

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held June 17, 2024**

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, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Wessely and Mayor Favale.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Charles; Deputy City Manager La Fave; City Attorney Huff; Parks and Recreation Director Melville; Public Safety Captain Ric Buikema; City Clerk Parmenter.

2024-109. The agenda was approved as presented.

2024-110. Public comment: None.

2024-111. Mayor and City Commission comments, including committee liaison reports.

Commissioner Burdick asked everyone to be safe in the heat and reminded everyone that the library was a great place to cool off in the heatwave.

Commissioner Groff-Blaszak attended the Planning Commission meeting regarding the proposed development and thanked GZA and City staff for the public engagement sessions on the Climate Action Plan.

Commissioner Schwartz gave a summary of the concept phase for the proposed development and stated that there would be a question-and-answer session on June 24<sup>th</sup> in Room 101 with the time to be determined.

Commissioner Groff-Blaszak questioned if the traffic study can be made a requirement as part of the preliminary planning phase. City Attorney Huff will have to investigate that.

Mayor Favale stated that she was available to take questions regarding the development from citizens. She is meeting with the City Commission applicants to explain the position and what it entails.

City Manager Charles noted the engagement session on June 24<sup>th</sup> for the proposed development project and reminded everyone that City offices will be closed Wednesday for the Juneteenth holiday.

2024-112. Consider approving a three-year investment commitment at \$2,500/year with The Right Place.

City Manager Charles reviewed the request.

2024-0112-A. Burdick-Wessely. To approve a three-year investment commitment at \$2,500/year with The Right Place.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 6

Nays: None.

2024-113. Consider the Mayor’s recommendations for the Board & Commission appointments.

City Manager Charles reviewed the request.

Commissioner Schwartz questioned the vacancy for the Board of Review. City Manager Charles said that we need to do some advertising for this.

Commissioner Groff-Blaszak wondered how we, as Commissioners, get citizens informed about the different boards/commissions and what they do.

2024-0113-A. Schwartz-Burdick. To approve the Mayor’s recommendations for the Board & Commission appointments.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 6

Nays: None.

2024-114. Consider approving a resolution amending the FY 2023-24 budget.

Finance Director Seath reviewed the request.

2024-0114-A. Groff-Blaszak-Schwartz. To approve a resolution amending the FY 2023-24 budget.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 6

Nays: None.

2024-115. Burdick-Wessely. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2024-0115-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held June 3, 2024.

2024-0115-B. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$294,513.34; county and school disbursements of \$0, and total remaining disbursements of \$358,222.22.

2024-0115-C. Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on April 22, 2024.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 6

Nays: None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until July 1, 2024.

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Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk