

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held October 16, 2023

President Hamrick 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, Schwartz, Wessely and President Hamrick.

Absent: Commissioners Arendshorst, Schulz and Mayor Favale.

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

2023-213. The agenda was approved as submitted.

2023-214. Public comment: None.

2023-215. Mayor and City Commission comments, including committee liaison reports.

President Hamrick noted that the Planning Commission approved the rezoning of Lovett Ave., and it would be coming before the City Commission in November.

City Manager Charles gave an update on the Social District and stated that hopefully it will be ready for Frightful Friday. He also reminded everyone about the drug takeback and Public Safety open house on October 28.

2023-216. Consider authorizing the installation and purchase of RRFB devices for eligible uncontrolled school crosswalks at Lake Drive and Kenesaw Drive, Wealthy Street and Schoolhouse Condos (2006 Wealthy Street), and Hall Street and Anderson Drive in the amount of \$21,378 plus 10% contingency and freight.

Deputy City Manager La Fave reviewed the request.

2023-0216-A. Wessely-Schwartz. To approve the installation and purchase of RRFB devices for eligible uncontrolled school crosswalks at Lake Drive and Kenesaw Drive, Wealthy Street and Schoolhouse Condos (2006 Wealthy Street), and Hall Street and Anderson Drive in the amount of \$21,378 plus 10% contingency and freight from TAPCO, via OMNIA Partners-public Sector Pricing Partnership.

Yeas: Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz and Wessely – 4

Nays: -0-

2023-217. Consider setting a date for the City's Annual Strategic Planning Session.

City Manager Charles highlighted the request.

2023-0217-A. Wessely-Schwartz. To set the date for the City's Annual Strategic Planning Session for January 13, 2024.

Yeas: Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz and Wessely– 4

Nays: -0-

2023-218. Consider scheduling a special work session to provide direction on the final designs for Manhattan Park.

City Manager Charles highlighted the request.

2023-0218-A. Burdick-Wessely. To schedule a special work session to provide direction on the final designs for Manhattan Park for October 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Yeas: Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz and Wessely– 4

Nays: -0-

2023-219. Schwartz-Burdick. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2023-220. Minutes of the regular meeting held October 2, 2023.

2023-221. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$292,685.34; county and school disbursements of \$153,618.28 and total remaining disbursements of \$1,178,827.85.

2023-222. Communications.

2023-223. Minutes of the Parks and Recreation meeting held on August 3, 2023.

2023-224. Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on May 9, 2023.

2023-225. Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on June 13, 2023.

2023-226. Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on August 8, 2023.

2023-227. Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on September 13, 2023.

Yeas: Burdick, Hamrick, Schwartz and Wessely– 4

Nays: -0-

Public Comment: Marc Armstead, 2202 Elmwood Dr., feels the community is not well informed and things go through without being contested. He spoke about schools, trade schools, mining and technology.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until November 6, 2023.

Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk