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CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held January 17, 2023

Mayor Favale called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at the East Grand Rapids Community Center and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioners Arendshorst, Hamrick, Schulz, Schwartz and Mayor Favale.

Absent: Commissioner Wessely.

Also Present: City Manager Charles; Deputy City Manager LaFave; City Attorney Huff; City Clerk Parmenter; Finance Director Seath; Parks, Recreation Director Melville, Zoning Administrator Gianotti and Public Safety Chief Herald.

2023-01. The agenda was approved as submitted.

2023-02. Public comment: None.

2023-03. Mayor and City Commission comments, including committee liaison reports.

Commissioner Hamrick gave an update on the Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Schulz gave an update on the Gaslight Village Business Association meeting and a hat off to public works for shifting gears with the weather changes.

Mayor Favale thanked Doug and his team for setting up for the recycling event. It was very successful with about three tons of electronic waste and 1100 pounds of foam packaging.

City Manager Charles mentioned safe street demonstration pilots. Fred Bunn Trail redesign will be going to Parks and Recreation meeting then to City Commission sometime in February and also the interviews are all set up for the Personnel Committee on January 25.

2023-04. Public Safety Quarterly Report for period ending 12/31.

Public Safety Chief Herald reviewed the report.

There was discussion regarding ways to get the word out for people to lock their cars and homes.

2023-05. Consider second reading of proposed amendments to Article X Chapter 50 of the Zoning Ordinance related to the review and approval of site plans and special uses.

Zoning Administrator Gianotti highlighted the amendments.

Commissioner Hamrick asked if PUD's would still go through Planning Commission and City Commission. Zoning Administrator Gianotti stated they would.

2023-05-A. Schulz-Hamrick. Voted to approve the proposed amendments to Article X of Chapter 50 of as presented.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Hamrick, Schulz, Schwartz and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

2023-06. Consider second reading of proposed amendments to Articles XI of Chapter 50 of the Zoning Ordinance related to the review and approval of site plans and special uses.

Zoning Administrator Gianotti highlighted the amendments.

2023-06-A. Arendshorst-Schulz. Voted to approve the proposed amendments to Article XI of Chapter 50 as presented.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Hamrick, Schulz, Schwartz and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

2023-07. Consider first reading to amend Chapter 53 of Title V, in its entirety, as required by FEMA with respect to updates to the National Flood Insurance Program and associated Flood Insurance Rate Map updates for effective maps.

Deputy City Manager LaFave highlighted the request.

2023-07-A. Hamrick-Schwartz. To approve the first reading to amend Chapter 53 of Title V as requested.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Hamrick, Schwartz, Schulz and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

2023-08. Consider authorizing the purchase of 12 radios in the amount of \$36,849 with 8% contingency for the Department of Public Works.

Deputy City Manager LaFave highlighted the request.

Commissioner Schulz noted that this was a worthwhile expenditure.

2023-08-A. Schulz-Schwartz. To approve the purchase of 12 radios as requested.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Hamrick, Schwartz, Schulz and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

2023-09. Consider approving a resolution of support for the Manhattan Park Improvement Project Sparks Grant application which includes a financial commitment of \$600,000 towards the cost of the project.

Parks and Recreation Director Melville highlighted the request.

Commissioner Schulz asked if this was similar to what was asked for in the first grant. Parks and Recreation Director stated that it was not the same.

Commissioner Arendshorst asked if it helped that we were rejected in the first round and if anything was wrong with the first application.

City Manager Charles noted that this year's trust fund was less than previous years.

Commissioner Schwartz asked when we have to commit the funds. Parks and Recreation Director Melville replied that the funds have to be committed by December 2024 and spent by October 2026.

Schwartz-Arendshorst. To approve the resolution as requested.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Hamrick, Schwartz, Schulz and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

2023-10. Consider setting the City's Annual Strategic Planning Retreat for March 11, 2023.

City Manager Charles highlighted the request.

2023-10-A. Schwartz-Hamrick. To set the retreat as requested.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Hamrick, Schwartz, Schulz and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

2023-11. Hamrick-Schulz. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2023-11-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held January 3, 2023.

2023-11-B. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$339,130.96; county and school disbursements of \$0, and total remaining disbursements of \$46,189.88.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Hamrick, Schwartz, Schulz and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until February 6, 2023.

Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk