

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Special Meeting Held November 19, 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, Wessely and Mayor Favale.

Absent: Commissioner Skaggs.

Also Present: City Manager Charles; Parks and Recreation Director Melville; City Attorney Huff; City Clerk Parmenter.

2025-154. Consider approving a contract with Gaslight Village Business Association for an amount of \$6,000 to operate the 2025 Tree Lighting Event.

City Manager Charles reviewed the information.

Parks and Recreation Director Melville said that the GVBA is still looking for sponsors.

Mayor Favale asked about ideas for moving forward. City Manager Charles said that we are looking at all events, but for now, a one-year contract will move the event forward.

2025-0154-A. Schwartz-Wessely. To approve a contract with Gaslight Village Business Association for an amount of \$6,000 to operate the 2025 Tree Lighting Event.

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

Nays: None.

2025-155. Consider entering into a closed session on discussing City Attorney communications and continue the City Manager Evaluation.

2025-0155-A. Wessely-Burdick. To enter into executive session at 6:06 p.m.

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

Nays: None.

Roll call vote was taken.

At 7:45 p.m. the City Commission reconvened in open session.
All members were still present.

Commissioner Groff-Blaszak made a motion to form an ad hoc committee to establish an appropriate evaluation tools and processes for evaluation of the city manager. Supported by Commissioner Hunter.

Commissioner Schwartz said that Mayor Favale asked her to start the process of a new evaluation and is in progress. She would like to continue this and see where it goes. Mayor Favale agrees.

Commissioner Burdick has input and will be emailing it.

Commissioner Hunter said that as long as there is robust Commission input, he would be good with it.

Yeas: Groff-Blaszak, Hunter – 2

Nays: Burdick, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale. – 4

Motion failed.

2025-156. Schwartz-Wessely. To approve the revisions and renewal of the City Manager's employment agreement as outlined in the memo provided to the Commission.

Yeas: Burdick, Hunter, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 5

Nays: Groff-Blaszak. - 1

2025-157. Public comment.

Paul Hegele, 2073 Hall St, spoke about the development and loves the concept plan. He thanked everyone for their work and time on it.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until November 25, 2025.

Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk