSION

Jack Clary 7/1/77
 Nancy Harper (Mrs. James H.) 7/1/78
 George Gale
 3 Board of Education Appointees
 Gene Miller 7/1/76
 Jane Goodspeed 7/1/77
 Pat Edison 7/1/78

HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS

William F. Thrall
 Barbara Eggerding (Mrs. J. L.)
 R. A. Reid
 Health Officer
 Building Inspector

JOINT CITY-SCHOOL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

City Appointees
 George E. Gale
 Jack Clary
 Mayor Stoppels
 School Board Appointees
 Carroll K. Streeter
 Dr. James T. Maher
 Wallson G. Knack

Ward 1 - Precinct 1

Jean T. Ericksen, Chp.
 1017 Santa Cruz Dr. SE

Sally Wolf

621 Lakeside Dr. SE

Dorothy J. Kruiuzenga

704 Lovett Ave. SE

Ward 2 - Precinct 1

Nancy M. Buskirk, Chp.
 1121 Breton Rd. SE

Grace Noorman

2912 Beechwood Dr. SE

Mary Horney

2347 El Dorado Dr. SE

AGRAG REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Stoppels
 William Murphy

GRETS POLICY COMMITTEE

Mayor Stoppels

GRETS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

F. H. Tholen

GRETS CITIZENS ADVISORYCOMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Robert P. Cooper

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESSDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Thomas C. Robberson

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE AGING

Rev. F. VanderStoep

BUILDING AUTHORITY

Fred H. Tholen
 John Wielsma
 Robert Richardson

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. John Gilmore
 Ellamae Braun
 LaRene Clark

Ward 1 - Precinct 2

Elsa Martini, Chp.
 1001 Lake Grove Ave. SE

Barbara J. VanSolkema

1714 Asbury Rd. SE

Marjorie I. Davis

2156 Robinson Rd. SE

Ward 2 - Precinct 2

Jean B. Krumm, Chp.
 2041 Tenway Dr. SE

Janet K. Gilbert

2453 Albert Dr. SE

Florence P. Russell

2034 Tenway Dr. SE

Ward 3 - Precinct 1

Emmy Lou Sterling, Chp.
627 Rosewood Dr. SE

Margaret H. Reusser
932 Lakeside Dr. SE

Agnes R. Fischer
2028 El Dorado Dr. SE

Ward 3 - Precinct 3

Dorothy L. French, Chp.
1144 Pinecrest Ave. SE

Martha J. Dunning
1138 Pinecrest Ave. SE

Penelope A. Coble
1530 Rosalind Rd. SE

Ward 3 - Precinct 2

Irene E. Allen, Chp.
638 Gladstone Ave. SE

Rena M. Veldkamp
1417 Edgewood Dr. SE

Louise L. Skar
630 Gladstone Dr. SE

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: Remien - 1

The motion carried.

16. Pursuant to public notice, a hearing was then held upon the request of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center to permit the placement of an identifying sign on the east end of the Blodgett Professional Building. There were several residents present who objected to the sign.

16-A. Clary-Robberson. That this Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, deny the request of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center.

Yeas: Clary, Gale, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: Frost - 1

16-B. The parking situation on the streets adjacent to Blodgett Memorial Medical Center was discussed. This matter was referred to the Traffic Commission and the following persons volunteered to be representatives of their particular street: Dr. Robert Holm, 1935 Wealthy, representing residents on Wealthy Street; Mrs. Douglas P. Moore, 1862 Sherman, representing residents on Sherman Street; Mrs. Tom Mitchell, 443 Plymouth, representing residents on Plymouth; Mrs. James Watkins, 555 Locust, representing residents on Locust; Mrs. Betsey Fleetwood, 1960 Sherman, representing residents on Laurel. It was understood that the above persons will be notified when the Traffic Commission is ready to consider the parking situation in the area of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center.

17. A resolution and agreement to extend electrical service to the Manhattan Site was discussed.

17-A. Clary-Remien. That this Commission authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with Consumers Power Company that is consistent with existing policy and past practice of the City to provide electrical service in a platted area.

17-B. Frost-Robberson. That the above motion be amended to provide that the expenditure to provide electrical service to the Manhattan Site not exceed that amount authorized for the City Manager to expend without Commission action.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0
Commissioner Gale abstained.

The vote on the main motion was as follows:

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
 Nays: 0
 Commissioner Gale abstained.

The motion carried.

18. The City Engineer submitted a summary of bids which were received July 20, 1976, for various street improvements and curb repair and recommended that the following contracts be awarded:

Greenwood project be awarded to Valkier Construction Co. for \$32,150.90.
 Cambridge project be awarded to Valkier Construction Co. for \$24,221.35.
 Rexford project be awarded to Michigan Colprovia for \$16,407.60.
 El Centro project be awarded to Michigan Colprovia for \$19,906.55.
 Curb reconstruction projects be awarded to Grand Rapids Concrete Construction for \$18,567.50.

18-A. Remien-Mayor Stoppels. That the bids for the above mentioned projects be accepted and the contracts awarded on the basis of the City Engineer's recommendations.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
 Nays: 0

19. The Mayor requested that the Commissioners contact the City Clerk by August 9 relative to their intent to attend the Michigan Municipal League Legislative Conference in Lansing which will be held September 7 - 10. He also stated that an official delegate and alternate will be appointed at the next meeting.

20. Clary-Remien. That the staff proceed with the advertising for bids on the Manhattan tennis courts as soon as approval is obtained for this project from the State.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
 Nays: 0

21. Clary-Robberson. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$520,985.74, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$46,670.76, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts

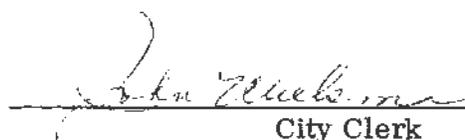
Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
 Nays: 0

22. Commissioner Remien stated that he regrets the action taken by the Commission at its last meeting relative to their refusing to support the Grand River Watershed Council. Commissioner Clary suggested that this matter be re-considered by placing this matter on the agenda of the next Commission meeting.

23. The Kent County Road Commission's plans to improve Reeds Lake Blvd. east of Hall Street was discussed. The Mayor was directed to write a letter to the Kent County Road Commission expressing the interest of the City Commission in their plans as they are being developed of this proposed improvement.

24. There were eleven residents in attendance at this meeting.

25. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until August 9, 1976.


 City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held August 9, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: Coms. Remien and Robberson.

26. The minutes of the meeting held July 26, 1976, were approved as written.

27. Pursuant to public notice, a hearing was held upon the zoning variance request of Mr. & Mrs. Julian Meserth, 833 Orchard SE, to extend their garage along their rear property line. There were no objections.

27-A. Clary-Murphy. That this Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, grant the request as submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Julian Meserth.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

28. Reports for the month of July from the Building Inspector, Fire Department and Police Department were received and filed.

29. A letter was received from Mr. & Mrs. James Azzar, 208 Pioneer Club Rd. SE, requesting permission to construct a fence higher than 30 inches closer than 14 feet from the lot line. It was decided that this request must follow the normal variance proceedings as they are outlined in the Zoning Ordinance.

29-A. Frost-Gale. That the City Manager advise Mr. & Mrs. Azzar that no action will be taken upon this request until normal proceedings are followed, which are outlined in the Zoning Ordinance.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

30. The City Manager reported that the legal counsel for Blodgett Medical Center requested that the matter of the placement of an identifying sign on the Blodgett Professional Building be removed from the agenda. The request was granted.

31. The City Engineer reported on bids which were received on August 3rd for the following projects and further recommended that these projects be awarded to the low bidder, Michigan Colprovia for the respective amounts:

Reeds Lake Blvd. Bicycle path - Lakeside Dr. to El Centro Blvd.	\$13,039.15
Gladstone Ave. reconstruction - Wealthy St. to Lake Drive	8,312.20
Asphalt resurfacing at various locations throughout the city	26,476.00

Discussion was held regarding the necessity of widening the bicycle path to eight feet.

31-A. Clary-Murphy. That the contracts for the projects described above be awarded to the low bidder, Michigan Colprovia.

Yeas: Clary, Gale, Murphy, Stoppels - 4
Nays: Frost - 1

32. The City Manager recommended that the City employ National Biocentric, Inc. to assist in creating a restoration program for Reeds Lake. The cost of this program not to exceed \$9,600.00.

32-A. Clary-Gale. That the City enter into a contract with National Biocentric, Inc., pursuant to its submitted proposal in the amount not to exceed \$9,600 and that this sum be transferred from contingencies. The contract is to be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney before signature.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

33. A letter was received from the City of Grand Rapids regarding the proposed modernization of traffic signal equipment at the Plymouth - Hall intersection requesting the City's contribution in the amount of \$355.36.

33-A. Clary-Murphy. RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to execute on behalf of the City of East Grand Rapids the contract between Michigan State Highway Commission, the City of Grand Rapids and the City of East Grand Rapids for Traffic Signal Upgrading at intersections, including the intersection at Plymouth Road and Hall Street which lies partially within the corporate limits of the City of East Grand Rapids, such contract being in the form submitted to the City of Grand Rapids and the City of East Grand Rapids by the Department of State Highways and Transportation of the State of Michigan.

33-B. Clary-Murphy. That the above motion be amended to include the provision that after review of the need for this work by the City Manager and City Engineer they consult with Commissioner Gale to discuss the justification of this expenditure.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

The vote on the main motion as amended was as follows:

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

The motion carried.

34. A request from Sue Ward, 849 Orchard SE, to permit construction of a storm drain across the City owned property which would require an easement from the City was discussed. A copy of the required easement was distributed to the Commission. The City Attorney suggested that the following verbiage be included in the easement, reserving to Grantor the right to relocate said storm drain line in the future at Grantor's expense, without adversely affecting Grantee's service therefrom".

34-A. Frost-Gale. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the easement as amended.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

35. The City Controller requested the transfer of funds from the Major Street Fund to the Local Street Fund in the amount of 25% of monies received from the State for major street purposes for the calendar year 1976.

35-A. Frost-Gale. That the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Act 51 of P.A. 1951 as amended, permits a local unit of government to transfer to the Local Street Fund an amount not to exceed 25% of monies received from the State of Michigan for Major Street purposes; and

WHEREAS, our experience has indicated that the expenditures in the Local Street Fund far exceeds the revenues we receive from the State of Michigan for Local Street purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that this Commission authorize the transfer from the Major Street Fund to the Local Street Fund an amount which equals 25% of monies received in the calendar year of 1976 from the State of Michigan for Major Street purposes.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

36. A report on the progress of the Manhattan Project Phases I and II was received and filed.

37. A letter was received from the Automobile Club of Michigan informing the City that it has been awarded a pedestrian safety citation in the American Automobile Association's annual pedestrian safety inventory.

38. The Mayor stated that he had received a proclamation from the President setting the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week.

39. The City Manager reported that the Fire Department Employee Association has signed the employee agreement and requested that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign this agreement on behalf of the City.

39-A. Frost-Clary. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Employee Agreement with the Fire Department.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

40. The Commissioners were reminded that this is the last date to register for the Michigan Municipal League Annual Legislative Conference to be held in Lansing September 8-10. It was decided that Commissioner Clary would be designated as delegate and Mayor Stoppels as alternate to represent the City at the business meeting of the League.

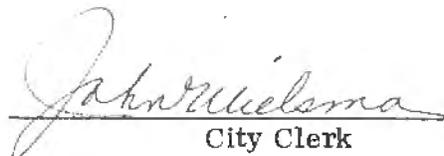
41. Commissioner Clary suggested that a joint meeting between the East Grand Rapids School Board and the East Grand Rapids City Commission be held for the purpose of establishing a policy on cooperation and communication among the two governmental bodies. The Mayor stated that he would contact the appropriate persons to set up such a meeting.

42. Frost-Gale. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$482,892.59, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$47,469.71 as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Stoppels - 5
Nays: 0

43. There were 15 residents in attendance at this meeting.

44. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until August 23, 1976.


City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held August 23, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: None.

45. The minutes of the meeting held August 9, 1976, were corrected by adding to Item #31 the following: "Discussion was held regarding the necessity of widening the bicycle path to eight feet." The minutes were then approved as corrected.

46. Pursuant to public notice, a hearing was then held upon the variance requested by Florence Woodriek, 2435 Richards Dr. SE, for permission to extend her garage four ft. into the required front yard. Mr. Glenn T. Hoefler, representing Ms. Woodriek, was present to explain the need for this variance. There were no objections presented.

46-A. Murphy-Robberson. That this Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, grant the variance as requested by Ms. Woodriek.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

47. The City Engineer submitted a summary of bids which were taken for the Manhattan Tennis Courts.

47-A. Clary-Robberson. That the contract for the construction of the Manhattan Tennis Courts be awarded to Grand Rapids Asphalt Paving Company, the low bidder, in the amount of \$21,345.00, which includes the decorative red and green color coating. After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Frost and supported by Commissioner Remien that this motion be tabled.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien - 4
Nays: Clary, Robberson, Stoppels - 3

The motion carried.

48. The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held August 17, 1976, were received and filed with no objection.

49. There were five residents of Greenwood present to discuss the widening of their street and to submit a petition objecting to the widening. It was decided that the Commission and staff would meet with the residents of Greenwood at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 26, at 553 Greenwood to discuss the proposed improvement of this street.

50. Robberson-Clary. That every existing road width will be the width standard for that road. As roads are improved and resurfaced, roadways will not be widened until the affected property owners are notified and a public hearing held at a regular scheduled meeting of the City Commission with specific approval by a majority vote of the City Commission.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson - 6
Nays: Stoppels - 1

51. The Mayor reported that a complaint was received relative to the Commission policy to add 100% overhead charges when invoicing property owners for the cost of cutting weeds by the City. It was the consensus of the Commission that this charge remain as is and that the City Manager be directed to redraft the letter notifying the property owners to cut their weeds reflecting the Commission policy.

52. The Mayor reported that he had received a complaint about the license fee for food establishments and the relative benefit that is derived from this charge. The City Attorney was directed to render an opinion as to the legality of requiring licenses for all businesses that move into the community.

53. Commissioner Robberson questioned the legality of the marine supply business run by Mr. John Rose, who is advertising this activity via a sign facing Lakeside Drive. The City Attorney was directed to submit an opinion relative to this.

54. Robberson-Clary. That the motion for award of the contract for the Manhattan Tennis Courts (Item #47-A) be removed from the table.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Clary, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 4

Nays: Frost, Gale, Murphy - 3

After discussion, Commissioners Clary and Robberson withdraw the previous motion to award the contract to Grand Rapids Asphalt Paving Company. It was then moved by Commissioner Clary and supported by Commissioner Robberson that the contract be awarded to John VanBlooy in the amount of \$24,290 for concrete courts which include the decorative coating. After further discussion Commissioners Clary and Robberson withdrew the above motion.

54-A. Mayor Stoppels-Clary. That the contract for asphalt tennis courts be awarded to Grand Rapids Asphalt Paving Company in the amount of \$21,345.00, which includes decorative color coating.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Clary, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 4

Nays: Frost, Gale, Murphy - 3

The motion carried.

55. Commissioner Remien inquired about the pile of broken asphalt and various materials placed on the Breton Village lots within East Grand Rapids and also inquired about the landscaping screening along the shopping center boundary. The City Manager reported that he has written the City of Grand Rapids about this and as of this date he has not received a reply. The Assessor was asked to investigate this matter.

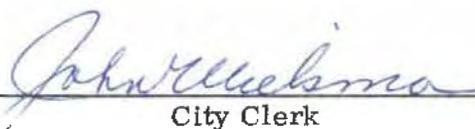
56. Gale-Frost. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$713,512.42, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$46,227.88, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7

Nays: 0

57. There were 5 residents in attendance at this meeting.

58. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until September 13, 1976.



 City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held September 13, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.

Absent: Com. Clary.

59. The minutes of the meeting held August 23, 1976, were corrected to show that the vote in Item #50 is: Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson - 6; Nays: Stoppels - 1. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

60. Pursuant to public notice a hearing was then held upon the request by James D. Azzar, 208 Pioneer Club Road, for a variance to permit construction of a four-foot fence atop his existing retaining wall. Mr. Azzar was present to answer any questions there might be about his project. There were no objections presented.

60-A. Murphy-Robberson. That this Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, grant Mr. Azzar a variance to construct a four-foot high fence atop his existing retaining wall.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

61. Departmental reports from the Fire Department, Police Department and Assessor for the month of August were received and filed.

62. The Mayor read a letter which was received from Mrs. Jean M. DeVries thanking the Commissioners for their cooperation in discussing the improvement of Greenwood with residents on this street. Commissioner Clary arrived at this time.

62-A. Frost-Robberson. That this Commission endorse the informal action taken by this Commission to reconstruct Greenwood at a width not to exceed 26 ft.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Robberson - 5
Nays: Remien, Stoppels - 2

The motion carried.

63. A letter and suggested resolution were received from the Mayor of Charlotte requesting that this Commission act favorably upon his Anti-Bottle Bill resolution.

63-A. Remien-Gale. That this Commission not support the proposed Anti-Bottle Bill resolution as submitted by the Mayor of Charlotte.

63-B. Gale-Robberson. That this motion be tabled.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: Clary - 1

64. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Road Commissioners on August 17, 1976, tabled the proposed Reeds Lake Blvd. improvement until completion of the widening of the East Beltline was received and filed.

65. A permit from the Kent County Drain Commission to permit placement of approximately 40,000 cubic yards of fill according to plans on a site near Reeds Lake was received. After much discussion the City Manager and City Attorney were directed to relate to Mr. Gilmore the position of the Commission inasmuch as they would prefer that no fill be placed on his property until the project has been approved by the City Commission.

66. A letter from Mrs. Janet Bacon submitting her resignation as editor of the Comment was received.

66-A. Frost-Remien. That the City Commission extends its thanks and very deep appreciation to Janet R. Bacon for her valued service as editor of the "Comment" newsletter.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

67. The City Manager recommended that the City Commission approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Police Department employees.

67-A. Remien-Clary. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Police Department employees.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

68. The City Manager submitted a letter recommending the transfer of funds to implement salary and wage scale revisions retroactive to July 5, 1976.

68-A. Remien-Robberson. That this Commission approve the transfer of funds from the Contingency Fund to the following departments to cover the wage and salary scale revisions:

Acct. 1661.1	\$2,236.00
Acct. 1616.1	3,432.00
Acct. 1630.1	2,574.00
Acct. 1651.1	1,794.00
Acct. 1620.1	15,392.00
Acct. 1621.1	<u>12,948.00</u>

\$38,376.00

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

69. Membership in the Grand River Watershed Council in the amount of \$628.25 for 1976/77 was discussed.

69-A. Remien-Frost. That this Commission support the Grand River Watershed Council for the 1976/77 year.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Frost, Remien - 2
Nays: Clary, Gale, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

The motion failed.

70. The City Clerk submitted a request to purchase two precinct tabulators for the purpose of tabulating ballots. Mr. George Hersteck, representing Computer Election Systems, was present to demonstrate this equipment.

70-A. Clary-Robberson. That the City Clerk be authorized to issue a purchase order to Computer Election Systems in the amount of \$3,500 for the purchase of two precinct tabulators.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Clary, Robberson, Stoppels - 3
Nays: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien - 4

The motion failed.

71. A report regarding school safety programs for 1975-76 was submitted by the School Safety Officer for informational purposes.
72. The 1975/76 audit report as prepared by Ernst & Ernst was received and filed.
73. The Mayor informed the Commission that a joint meeting with the East Grand Rapids School Board has been scheduled for Friday, October 1, at the Administration Building at 12:00 noon and urged the Commissioners to attend this important joint session.
74. The Mayor asked for a volunteer to serve as East Grand Rapids' member on the Grand Rapids Transit Authority. Mr. Jack Frost was appointed to represent the City on this Authority.
75. The Mayor reported that the East Grand Rapids Fire Department will have an E-Unit Open House on October 2 and 9 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., and 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
76. The Mayor commended the City Manager for the special award of merit which was presented to him at the annual banquet of the Michigan Municipal League which was held September 16, 1976.
77. The City Manager requested the leasing of a loader at a cost of \$1,250 per month to replace the present 1960 loader which was purchased in 1967.

77-A. Remien-Murphy. That the City Manager be authorized to enter into a lease purchase agreement for a Hough loader from Wolverine Tractor & Equipment Company in the amount of \$1,250 monthly rental.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

78. Commissioner Gale submitted a proposed letter regarding the alleged arson which recently occurred in our city.

78-A. Gale-Clary. That the following letter be published in the Cadence:

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

The City Commission of East Grand Rapids has been very aware and concerned about the alleged arson that occurred in our City. No statement has been issued by the City Commission because a number of Commissioners and City officials felt that any public statement could hinder the investigation.

A great deal of progress has now been made in the investigation, and special credit must go to our Police and Fire Departments and especially Detective Al Darzniek and Deputy Chief Weston Weber. Also, a great deal of credit and appreciation must be given to those citizens who have so fully cooperated with the investigating agencies.

The alleged act as reported in the news media, is inexcusable, but the probable reason is even more deplorable. The incident should give us all reason to study and reflect our own personal attitudes and feelings. Hopefully, the incident will give rise to the fact that there is a need of better communication and awareness among all of us in order to understand ourselves and the City in which we live.

Very sincerely,

EAST GRAND RAPIDS CITY COMMISSION

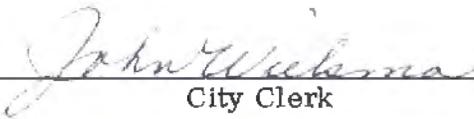
Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

79. Frost-Gale. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$586,497.58, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$41,426.98, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

80. There were 5 residents in attendance at this meeting.

81. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until September 27, 1976.



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held September 27, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: None.

82. The minutes of the meeting held September 13, 1976, were corrected as to Item 78-A to include "and especially Detective Al Darznick and Deputy Chief Weston Weber" in the first sentence of the second paragraph of the Open Letter to East Grand Rapids. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

83. The City Attorney submitted proposed ordinance amendments to Section 5.4 of Chapter 39, "Zoning Ordinance"; and Section 8.93 of Chapter 83 "Housing Regulations" for the purpose of defining a "family". He stated that the existing ordinance may not adhere to the State Statute.

83-A. Clary-Frost. That the following ordinance amendment be introduced and referred to the Planning Commission for review and report back:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION (14a)
OF SECTION 5.4 OF CHAPTER 39 - ZONING
ORDINANCE OF TITLE V OF THE CODE OF
THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (14a) of Section 5.4 of Chapter 39 of Title V of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids be amended to read as follows:

"5.4 Definitions. For the purpose of this Chapter certain terms are defined as follows:

* * *

"(14a) FAMILY: For all purposes under this Chapter a family shall be considered to include (a) a group of persons related by blood, marriage or legal adoption living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit, or (2) a number of persons but not exceeding two living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit though not related by blood, adoption, or marriage. Additional persons may be housed with a family in a dwelling unit only in compliance with all provisions of Chapter 83 - Housing Regulations of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids."

Section 2. That this amendatory ordinance be published in full within ten (10) days after enactment.

Section 3. That this amendatory ordinance be effective on _____, 1976.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

83-B. Clary-Frost. That the following ordinance amendment be introduced and referred to the Planning Commission:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION (8)
OF SECTION 8.93 OF CHAPTER 83 - HOUSING
REGULATIONS OF TITLE VIII OF THE CODE
OF THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (8) of Section 8.93 of Chapter 83 of Title VIII of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids be amended to read as follows:

"8.93. Definitions. In the interpretation of this Chapter the following definitions shall apply:

* * *

"(8) FAMILY: For all purposes under this Chapter a family shall be considered to include (1) a group of persons related by blood, marriage or legal adoption living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit, or (2) a number of persons but not exceeding two living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit though not related by blood, adoption, or marriage. Additional persons may be housed with a family in a dwelling unit only in compliance with all provisions of Chapter 83 - Housing Regulations of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids."

Section 2. That this amendatory ordinance be published in full within ten (10) days after enactment.

Section 3. That this amendatory ordinance be effective on _____, 1976.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

83-C. Remien-Frost. That a public hearing on these ordinances be held by the City Commission on October 25, 1976, and that the Clerk publish notice of this meeting.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

84. Pursuant to public notice, a hearing was held on the zoning variance request of Roger Horton, 347 Briarwood SE, to construct a two-stall garage 1.7 ft. from the north lot line and 1.4 ft. from the west lot line. Mr. Horton was present to discuss his request. There were no objections raised.

84-A. Remien-Gale. That this Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, grant the request of Mr. Horton for a zoning variance to allow him to construct the garage at 347 Briarwood SE.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

85. A letter from Cedric A. Barrett regarding obtaining a liquor license for 540 Lakeside Drive SE, was received. Mr. Barrett and Mr. John Rose were present to discuss this request with the Commission. The Commissioners indicated that they would need more specific plans before they could consider this request.

85-A. Clary-Gale. That this matter be tabled.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

86. The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held September 14, 1976, were received and filed.

87. The Commission reconsidered the request of the City Clerk to purchase two precinct tabulators at a cost of \$3,400.

87-A. Robberson-Clary. That the City Clerk be authorized to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$3,400 to Computer Election Systems, Inc., to purchase the two precinct tabulators.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: Murphy, Remien - 2

88. A letter from the District Executive of the Department of Civil Rights regarding the alleged arson on Audobon was received and filed.

89. A letter from Mr. John E. Ripmaster, 1829 Lake Drive, regarding the signs that were placed by his driveway was received and filed.

90. A letter from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury regarding the 1975/76 audit report was received and filed.

91. A letter from Ernst & Ernst regarding the audit of the 1975/76 fiscal year was received and was referred to the Committee-of-the-Whole.

92. The Fire Chief requested that Section 9.102 of Chapter 92 "Fire and Explosives" be amended to reflect the adoption of the BOCA Basic Fire Prevention Code by Reference rather than the National Fire Prevention Code. The City Attorney submitted a proposed ordinance amendment for this purpose.

92-A. Remien-Murphy. That the following ordinance be introduced for action at a subsequent meeting.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 9.102
OF CHAPTER 92 - FIRE AND EXPLOSIVES
OF TITLE IX OF THE CODE OF THE CITY
OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 9.102 of Chapter 92 of Title IX of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids be amended to read as follows:

9.102. Adoption of the BOCA Basic Fire Prevention Code/1975 by Reference. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 (k) of 1909, State of Michigan, as amended, the BOCA Basic Fire Prevention Code, 1975 edition, as promulgated by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., is hereby adopted by reference by the City of East Grand Rapids for the purpose of safeguarding life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the use or occupancy of buildings or premises. In the event of conflict between the provisions of said fire prevention code and the provisions of this Chapter, the provisions of this Chapter shall prevail. Complete printed copies of the BOCA Basic Fire Prevention Code of the Building Officials & Code Administrators International, Inc., herein adopted, are available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

Section 2. That this amendatory ordinance be published in full within ten (10) days after enactment.

Section 3. That this amendatory ordinance be effective on _____, 1976.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

93. A communication from the Michigan Municipal League requesting action by the City Commission opposing House Bill 6432 was received.

93-A. Robberson-Frost. That this Commission go on record opposing House Bill 6432 and that a letter be sent to Senator McCollough as well as Senator VanderLaan and Representative Kok communicating the feeling of this Commission.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

94. The Mayor reminded the Commissioners of the joint meeting with the School Board which will be held Friday noon, October 1st, at the Administration Building of the School.

95. The Mayor stated that the Commissioners have been invited to an open house for Dr. McGrew to be held at the Junior High on October 6th, from 7 to 9 p. m.

96. The Mayor reported that on October 2nd there will be a day of festivities put on by the High School students at John A. Collins Park, and in the evening there will be a dance on the water tower featuring the Stardusters musical group.

97. The Mayor reminded the Commissioners and those present of the open house of the Fire Department which will be held on October 2nd and 9th.

98. Frost-Gale. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$695,997.28, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$50,466.84, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

99. There were 5 residents in attendance at this meeting.

100. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until October 11, 1976.



City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held October 11, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: None.

101. The minutes of the meeting held September 27, 1976, were approved as written.

102. A letter was received from Dr. Arthur K. Hamp requesting a favorable consideration of an identifying sign on the Blodgett Memorial Professional Building. This letter was filed for information. The City Manager reported that Blodgett Memorial Hospital is not seeking further action on the signs at this time.

103. A letter from the Grand Rapids Transit Authority requesting that the City Commission approve three amendments to the Interlocal Agreement creating a metropolitan transit authority was discussed.

103-A. Murphy-Remien. That the amendments as proposed by the Grand Rapids Transit Authority be adopted.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6

Nays: Clary - 1

104. A proposed resolution supporting Proposal A (Pro-Bottle Bill) was submitted to the Commission by Commissioners Gale and Frost. There was much discussion as to whether this was a proper subject for the East Grand Rapids City Commission to take a position on. Mrs. Gwenn Hibbard, Mr. Newton Dilley, and Mrs. Jerry Azzar spoke in favor of the proposed resolution.

104-A. Gale-Frost. That the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, there is a severe litter problem in the State of Michigan, including the areas along our roadsides, waterways and in our woods and parks, and

WHEREAS, non-returnable bottles and cans constitute a significant portion of that litter, and

WHEREAS, the cleanup of litter, including large numbers of discarded non-returnable bottles and cans, costs the state and local governments scarce tax dollars which could be better utilized for other purposes, and

WHEREAS, the disposal of non-returnable beverage containers contributes to the solid waste problem and uses up scarce landfill space,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids endorses the use of returnable beverage containers and urges the approval of the Bottle Bill Initiative by the voters of East Grand Rapids and the State of Michigan in the November general election,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the local news media and to other local governments in the Grand Rapids area.

Yeas: Frost, Gale - 2

Nays: Clary, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

105. A letter was received from the Michigan Municipal League regarding the position that the membership took at its annual meeting on September 9, 1976, relative to opposing Proposal C, which is a constitutional amendment to limit state revenues and expenditures.

105-A. Robberson-Remien. That the letter from the Michigan Municipal League be received and filed.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

106. The City Manager submitted a letter regarding the City's contribution to the Advisory Center for Teens and recommended that the City Commission authorize participation in the ACT regional organization to the extent of \$999 as recommended in the HRD formula for AGRAG communities and that an additional contribution of \$1,000 be appropriated to ACT-East.

106-A. Gale-Frost. That the City participate in the ACT regional organization in the amount of \$999 and the ACT-East program in the amount of \$1,000.

106-B. Robberson-Frost. That this matter be tabled.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Frost, Remien, Robberson - 3
Nays: Gale, Murphy, Stoppels - 3
Commissioner Clary abstained.

The motion failed.

106-C. Clary-Remien. That the main motion be amended by eliminating from the motion the special contribution to the local ACT-East contribution so that the ACT-East contribution could be considered separately.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

106-D. The vote on the 106-A motion as amended by 106-C was as follows:

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

The motion carried as amended.

106-E. Gale-Murphy. That the recommendation of the City Manager to contribute \$1,000 to the ACT-East program be approved and that an amount of \$851.50 be transferred from the contingency fund to the Community Service Project Account.

106-F. Robberson-Remien. That this matter be tabled.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: Gale, Frost - 2

107. The City Manager submitted a request from Michigan Bell Telephone Company to renew the lease for their Bellboy station located on the Norfolk water tower. The proposed lease has been changed from one 5-year option to a one-year term with four one-year options.

107-A. That the City enter into a lease for one year with four one-year options with Michigan Bell for their Bellboy station on the Norfolk water tower.

Yeas: Clary, Gale, Frost, Murphy, Remien, Stoppels - 6
Nays: Robberson - 1

108. A letter was received from National Biocentric, Inc., regarding modifications of the program for the study and collection of data on nutrients going into Reeds Lake. After considerable discussion as to the meaning of the letter, it was filed for information purposes.

109. Gale-Frost. That John Wielsma be appointed officer delegate and Fred H. Tholen, officer alternate, to attend the Municipal Employees' Retirement System business meeting which will be held October 14, 1976.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7

Nays: 0

110. Mr. John Darrah, 1758 Breton Road, discussed a notice he had received from the Grand Rapids Board of Zoning Appeals relative to the request of Breton Village Shopping Center to construct a parking lot on the west side of Breton adjoining the south city limits. Mr. Lloyd Moseley, 1753 Breton Road, was also present to object to this request.

110-A. Robberson-Frost. That the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Breton Village Shopping Center, Inc. owns and operates a multi-tenant shopping center on the east side of Breton Road and immediately adjacent to the south city limits of the City of East Grand Rapids, and

WHEREAS, the adjacent land to the north of Breton Village Shopping Center is within the corporate limits of the City of East Grand Rapids, is zoned for single-family residential dwellings, and is in fact the location of many fine quality single-family residences, and

WHEREAS, Breton Village Shopping Center, Inc. had failed to provide adequate screening of its commercial shopping center from the adjacent residential area as required by the ordinances of Grand Rapids and the City of East Grand Rapids, and

WHEREAS, Breton Village Shopping Center, Inc. has continued to expand the buildings comprising the retail selling areas of the shopping center without apparent regard for the adequacy of customer and employee parking and the increased traffic congestion on adjacent East Grand Rapids streets, and

WHEREAS, the City of East Grand Rapids has previously denied requests from Breton Village Shopping Center, Inc. for a zoning variance to permit parking within the corporate limits of the City of East Grand Rapids, and

WHEREAS, Breton Village Shopping Center, Inc. has applied to the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Grand Rapids for permission to construct a parking lot on the west side of Breton Road adjacent to the single-family residential areas situated in East Grand Rapids to the north and Grand Rapids to the west, and

WHEREAS, Breton Village Shopping Center, Inc. has asked for a waiver of the fencing requirement contained in the existing codes of the City of Grand Rapids, and

WHEREAS, a letter to the neighborhood residents dated October 8, 1976, on the letterhead of Breton Village Shopping Center, Inc. over the signature of Gerald J. Girod, General Manager, incorrectly stated that "property owners across the East Grand Rapids city line will no longer have the burden of knowing that drainage from that land is creating problems for Grand Rapids property owners", and

WHEREAS, the letter of October 8, 1976, further stated that the City of East Grand Rapids would share in the cost of providing drainage for the proposed parking lot, and

WHEREAS, the City of East Grand Rapids has not agreed to share in this cost of preparing drainage for such purpose, and

WHEREAS, an additional driveway and pedestrians crossing Breton Road at a point where it narrows from four lanes to two lanes will constitute a threat to the safety of persons and property on an already busy and congested street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of East Grand Rapids, by resolution dated October 11, 1976, does go on record in opposition to any and all future variances for the expansion of commercial activity and parking for such commercial activities along or adjacent to Breton Road between the south city limits of the City of East Grand Rapids and Burton Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Grand Rapids be requested not to waive the fencing requirement as requested by Breton Village Shopping Center, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioners Robberson and Frost attend the hearing of Breton Village Shopping Center, Inc. before the Grand Rapids Board of Zoning Appeals which will be held October 21, 1976, at 1:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Grand Rapids Board of Zoning Appeals and to the Commissioners of the City of Grand Rapids.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

111. Reports for the month of September from the Fire Department, Police Department and Building Inspector were received and filed.

112. The minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held September 15, 1976, were received and filed.

113. The Joint City-School Recreational Facilities Committee minutes of their meeting held September 29, 1976, were received and filed.

114. Gale-Frost. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$280,894.91, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$43,223.12, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

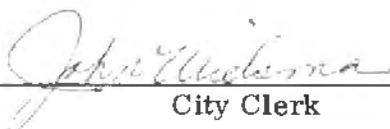
115. A letter from Mr. J. R. Harman objecting to the request of Mr. Rose to obtain a liquor license for the Rose's Popcorn Shop was received and filed.

116. Letters from students at Lakeside School were distributed inviting the Commissioners to attend their classes for a luncheon on October 20th at 11:30 a.m.

117. Commissioner Clary reported that the bicycle path along Reeds Lake Blvd. needs cleaning because of large deposits of dirt on the path creating a problem for cyclists.

118. A letter from residents of Sherman Street between Locust and Laurel objecting to "No Parking" signs on their portion of the street was referred to the Traffic Commission.

119. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until October 25, 1976.



City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held October 25, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Frost, Murphy, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: Com. Gale.

120. The minutes of the meeting held October 11, 1976, were corrected as follows: Item 106-C, the words "special" and "local" are to be added so that the motion reads "that the main motion be amended by eliminating from the motion the special contribution to the local ACT-East contribution so that the ACT-East contribution could be considered separately".

Item 110-A was corrected by rewording the second resolution to read "Be It Further Resolved that the City of East Grand Rapids be requested not to waive the fencing requirement as requested by Breton Village Shopping Center, Inc.".

The minutes were then approved as corrected.

121. Pursuant to published notice, a hearing was then held on the proposed amendment to subsection 14a of Section 5.4 of Chapter 39 - Zoning Ordinance. A communication from the Planning Commission supporting this amendment was received.

121-A. Remien-Clary. That the following ordinance be adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION (14a)
OF SECTION 5.4 OF CHAPTER 39 - ZONING
ORDINANCE OF TITLE V OF THE CODE OF
THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (14a) of Section 5.4 of Chapter 39 of Title V of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids be amended to read as follows:

"5.4. Definitions. For the purpose of this Chapter certain terms are defined as follows:

"(14a) FAMILY: For all purposes under this Chapter a family shall be considered to include (1) a group of persons related by blood, marriage or legal adoption living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit or (2) a number of persons, but not exceeding two, living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit though not related by blood, adoption, or marriage. Additional persons may be housed with a family in a dwelling unit only in compliance with all provisions of Chapter 83 - Housing Regulations of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids."

Section 2. That this amendatory ordinance be published in full within ten (10) days after enactment.

Section 3. That this amendatory ordinance be effective on November 4, 1976.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: Murphy - 1

122. The proposed amendment to subsection 8 of Section 8.93 of Chapter 83 - Housing Regulations - was then considered.

122-A. Remien-Robberson. That the following resolution be adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION (8)
OF SECTION 8.93 OF CHAPTER 83 - HOUSING
REGULATIONS OF TITLE VIII OF THE CODE
OF THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (8) of Section 8.93 of Chapter 83 of Title VIII of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids be amended to read as follows:

"8.93. Definitions. In the interpretation of this Chapter the following definitions shall apply:

* * *

"(8) FAMILY: For all purposes under this Chapter a family shall be considered to include (1) a group of persons related by blood, marriage or legal adoption living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit, or (2) a number of persons, but not exceeding two, living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit though not related by blood, adoption, or marriage. Additional persons may be housed with a family in a dwelling unit only in compliance with all provisions of Chapter 83 - Housing Regulations of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids."

Section 2. That this amendatory ordinance be published in full within ten (10) days after enactment.

Section 3. That this amendatory ordinance be effective on November 4, 1976.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5

Nays: Murphy - 1

123. The proposed amendment to Section 9.102 of Chapter 92 - Fire and Explosives - was then considered.

123-A. Clary-Murphy. That the following ordinance be adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 9.102
OF CHAPTER 92 - FIRE AND EXPLOSIVES
OF TITLE IX OF THE CODE OF THE CITY
OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 9.102 of Chapter 92 of Title IX of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids be amended to read as follows:

9.102. Adoption of the BOCA Basic Fire Prevention Code/1975 by Reference. Pursuant to the provisions of section 3 (k) of 1909, State of Michigan, as amended, the BOCA Basic Fire Prevention Code, 1975 edition, as promulgated by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., is hereby adopted by reference by the City of East Grand Rapids for the purpose of safeguarding life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion

Commissioner Gale arrived at this time.

130. The City Engineer submitted a report of bids which were received for the 1976 tree planting program, and recommended the contract be awarded to Chet's Nursery and requested the City Commission to set the price to be charged to property owners who wish to participate in this program.

130-A. Clary-Robberson. That the tree planting contract be awarded to Chet's Nursery & Landscaping in the amount of \$2,322 and that those persons who wish to participate in this program be charged \$12 per tree.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

131. The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held October 19, 1976, were received and filed.

132. The financial report for a 2-month period ended August 31, 1976, was received and filed.

133. The Mayor reported that he had received a letter from the Mayor of Grand Rapids regarding the establishment of a water-sewer liaison committee which will be established for users of the Grand Rapids systems. The Mayor requested the City Commissioners to consider who they would like to appoint to this committee and to have names available at the next City Commission meeting.

134. Mayor Stoppels distributed a summary of the AGRAG Mayors' position on payment of jail fees, which was received and filed.

135. An invoice from the City Attorney regarding time spent by his staff on the City vs. Marvin DeWinter et al law suit in the amount of \$2,053.33 was received. The Attorney reported that the only matter remaining to be determined is that of assessment of costs.

135-A. Remien-Robberson. That this Commission authorize the payment in the amount of \$2,053.33 to the City Attorney and that this amount be transferred from the contingency fund.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

136. The City Manager reported that the Michigan Department of State Highways has requested to utilize a site in the Manhattan area to dump peat which would be excavated in connection with the East Beltline project.

136-A. Remien-Gale. That the request of the Michigan Department of State Highways be denied. It was discussed that the City is using a portion of this area as a landfill site and that a portion of this property is being developed as a nature study area.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

137. The City Manager reported on the status of the flag pole which Grand Rapids Rotary-East proposes to erect on the Grand Rapids Yacht Club property at the end of Wealthy Street.

138. Remien-Frost. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$170,082.79, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$42,853.27, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

139. Commissioner Clary expressed concern over the possibility of berm erosion on the Manhattan site. The City Engineer advised that this matter would be taken care of in the project contract.

140. There were nine residents in attendance at this meeting.

141. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until November 8, 1976.

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arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the use or occupancy of buildings or premises. In the event of conflict between the provisions of said fire prevention code and the provisions of this Chapter, the provisions of this Chapter shall prevail. Complete printed copies of the BOCA Basic Fire Prevention Code of the Building Officials & Code Administrators International, Inc., herein adopted, are available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

Section 2. That this amendatory ordinance be published in full within ten (10) days after enactment.

Section 3. That this amendatory ordinance be effective on November 4, 1976.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6

Nays: 0

124. Communications from the Liquor Control Commission regarding application from Cedric A. Barrett for a liquor license were received for information. The City Attorney was directed to research the Liquor Control Act to determine the scope of the authority of the local governing body. The Attorney was also asked to determine the situations under which the non-conforming use at 540 Lakeside Drive would be terminated.

125. Commissioner Robberson inquired about the marina supply business being operated out of the home of Mr. Rose, 540 Lakeside Drive SE.

125-A. Robberson-Remien. That the City Manager be directed to inform Mr. Rose that he is to discontinue the conduct of this business, including authorization to issue a warrant, if necessary.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6

Nays: 0

126. A letter from the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce thanking the Commission for its contribution to the Business Development Operations was received and filed.

127. The special contribution to ACT-East was considered. Mr. William Buffam was present to answer questions regarding the functions of ACT-East.

127-A. Murphy-Remien. That an amount of \$1,000 be appropriated as the City's special contribution to ACT-East.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6

Nays: 0

128. Information regarding the financial structure of Project Rehab was received together with a memorandum from the City Manager recommending the City contribute the amount of \$2,125, which amount was appropriated in the 1976/77 budget of the City and which amount is the support contribution under the AGRAG formula.

128-A. Remien-Frost. That the City contribute \$2,125 to the support of Project Rehab.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6

Nays: 0

129. A tabulation of bids for the stump removal program was received. The City Manager recommended that the low bid of Brouwer Tree Company in the amount of \$1,376 be accepted.

129-A. Murphy-Remien. That the recommendation of the City Manager to award the contract to Brouwer Tree Company in the amount of \$1,376 be approved.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6

Nays: 0

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held November 8, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Robberson, and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: Com. Remien.

142. Mayor Stoppels welcomed eight Webelos Scouts with their Cub Master, Bob Motl, and Den Chief, Brian Romer. The Scouts are from Pack 3300 sponsored by Lakeside School PTA.

143. The minutes of the meeting held October 25, 1976, were approved as written.

144. The City Attorney submitted an opinion relative to the sale of spirits for consumption on the premises at 540 Lakeside Drive SE. It is his opinion that spirits other than beer and wine may be sold in the city for consumption on the premises only after the City Commission, by resolution, elects in favor thereof, or after a referendum has resulted in a favorable public vote approving such sale, and that sale of beer and wine for consumption on the premises requires prior Commission approval. Mr. Jack Bowie, representing Mr. Barrett, displayed three exhibits which were as follows: A plot plan, a sketch showing proposed alterations of the building, and an architectural rendering of the proposed exterior treatment of the building. He requested that the City Commission not take any action until Mr. Barrett has had an opportunity to analyze the practicality of the project and submits more thorough plans.

145. Reports for the month of October from the Fire Department, Police Department and Building Inspector were received and filed.

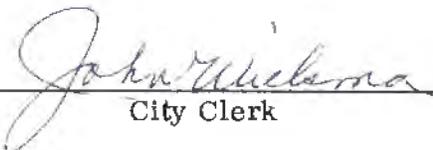
146. Mayor Stoppels informed the Commission that he has appointed City Manager Tholen to represent the City of East Grand Rapids as a member on the recently established Water-Sewer Users Liaison Committee created by the City of Grand Rapids.

147. Gale-Frost. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$69,938.14, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$53,326.82, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

148. There were 16 residents in attendance at this meeting.

149. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until November 22, 1976.



City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held November 22, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien and Mayor Stoppels.

Absent: Com. Robberson.

150. The minutes of the meeting held November 8, 1976, were approved as written.

151. Mr. Geert Brander, an exchange student from the town of Franeka, Providence of Friesland, the Netherlands, was present to present the Mayor with a letter from his Mayor Hop, as well as a picture of his city hall and a medal. Mayor Stoppels welcomed Mr. Brander to East Grand Rapids and read the letter he received from Mayor Hop. He also expressed his appreciation for the gifts.

152. Pursuant to public notice, a hearing was held upon the zoning variance request of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen A. Savageau, 2457 Richards Drive SE, to permit construction of a 2-stall garage 1.25 ft. from their west property line which is the location of the existing 1-stall garage. Mr. Savageau was present to discuss his request. There were no objections raised.

152-A. Remien-Frost. That this Commission, acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, grant the request of Mr. & Mrs. Savageau.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Stoppels - 6

Nays: 0

153. Letters from Blodgett Memorial Medical Center and Dr. Robert S. Holm, regarding parking problems in the vicinity of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center were received. Mr. Fischer, from Blodgett Hospital, and Dr. McKeigan were present to discuss this problem.

153-A. Clary-Gale. That these letters be referred to the Traffic Commission and that a notice of the date and time of the Traffic Commission meeting at which this matter will be considered be mailed to those persons who have written regarding this matter and that a notice of the Traffic Commission meeting also be published in the Cadence. At the time that the Traffic Commission's recommendation comes to the East Grand Rapids City Commission, notices are to be sent to all residents in the area and a notice to be published in the Cadence advising that this item will be on the agenda.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Stoppels - 6

Nays: 0

154. A letter was received from the City Manager requesting approval for promotions within the Fire Department and recommending that a transfer of \$1,680 be made from the Contingency Fund to the Fire Department Personal Services Account to provide funds for these promotions.

154-A. Remien-Gale. That the request of the City Manager be concurred in and that \$1,680 be transferred from the Contingency Fund to the Fire Department Personal Services Account.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Stoppels - 6

Nays: 0

155. The City Manager requested authorization to transfer \$600 from the Contingency Fund to the Assessor's Personal Services Account for supplemental assistance for the Assessor to help her equalize the assessments in our city.

155-A. Murphy-Remien. That the request of the City Manager be concurred in and that the amount of \$600 be transferred from the Contingency Fund to the Assessor's Personal Services Account.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

156. A memorandum was received from the City Manager regarding auto leasing of eight vehicles, three of which would be leased for three years, three for two years, and two for one year. It was decided to refer this matter to a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

157. The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held November 9, 1976, were received and filed.

158. The financial report of the General Fund for a 3-month period ended September 30, 1976, was received and filed.

159. The City Manager reported that the Recreation Department has reserved two buses for the use of residents wishing to go to Pontiac to see the East Grand Rapids Pioneers Football Team play the State Finals. He reported that the cost per person is \$10, and that 26 reservations have been made at this time.

160. Commissioner Remien inquired about the screening of the Breton Village property adjacent to East Grand Rapids east of Breton. The City Manager reported that the Grand Rapids City Attorney is presently negotiating with Mr. Molhoek, the Attorney for Breton Village.

161. Commissioner Gale expressed concern regarding children riding their bikes at night without lights. The City Attorney was requested to review the possibility of creating an ordinance to help reduce this problem.

162. Frost-Gale. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$48,068.47, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$42,770.80, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

163. Mayor Stoppels requested that the hole at the northwest corner of Plymouth and Wealthy be patched before winter sets in.

164. There were 7 residents in attendance at this meeting.

165. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until December 6, 1976.

City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held December 6, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: Com. Clary.

166. Remien-Frost. That the minutes of the meeting held November 22, 1976, be approved as written.

167. Mayor Stoppels read a letter which was received from the 1976 East Grand Rapids Varsity Football Team thanking the Commission and the community for the reception given for them and for the support and enthusiasm shown for their team throughout the season.

168. The City Engineer submitted a request from Mr. Clifford O. Boyce relative to amending the easement over Lot 17 of the Manhattan Meadows Plat. Mr. Boyce was present to discuss the need for this amendment.

168-A.
BY COMMISSIONERS FROST-GALE:

WHEREAS the City Engineer has recommended to this Commission that the underground utilities easement along the Westerly line of Lot 17 of Manhattan Meadows he made a uniform 20 feet in width rather than its present width of 30 feet along Manhattan Lane and 15 feet along Reeds Lake Boulevard; and

WHEREAS the Owners of said Lot 17 have agreed to grant to the City an easement covering the West 20 feet in width of said Lot 17.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to waive and release all of the easement rights of the City over and across said Lot 17 except as said easement rights may affect the West 20 feet of said lot, and that the City accept from the Owners of said Lot 17 a grant of easement over and across the West 20 feet of said lot.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

169. The City Attorney submitted a letter pertaining to bicycle enforcement. This matter was referred to a Committee-of-the-Whole session.

170. The City Attorney submitted a proposed amendment to the Traffic Code. This matter was referred to the Traffic Commission for study and recommendation.

171. The City Manager and City Controller submitted information relative to the Water Fund and recommended an increase in the water rate from 66¢ to 95¢ per 1,000 gallons. The primary reason for this increase is that the City of Grand Rapids increased the rates to us slightly more than 42% as of April, 1976.

171-A. Remien-Murphy. That the following ordinance amendment be adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.83
OF CHAPTER 19 - WATER RATES - OF
TITLE I OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
EAST GRAND RAPIDS

The City of East Grand Rapids ordains:

Section 1. Section 2.83 of Chapter 19 of Title I of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids is amended to read as follows:

2.83. Water Rates. The rates to be charged for water service shall be as follows:

Consumption Rates

Inside City Limits	\$.95 per 1,000 gallons
Outside City Limits	1.42 per 1,000 gallons

Minimum bills shall be the total of the appropriate meter service charge and the cost of 10,000 gallons of water.

Quarterly Meter Service Charges

1/2" - 3/4" Meter - \$ 4.75	2" Meter - \$ 34.00
1" Meter - \$ 8.50	3" Meter - \$ 76.00
1 1/4" Meter - \$13.00	4" Meter - \$135.00
1 1/2" Meter - \$19.00	6" Meter - \$305.00

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately and the rates established by this ordinance shall apply to all billings for water service mailed after the enactment of this ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be published in full within 10 days after its enactment pursuant to Chapter VIII, Section 5, of the City Charter.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

171-B. Gale-Remien. That the City Manager send a letter to the City of Grand Rapids for the purpose of communicating the Commission's objection to the water rate increase and requesting clarification of the rate structure and documentation supporting this rate increase.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

172. The minutes of the Metropolitan Housing Allocation Task Force meeting which was held November 29, 1976, were received and filed.

173. Departmental reports of the Fire Department, Police Department and Building Inspector were received and filed.

174. The financial report for a 4-month period ended October 31, 1976, was received and filed.

175. Commissioner Remien inquired about the pilings which have been driven on the Gilmore property and was informed that these were test pilings to determine the bearing capacity of the soil.

176. Commissioner Remien inquired about the status of the screening which is to be provided by Breton Village along the south city limits east of Breton. The City Manager stated that the matter was in the hands of the Grand Rapids City Attorney and that he is awaiting word from that office. Commissioner Robberson advised the Commission that he would make a direct contact with Grand Rapids City Commissioners. The City Manager was requested to furnish copies of correspondence to date to Mayor Stoppels and Commissioners Remien and Robberson.

177. Remien-Frost. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$700,945.11, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$54,083.74, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: 0

178. The following resolution was moved by Commissioner Gale and supported by Commissioner Frost:

WHEREAS, the East Grand Rapids Varsity Women's Swimming Team has excelled in its team efforts; and

WHEREAS, the East Grand Rapids Varsity Women's Swim Team won every swimming and diving meet in their conference; and,

WHEREAS, the East Grand Rapids Varsity Women's Swim Team won the Grandville Relays; and,

WHEREAS, the East Grand Rapids Varsity Women's Swim Team competing against all conference teams, won the 1976 O K Red Women's Swimming Conference Championship; and,

WHEREAS, the East Grand Rapids Varsity Women's Swim Team in final competition against the outstanding swimmers and divers of forty-six Class B, C, D teams in the State of Michigan, was awarded the highly esteemed Runner-Up Trophy

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids on behalf of all of the citizens of East Grand Rapids extends their most sincere congratulations for a job "well done" to all members of the East Grand Rapids Varsity Women's Swimming Team and to their coaches, Butch Briggs, Betsy VerMeulen, and Ken Dutkiewicz, whose experience and enthusiasm played a major part in the team's outstanding achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission authorize the purchase of a quarter page advertisement in the Cadence for the purpose of publishing this resolution at a cost of \$49.50.

There was a lengthy discussion as to whether the City should expend City funds to publish this resolution. Following this discussion a roll call vote was taken on the resolution:

Yeas: Gale, Frost - 2

Nays: Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 4

178-A. After further discussion Commissioner Gale moved and Commissioner Frost supported that the resolution as offered by Commissioner Gale be adopted except for the last paragraph relative to publication, which paragraph would be eliminated.

Yeas: Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6

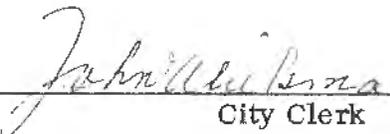
Nays: 0

179. Commissioner Gale stated that he opposes authorization of the payment of the expenses incurred for the Open House held for the East Grand Rapids Varsity Football Team.

180. Commissioner Frost stated that he would like an opportunity to discuss dogs running at large within our city at a Committee-of-the-Whole session.

181. There was one resident in attendance at this meeting.

182. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until December 20, 1976.



 City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held December 20, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stoppels.

Present: Coms. Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson and Mayor Stoppels.
Absent: None.

183. The minutes of the meeting held December 6, 1976, were approved as written.

184. A resolution was received from the City of Kentwood regarding amending the laws relating to the age of persons entitled to purchase alcoholic beverages in the state. This information was received and filed.

185. A memorandum from the East Grand Rapids Librarian regarding the L.I.N.K. Program was received. It was reported that this service will no longer receive funding under the Library Services and Construction Act and to continue this program area governmental units are asked to contribute an amount based on a financial formula to fund this project. The East Grand Rapids share would be \$366.72.

185-A. Murphy-Clary. That an amount of \$366.72, as recommended by the East Grand Rapids Library Commission, be appropriated to continue the L.I.N.K. project for 1977 with funds for this purpose to be transferred from the Contingent Fund.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

186. The City Manager submitted a tabulation of bids received on December 10, 1976, for three police cruisers and recommended that the contract be awarded to Weiss Imperial Motors, the low bidder, in the amount of \$7,867.

186-A. Remien-Gale. That the City purchase the three police cruisers as recommended and that the amount of \$7,867 be transferred from the Contingent Fund to the Motor Equipment Revolving Fund to cover this expenditure.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

187. The City Manager submitted a letter regarding janitorial services for the Library, Police Building and City Hall, and recommended that a contract be entered into with Cardinal Maintenance Service at a monthly cost of \$580.

187-A. Murphy-Remien. That the current contract with Carpet Guard be terminated and the new contract be awarded to Cardinal Maintenance Service in the amount of \$580 per month, plus 5¢ per square foot for carpet cleaning when needed.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

188. A letter was received from the City Attorney regarding the Hatch and Moen cases which have been appealed to the Michigan Court of Appeals on December 8. Mrs. Ruth Moen was present and requested a letter from the City Commission allowing her tenants to stay until May and June of 1977. The request of Mrs. Moen was deferred until further information could be obtained from the City Attorney. A statement from the City Attorney regarding costs incurred by his firm as it relates to the Hatch-Moen case was received.

188-A. Remien-Gale. That the amount of \$4,058.35 be approved for payment to the City Attorney and that this amount be transferred from the Contingency Fund to the City Attorney's miscellaneous account.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

189. The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held December 14, 1976, were received. The amendment to the Traffic Code was discussed.

189-A. Robberson-Remien. That the following ordinance be introduced at this meeting:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 10.65
AND 10.66 OF CHAPTER 107 OF TITLE X
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST GRAND
RAPIDS

THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 10.65 of the East Grand Rapids City Code is amended as follows:

"10.65. Notice of Violation. The issuance of a traffic ticket or notice of violation by a police officer of the City shall be deemed an allegation of a parking violation. Such traffic ticket or notice of violation shall indicate the length of time in which the person to whom the same was issued must respond to the Parking Violations Bureau before the assessed penalty will be increased. It shall also indicate the address of the bureau, the hours during which the bureau is open, the amount of the penalty scheduled for the offense for which the ticket was issued and advise that a warrant for the arrest of the person to whom the ticket was issued will be sought if such person fails to respond within the time limit."

Section 2. Section 10.66 of the East Grand Rapids City Code is amended as follows:

"10.66. Schedule of Penalties. The violations that follow in a. and b. may be settled at the Parking Violations Bureau when so provided in this Chapter by imposition and payment of fines as herein set forth:

a. UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE VIOLATIONS.

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>UTC SECTION</u>	<u>PENALTY</u>
Parking too far from curb	(8.1, 8.2)	\$ 2.00
Angle parking violations	(8.3)	\$ 2.00
Obstructing traffic	(8.5)	\$ 5.00
Prohibited parking (signs unnecessary unless noted)	(8.10)	
(a) on sidewalk		\$ 5.00
(b) in front of drive		\$ 5.00
(c) within intersection		\$ 10.00
(d) within 15 feet of hydrant		\$ 5.00
(e) on cross walk		\$ 5.00
(f) within 20 feet of cross walk or 15 feet of corner lot lines		\$ 5.00
(g) within 30 feet of street side traffic sign or signal		\$ 5.00
(h) within 50 feet of railroad crossing		\$ 5.00
(i) within 20 feet of fire station entrance		\$ 5.00
(j) within 75 feet of fire station entrance on opposite side of street (signs required)		\$ 5.00
(k) beside street excavation when traffic obstructed		\$ 5.00
(l) double parking		\$ 5.00
(m) on bridge of viaduct or within tunnel		\$ 10.00
(n) within 200 feet of accident where police in attendance		\$ 3.00
(o) in front of theater		\$ 3.00

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>UTC SECTION</u>	<u>PENALTY</u>
(p) blocking emergency exit		\$ 5.00
(q) blocking fire escape		\$ 5.00
(r) in prohibited zone (signs required)		\$ 3.00
Parking in alley	(8.13)	\$ 3.00
Parking for prohibited purpose	(8.14)	
(a) displaying vehicle for sale		\$ 3.00
(b) working on or repairing vehicle		\$ 3.00
(c) displaying advertising		\$ 3.00
(d) selling merchandise		\$ 3.00
(e) storage over 48 hours		\$ 5.00
Wrong side boulevard roadway	(8.15)	\$ 2.00
Loading zone violation	(8.16, 8.17)	\$ 2.00
Bus, parking other than bus stop	(8.19)	\$ 5.00
Taxicab, parking other than cab stand	(8.19)	\$ 5.00
Bus stop, taxicab stand violations	(8.20)	\$ 3.00
Meter violations	(8.21)	\$ 2.00
Meters, not parked within space	(8.22)	\$ 2.00
Failure to set brakes	(5.58)	\$ 3.00
Parked on grade wheels not turned to curb	(5.58)	\$ 2.00
Bicycle parking violations	(6.17)	\$ 1.00

b. EAST GRAND RAPIDS CITY CODE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>SECTION 10.5 SUB-SECTION</u>	<u>PENALTY</u>
Unattended with motor running	(8.1(a))	\$ 5.00
Parking during darkness without rear lights	(8.8(a))	\$ 2.00
Parked on too narrow road	(8.9(a))	\$ 5.00
Parked on street between 3:00 a.m. & 6:00 a.m. from Nov. through April	(8.10(s))	\$ 5.00
Parked beyond time-limit	(8.10(t))	\$ 2.00
Parked on lawn extension	(8.25)	\$ 3.00

c. ADDITIONAL EAST GRAND RAPIDS CITY PARKING VIOLATION.

The following violation may be settled at the Parking Violations Bureau when so provided in this Chapter, by the imposition and payment of a fine as herein set forth:

Overtime parking in time-restricted zones	\$ 2.00
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d. PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT. If the penalty listed in a, b, and c above is not paid or postmarked within 10 days of issuance of violation, penalty shall be doubled, if not paid or postmarked within 45 days, penalty again shall be doubled.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be published in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter and shall be effective on and after _____, 1977

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6

Nays: Gale - 1

189-B. Mayor Stoppels complimented Lois Moseley for the tremendous job she has done and the considerable amount of time she has spent as a member of the Traffic Commission.

190. A letter was received from Mr. Andrew DeKraker, Chairman of the Kent County Board of Commissioners, regarding changes in the appointment of Library Board members, the Library formula, as well as administrative changes. This letter was received and filed.

191. The City Manager discussed with the Commission a proposed list which would be used for a mailing notifying residents of a hearing related to the parking situation in the vicinity of the Blodgett Memorial Medical Center.

191-A. Frost-Gale. That notices be sent to all residents as listed on the proposed document and that a hearing be scheduled for January 10, 1977.

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Gale, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 7
Nays: 0

192. Frost-Gale. That expense vouchers in the amount of \$332,670.24, less \$43 which is the amount of a bill from the Coca-Cola Company, and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$44,158.45, as approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Controller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

192-A. Clary-Robberson. That the above motion be amended to include in the total vouchers approved for payment the \$43.

Yeas: Clary, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 5
Nays: Frost, Gale - 2

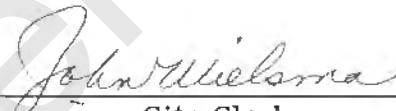
The motion carried.

A vote was then taken on the main motion as amended:

Yeas: Clary, Frost, Murphy, Remien, Robberson, Stoppels - 6
Nays: Gale - 1

193. There were 9 residents in attendance at this meeting.

194. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor, until January 10, 1977.



City Clerk