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CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held April 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, Burdick, Hamrick, Schulz, Schwartz, Wessely and Mayor Favale.

Absent:

Also Present: City Manager Charles; Deputy City Manager LaFave; City Attorney Huff; Finance Director Seath; Parks & Recreation Director Melville; Public Safety Chief Herald; City Clerk Parmenter

2023-31. The agenda was approved as submitted.

2023-32. Public comment:

Nancy Pattison, 2104 Gorham, stated that she sent three emails to public services regarding the traffic triangle stating that it was a waste of money and nobody in the neighborhood wanted it. She inquired if those had been shared with the Commission. She asked if the project was still proceeding. City Manager Charles noted that the Commission approved the project at the last meeting.

2023-33. Mayor and City Commission comments, including committee liaison reports.

Mayor Favale hoped everyone enjoyed a warm and sunny spring break and congratulated Zoning Administrator Gianotti and Deputy City Manager LaFave for their work with making the City a Redevelopment Ready Community.

City Manager Charles reminded everyone about the yard waste collection that was going on, and parks and recreation registration is seeing an increase in registrations.

2023-34. Kent District Library Annual Report for 2022

Carla Moyer Hotz introduced herself as the new representative for Region 5 and is excited to be here.

Randy Goebel introduced himself as the Director of Engagement. He noted that in 2022, there were 4,000 new card holders and for this year, there is already more than 4,000.

Scott Ninemeier, Regional Manager noted that the East Grand Rapids location sees more people than any other location.

2023-35. Public Safety Annual Report.

Public Safety Chief Herald reviewed the report.

Commissioner Hamrick questioned if there were any thoughts on why the increase in injuries. Chief Herald stated his guess was related to drivers not paying attention.

Commissioner Schulz asked for an update on staffing. Chief Herald said that they are down one and three are in the process to be hired now. City Manager Charles stated that they will all be hired due to upcoming retirement eligibilities.

Commissioner Wessely asked if we had a number of how many larcenies were due to unlocked doors. Chief Herald believes it is about 98%.

Commissioner Schulz asked about working with Sabo for a marketing campaign to remind people to lock their doors.

- 2023-36. Consider awarding a contract for the supply and installation of mulch on City property in the amount of \$5,065.

Parks and Recreation Director Melville highlighted the request.

- 2023-36-A. Schulz-Wessely. To award the contract to Green Pro Landscaping Management for the supply and installation of mulch on City property in the amount of \$5,065.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Burdick, Hamrick, Schulz, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 7  
Nays: -0-

- 2023-37. Consider authorizing the purchase of replacement scoreboards and timing and scoring components for swimming, diving and water polo for the Community Pool with a \$87,500 commitment by the City to be paid into the Joint Facilities Capital Projects Funds.

Parks and Recreation Director Melville highlighted the request and noted the different user groups felt like the alternate option #1 was the best way to go. The total funding for the project is \$225,000 with EGRA Waves donating \$20,000 and EGRPS Team Boosters donating \$30,000. This will leave the City contributing \$87,500.

Commissioner Schulz asked if the school will work with the City and other groups regarding disruptions. The response was that there would be little disruption due to the timing of the replacement.

Commissioner Burdick asked who will be trained to operate the new equipment. Parks and Recreation Director Melville said that Waves, high school teams, City staff and more than likely public school staff would all be trained.

- 2023-37-A. Arendshorst-Schwartz. To approve the purchase of replacement scoreboards and timing and scoring components for swimming, diving and water polo for the Community Pool from Riegle Timing Consultants with a \$87,500 commitment by the City and schools each to be paid into the Joint Facilities Capital Projects Funds.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Burdick, Hamrick, Schulz, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 7  
Nays: -0-

- 2023-38. Consider awarding a construction agreement for the renovation of the soccer field at Manhattan Park in the amount of \$467,150 plus \$23,357 for project contingency.

Parks and Recreation Director Melville highlighted the request and noted that one vendor withdrew their bid as they could not meet the requirements.

Mayor Favale asked how often the field is used. Parks and Recreation Director Melville said that the middle school, LaCross teams and flag football all use the field, so it is heavily utilized.

2023-38-A. Hamrick-Schulz. To award a construction agreement with Groundhawk Excavating for the renovation of the soccer field at Manhattan Park in the amount of \$467,150 plus \$23,357 for project contingency.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Burdick, Hamrick, Schulz, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 7

Nays: -0-

2023-39. Consider awarding a contract in the amount of \$5,400 for tree trimming and tree removal services on City properties.

Parks and Recreation Director Melville highlighted the request.

2023-39-A. Schulz-Burdick. To award a contract to Get-R-Cut in the amount of \$5,400 for tree trimming and tree removal services on City properties.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Burdick, Hamrick, Schulz, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 7

Nays: -0-

2023-40. Schwartz-Schulz. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2023-40-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held March 28, 2023.

2023-40-B. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$235,702.46 county and school disbursements of \$8.87, and total remaining disbursements of \$529,967.68.

2023-40-C. Minutes of the March 14, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Burdick, Hamrick, Schulz, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 7

Nays: -0-

#### Work Session

1. Initial budget discussion for FY 2023-24.

Commissioner Wessely asked for a breakdown of the ARPA fund balance. City Manager Charles stated this would be provided at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until May 1, 2023.

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Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk