

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held June 16, 2025

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 LaFave; City Attorney Huff; Finance Director Seath; City Clerk Parmenter.

2025-82. The agenda was approved as presented.

2025-83. Public comment:

Nancy Pattison, 2104 Gorham, spoke about the killing of lawmakers in Minnesota and found Gaslight Investor information on past water bill inserts.

Jerry Anderson, 435 Edgemere, spoke about communication.

David Decker, 925 Bellclaire, spoke about parking.

Judith Baxter, Hall St., wants a public hearing and more communication.

John Schreur, 2925 Oakwood, encouraged everyone to take their time, listen and slow down.

Lynette Schreur, 2925 Oakwood, stated that East is more of a suburb and said that the plans are stated as “urban”. Aspects should be reviewed, and a community-wide meeting should be held.

Nyal Deems, 701 Laurel Circle, reviewed the PUD ordinance and the relating to approval.

Janet Dietsch, 562 Greenwood, stated that it is hard not knowing what the commission is thinking.

2025-84. Mayor and City Commission comments, including committee liaison reports.

Commissioner Skaggs reminded everyone about the Wednesday on Wealthy this week and thanked the City for the quick action regarding the sink hole by her house.

Commissioner Burdick congratulated the Boys LaCross team for winning the State Championship.

Commissioner Wessely thanked everyone for coming out and speaking and stated that he is available to talk about the PUD. He also noted that their decision on this is one based on a legal decision and whether it meets the standards. He mentioned that we don't have information to do detailed studies at this time.

Commissioner Schwartz thanked everyone for coming out and echoed what Commissioner Wessely said. She also stated that they work hard to make decisions based on the standards.

Commissioner Groff-Blaszak said that we need to review the standards in an open work session.

Commissioner Hunter spoke about the timeline, density and to make sure the character of East is upheld.

Mayor Favale hoped everyone had a wonderful Father's Day and reminded everyone about the coffees at Bagel Kitchen that are held monthly and that all the Commissioners make themselves available for discussions.

City Manager Charles reminded everyone that City offices will be closed on Thursday for Juneteenth and this week is the Wednesday on Wealthy event.

- 2025-85. Consider approval of a four-year contract for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) preventative maintenance services for city facilities in the total amount not to exceed \$71,287 total for Fiscal Years 2025/2026 through 2028/2029.

Deputy City Manager La Fave reviewed the information.

- 2025-085-A. Skaggs-Burdick. To approve a four-year contract for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) preventative maintenance services for city facilities with Seaman's Mechanical of Grand Rapids, MI in the total amount not to exceed \$71,287 total for Fiscal Years 2025/2026 through 2028/2029.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Favale – 7
Nays: None.

- 2025-86. Consider approving the revised meeting schedule for FY 2025-26.

City Manager Charles highlighted the request.

Commissioner Groff-Blaszak asked about conflicts with school board meetings. City Manager Charles stated that he reviews them with Dr. Kattula for possible changes.

2025-086-A. Hunter-Schwartz. To approve the revised meeting schedule for FY 2025-26.

Commissioner Groff-Blaszak wants a policy for rescheduling meetings.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Favale – 7
Nays: None.

2025-87. Consider approving the attached resolution amending the FY 2024-25 budget.

Finance Director Seath reviewed the information.

2025-087-A. Hunter-Groff-Blaszak. To approve the attached resolution amending the FY 2024-25 budget.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Favale – 7
Nays: None.

2025-88. Burdick-Skaggs. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2025-088-A. Minutes of the workshop, regular meeting and special meeting held June 2, 2025.

2025-088-B. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$304,531.64; county and school disbursements of \$0, and total remaining disbursements of \$778,779.76.

2025-088-C. Consider approval of the purchase of 9 - HP Pro 400 G9 256GB hard drive with extended warranty for \$8,021.88 and the purchase of 2 – HP Pro 400 G9 512GB hard drive desktop PCs with extended warranty for \$1,886.60 for a total cost of \$9,908.48.

2025-088-D. Communications.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Favale – 7
Nays: None.

2025-89. Consider entering into an executive session for attorney client communication in accordance with Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

City Manager Charles reviewed the request.

2025-089-A. Hunter-Groff-Blaszak. To approve entering into closed session at 6:50 p.m.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Favale – 7
Nays: None.

Roll call vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until July 7, 2025.

Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk