

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held January 8, 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, Schulz, Schwartz, and Mayor Favale.

Absent: Wessely.

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

2024-01. The agenda was approved with amending to postpone the work session items until the January 22, 2024 meeting.

2024-02. Public comment: None.

2024-03. Mayor and City Commission comments, including committee liaison reports.

Commissioner Schulz wished the high school seniors a great start to their last first day of second semester.

Commissioner Burdick reminded everyone to get Christmas trees out this week for pick up.

Mayor Favale thanked the EGGreen committee members and volunteers for a successful recycling event.

City Manager Charles noted that city crews are ready for whatever snow comes and noted a potential alternative date of February 10th for the Strategic Planning Session.

2024-03-A. Schwartz-Burdick. To reschedule the Strategic Planning Session to February 10, 2024.

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

Nays: None.

2024-04. Consider the final reading and approval of an amendment to City Code Section 9.96 of Chapter 95 of Title IX - Outdoor Furnaces and Accessory Structure Heating Devices ordinance.

City Manager Charles reviewed the changes to the ordinance.

2024-04-A. Schulz-Schwartz. To approve an amendment to City Code Section 9.96 of Chapter 95 of Title IX - Outdoor Furnaces and Accessory Structure Heating Devices ordinance.

Commissioner Schwartz stated that she is good with the fifteen-foot height for the chimneys.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schulz, Schwartz, and Favale – 6
Nays: None.

2024-05. Consider introducing amendments to Section 8.61 of the City Code regarding General Fence Requirements and Restrictions.

Zoning Administrator Gianotti introduced the amendments.

2024-05-A. Burdick-Groff-Blaszak. To approve the introduction of amendments to Section 8.61 of the City Code regarding General Fence Requirements and Restrictions.

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

2024-06. Consider awarding a one-year agreement in the amount of \$5,490 to provide event production for the summer 2024 movies in the park series at John Collins Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Melville highlighted the request.

2024-06-A. Hunter-Schulz. To approve awarding a one-year agreement with Great Lakes Outdoor Cinema in the amount of \$5,490 to provide event production for the summer 2024 movies in the park series at John Collins Park.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schulz, Schwartz, and Favale – 6
Nays: None.

2024-07. Schwartz-Burdick. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2024-07-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held December 18, 2023.

2024-07-B. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$342,521.43; county and school disbursements of \$385,014.87, and total remaining disbursements of \$387,638.48.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Burdick, Hamrick, Schulz, Schwartz, and Favale – 6
Nays: None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until January 22, 2024.

Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk