

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Special Meeting Held June 5, 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, Schwartz, Schulz, Wessely and Mayor Favale.

Absent: None

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

2023-104. The agenda was approved as submitted.

2023-105. Public comment: None.

2023-106. Resolution adopting the FY 2023-24 budget and setting of millage rates for FY 2023-24.

City Manager Charles reviewed the budget and millage rates for 2023-2024.

2023-106-A. Schwartz-Hamrick. To approve the Resolution approving the FY 2023-2024 budget and set the millage rates as requested.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz, Schulz and Favale – 6

Nays: -0-

2023-107. Resolution adopting the FY 2023-2024 fee schedule.

City Manager Charles introduced the fee changes for FY 2023-2024. He noted that there were no big changes.

2023-107-A. Burdick-Schwartz. To approve the Resolution approving the fee schedule for FY 2023-2024 as presented.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz, Schulz and Favale – 6

Nays: -0-

2023-108. Resolution adopting water and sewer rates for FY 2023-24.

City Manager Charles highlighted each of the scenarios for water rates in regard to lead line replacement.

Commissioner Schulz asked about using fund balance instead of street funds and noted that it was still an option if the Commission wanted to use fund balance.

City Manager Charles noted that the city was 1.4 million over the target fund balance but reminded everyone that the re-alignment of Reeds Lake Blvd. would be coming to Commission in the near future.

Deputy City Manager La Fave noted that the City contributes \$1 million to streets every year. Using funds for lead line replacement does not use any Act 51 or street millage funds nor does it touch any capital projects.

Commissioner Burdick asked if this is voted on every year. City Manager Charles stated that it is.

Commissioner Schwartz said that she is very hesitant to dip into general fund for this with other projects that the money could be used for.

Commission Arendshorst stated that it makes sense to use general fund since there is a surplus rather than raising the rates of the citizens.

2023-108-A. Arendshorst-Schwartz. To approve the resolution adopting the water and sewer rates for FY 2023-2024 with a 10% rate increase and using \$250,000 from the streets fund and \$250,000 from ARPA funds to replace 200 water lines in FY 2023-2024.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz, Schulz and Favale – 6
Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until June 19, 2023.

Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk