

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held July 10, 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, Wessely and Mayor Favale.

Absent: Commissioner Schwartz.

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

2023-113. The agenda was approved as submitted.

2023-114. Public comment: None.

2023-115. Mayor and City Commission comments, including committee liaison reports.

Commissioner Schulz noted that the GVBA completed the Second Saturday and mentioned the Thursday night market on the 27th. EGReen will be holding a recycling event on August 26th and noted that no batteries would be accepted.

Commissioner Wessely said that the parade on the 4th was fun, and the cooling towels the Community Foundation handed out were great and went fast.

Mayor Favale thanked all staff and Public Safety for their work for and during the July 4th festivities.

City Manager Charles reminded everyone of the Commission meeting on the 17th and also noted that the City team did an amazing job over the 4th of July.

2023-116. Election of President for 2023-2024.

2023-116-A. Arendshorst-Schulz. To appoint Commissioner Hamrick as President for 2023-2024.

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

Nays: -0-

2023-117. Consider purchasing electronic demonstration vehicles using ARPA funds.

Deputy City Manager La Fave highlighted the request.

City Manager Charles noted there was a \$140,000 in ARPA funds remaining.

Commissioner Wessely questioned if it was better to lease than to purchase given the increase in cost of the vehicles.

Deputy City Manager La Fave noted that purchasing would give more flexibility with testing them out for operations and the City could recover money when selling the vehicles down the road.

2023-117-A. Schulz-Arendshorst. To approve the purchase of electronic vehicles through MiDeal for a total of \$223,500.

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

Nays: -0-

2023-118. Provide feedback on the proposed Social District Commons Area and hours of operation.

City Manager Charles reviewed the maps of the different possibilities for the district lines.

Mayor Favale likes the idea of expanding at a later time and is not comfortable adding John Collins Park at first. She wants to keep it in front of the businesses that requested the social district. She would also like to wait and see how it goes with Public Safety prior to expanding.

Commissioner Schulz seconds what Mayor Favale said.

Commissioner Arendshorst is in favor of including John Collins Park in the district.

Commissioner Wessely is also in favor of including the park and noted that other municipalities include parks near water and thinks it would help businesses during events in the park. He agrees with the hours of operation.

Commissioner Schulz stated that businesses are talking about the social district and are hoping that it brings people to all and not just the restaurants.

Mayor Favale noted that events in the park do not draw people to businesses.

Commissioner Hamrick asked if the park can be included only during special events.

City Attorney Huff stated that this could be done and is done in other municipalities.

City Manager Charles will prepare resolutions for each option of the district for approval at the next Commission meeting. He also noted that Rose's would not be included at this time due to their PUD.

2023-119. Consider awarding the bid for the 2023-2024 t-shirt printing services in the amount of \$61,085.

Parks and Recreation Director Melville reviewed the request.

2023-119-A. Schulz-Burdick. To award the bid to Source One digital/Trophy House for t-shirt printing services in the amount of \$61,085.

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

2023-120. Consider authorizing a contract addendum to extend the current lead service line replacement contract with a 4.75% inflationary adjustment for FY 23/24 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Deputy City Manager La Fave reviewed the request.

2023-120-A. Burdick-Wessely. To authorize a contract addendum to extend the current lead service line replacement contract with a 4.75% inflationary adjustment with Groundhawk Excavating for FY 23/24 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

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

2023-121. Arendshorst-Hamrick. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2023-121-A. Minutes of the regular and special meetings held June 19, 2023.

2023-121-B. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$263,952.19 county and school disbursements of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements of \$1,142,453.34.

2023-121-C. Consider approving the Public Inspection of Records policy for Assessing as required.

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

2023-122. Consider authorizing the Commission to enter into closed session under 15.268(c) to discuss pending litigation.

2023-122-A. Wessely-Arendshorst. To authorize the commission to enter into a executive session at 7:04 p.m. under 15.268(e) of the open meetings act. A roll call vote was taken.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until July 17, 2023.

Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk