

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held November 18, 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, Skaggs, 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 Buikema; City Clerk Parmenter.

2024-190. The agenda was approved as presented.

2024-191. Public comment:

John Chronowski, 775 Bagley Ave., asked for transparency during the consideration phase of the Gaslight Investors project.

Mark Secchia, 2640 Reeds Lake Ct., spoke regarding the Gaslight Investors project, Brownfields and TIF.

Laurie Duthie, 2640 Reeds Lake Ct., has concerns about the median income limits and would like a closer look at traffic studies for the Gaslight Investors project.

2024-192. Mayor and City Commission comments, including committee liaison reports.

Commissioner Schwartz stated that the Planning Commission approved the concept plan for Gaslight Investors. The Planning Commission also has the desire for higher bedroom numbers in the project and said that traffic studies will be done.

Commissioner Skaggs noted that nothing had been approved regarding a Brownfield except the approval of a consultant for the process. There was a great turnout for the election and thanked staff. She also reminded everyone about the Tree Lighting on Friday, November 29.

Mayor Favale thanked staff for all their work with the election.

City Manager Charles noted that leaf pick up was going on now and kudos to Lori, Chris and the rest of the staff for the work on the election.

2024-193. Consider rescinding an August 5, 2024, resolution approving the allocation of a Liquor License to Pauly's Wine Café & Cellar.

City Manager Charles reviewed the information.

2024-0193-A. Schwartz-Wessely. To rescind an August 5, 2024, resolution approving the allocation of a Liquor License to Pauly's Wine Café & Cellar.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Mayor Favale – 7

Nays: None.

2024-194. Consider amending the Radar Speed Feedback Sign (RSFS) policy to allow authorization for installation and purchasing within programmed budgets to the Director of Public Works in addition to other noted edits.

Deputy City Manager La Fave reviewed the request.

2024-0194-A. Wessely-Burdick. To approve the Radar Speed Feedback Sign (RSFS) policy to allow authorization for installation and purchasing within programmed budgets to the Director of Public Works in addition to other noted edits and with adding "or other factors as determined by a licensed traffic engineer" at the end of item 3 under Conditions for Use/Placement.

Commissioner Groff-Blaszak questioned the crash data clause, Deputy City Manager explained the verbiage and stated that we are not held to strictly that data before a RSFS is put in place.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Mayor Favale – 7

Nays: None - 0

2024-195. Skaggs-Wessely. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2024-0195-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held November 4, 2024.

2024-0195-B. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$292,297.22; county and school disbursements of \$52,131.27, and total remaining disbursements of \$680,784.67.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Mayor Favale – 7

Nays: None.

2024-196. Consider approving entering into closed session for the purpose of Attorney Client Communication in accordance with Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

2024-0196-A. Burdick-Schwartz. To approve entering into closed session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of Attorney Client Communication in accordance with Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Mayor

Favale – 7

Nays: None - 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until December 2, 2024.

Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk