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CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held May 1, 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 Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz, Wessely and Mayor Favale.

Absent: Commissioners Arendshorst and Schulz.

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 amended by a motion by Schwartz and supported by Wessely to postpone the Capital Improvement Plan and Budget discussions until the May 15, 2023 meeting.

Roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 5
Nays: -0-

2023-32. Public comment: None.

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

Commissioner Hamrick attended the Michigan Municipal Leagues Capital Conference. She said that it was fantastic and a lot of great networking. She noted that Tuesday was election day and reminded everyone to get out and vote.

Commissioner Burdick stated that CapCon was great. He got a lot of updates of Prop 2 and said that it was well worth going to.

Commissioner Wessely congratulated the girls and boys crew teams as they took first place at the Invitational.

Mayor Favale reminded everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday.

City Manager Charles noted that the roof repairs were halfway done, pavement projects were underway and playground projects are moving ahead.

2023-34. Corey Buter promotion ceremony.

Public Safety Chief Herald spoke about Sergeant Buter's law enforcement background.

- 2023-35. Public Safety Quarterly Report.

Public Safety Chief Herald reviewed the report.

- 2023-36. Consider approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit for the State of Michigan's "Protecting MI Pension Grant Program." pension grant.

City Manager Charles highlighted the request and noted that it would be a \$2 million dollar payment into the pension system before September 30th.

- 2023-36-A. Burdick-Schwartz. To approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit for the State of Michigan's "Protecting MI Pension Grant Program." pension grant.

Yeas: Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

- 2023-37. Consider authorizing the replacement of the boardwalk deck at the Community Center/Municipal Complex in the amount of \$70,690 plus 10% contingency.

Deputy City Manager LaFave highlighted the request.

- 2023-37-A. Wessely-Burdick. To approve the replacement of the boardwalk deck at the Community Center/Municipal Complex with Anthony DeJonge, Builder, Inc. in the amount of \$70,690 plus 10% contingency.

Yeas: Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

- 2023-38. Consider a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the installation of solar arrays on all city owned operational facilities at no direct cost to the city for an initial 25-year period.

Deputy City Manager LaFave highlighted the request and noted that public works building would be the first carbon neutral in regard to utilities with this project.

- 2023-38-A. Wessely-Burdick. To approve a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with BluePath Solar for the installation of solar arrays on all city owned operational facilities at no direct cost to the city for an initial 25-year period.

Commissioner Wessely asked about a link on the website to update the carbon neutrality process.

Deputy City Manager LaFave said that this was going to be done.

Commissioner Burdick asked if the panels would help protect the roof from UV lights.

City Manager LaFave said that was the speculation, but there was no proof of it.

Yeas: Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

- 2023-39. Consider approving water main cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) rehabilitation for the combined amount for CIPP and directional boring HDPE at \$501,248 with the city purchasing directly from existing supplier contracts, sole source to provide for in-house valves, hydrants, pipe, meters, service line replacements, shoring, street restorations, rental items, and contingencies, total authorized project expenditures \$687,000.

Deputy City Manager LaFave highlighted the request. He noted that cured-in-place has only been in the U.S. since the 2000's, but it seems to be holding up very well. Municipalities that utilize it have not had any breaks.

- 2023-39-A. Burdick-Schwartz. To approve water main cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) rehabilitation with Fer-Pal Construction USA, LLC for the combined amount for CIPP and directional boring HDPE at \$501,248 with the city purchasing directly from existing supplier contracts, sole source to provide for in-house valves, hydrants, pipe, meters, service line replacements, shoring, street restorations, rental items, and contingencies, total authorized project expenditures \$687,000.

Yeas: Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

- 2023-40. Consider authorizing an agreement in the amount of \$51,552 for construction observation services for the playground improvement projects.

Parks and Recreation Director Melville highlighted the request and noted that this would be a 50/50 split with the schools for a cost of \$25,776 per entity.

- 2023-40-A. Schwartz-Hamrick. To authorize an agreement with Hubbell Roth & Clark in the amount of \$51,552 for construction observation services for the playground improvement projects.

Yeas: Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

2023-41. Consider authorizing a professional services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$156,640 for consulting and design services related to the Manhattan Park Improvement Project.

Parks and Recreation Director Melville highlighted the request.

2023-41-A. Hamrick-Burdick. To authorize a professional services agreement with Viridis Design Group in an amount not to exceed \$156,640 for consulting and design services related to the Manhattan Park Improvement Project.

Yeas: Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

2023-42. Wessely-Schwartz. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2023-42-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held April 17, 2023.

2023-42-B. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$232,685.93 county and school disbursements of \$9.99, and total remaining disbursements of \$539,676.53.

2023-42-C. Consider approval of the Permit for Fireworks allowing Great Lakes Fireworks to produce our July 4th display for 2023.

2023-42-D. Consider accepting the third quarter financial reports and approving the third quarter budget adjustments.

2023-42-E. Consider MERF replacements and purchases for FY 23/24 via MiDeal contracts/equivalents and with a 15% contingency of the total with authorization to place orders effective immediately.

2023-42-F. Consider approval of a contract for pavement marking services within the approved budgets or approved amended budgeted amounts for FY2023/2024 and FY2024/2025.

Yeas: Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

Mayor Favale recognized Brad Hunter in the audience and noted that he was running for City Commissioner in the November election.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until June 5, 2023.

Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk