

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held February 18, 2019

Mayor Seibold 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 Favale, Hamrick, Walters, Zigel and Mayor Seibold

Absent: Commissioners Duncan and Miller

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; Finance Director Mushong, Acting City Manager LaFave; Captain Buikema; Zoning Administrator Mizikar; City Clerk Brower

2019-31. Scott Dienes and Simon Dienes of 935 Rosewood were present to thank the Public Safety Department for their incredibly fast arrival and experienced response to a chimney fire at their home recently.

2019-32. Commissioner Favale reported the invasive species removal event on Saturday went very well and additional events will be scheduled.

Commissioner Zigel thanked the Public Safety Department for helping families affected by power surges and downed lines during the recent power outages.

Commissioner Walters thanked Mr. LaFave for stepping into the City Manager's position during the interim time between Brian Donovan's retirement and Manny Toribio's arrival.

2019-33. Resolution recognizing Embody as a non-profit for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

Dana Christian Lee, founder of Embody, explained Embody's mission of assisting people with physical and mental well being at all income levels. She noted the organization would be hosting fundraising events with raffles that require a resolution from the local governing body.

2019-033-A. Zigel-Hamrick. That a resolution recognizing Embody as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses be adopted as attached in Exhibit "A."

Commissioner Zigel asked that Embody submit its IRS determination letter to the city for their files.

Yeas: Favale, Hamrick, Walters, Zigel and Seibold – 5

Nays: -0-

2019-34. Final Reading of an ordinance to amend Section 9.57E of Chapter 93 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to fireworks regulations.

City Attorney Huff explained the ordinance is being amended to mirror the new state regulations limiting the dates and times that consumer fireworks can be used.

2019-034-A. Zigel-Favale. That an ordinance to amend Section 9.57E of Chapter 93 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to fireworks regulations be adopted as attached in Exhibit "B."

Yeas: Favale, Hamrick, Walters, Zigel and Seibold – 5

Nays: -0-

2019-35. Introduction of an ordinance to amend Section 5.18 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to the definition of front yard.

Zoning Administrator Mizikar reported the Planning Commission recommends changes to two ordinance sections allowing covered front porches to encroach into the front yard setback with certain restrictions.

2019-035-A. Walters-Hamrick. That an ordinance to amend Section 5.18 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to the definition of front yard be introduced as attached in Exhibit "C."

Yeas: Favale, Hamrick, Walters, Zagal and Seibold – 5
Nays: -0-

2019-36. Introduction of an ordinance to amend Section 5.61 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code outlining encroachments into required yard setbacks.

2019-036-A. Zagal-Hamrick. That an ordinance to amend Section 5.61 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code outlining encroachments of porches, decks and stoops be introduced as attached in Exhibit "D."

Yeas: Favale, Hamrick, Walters, Zagal and Seibold – 5
Nays: -0-

2019-37. Discussion of spring break meeting.

Commissioner Walters noted the school district has an event that starts at 7 pm on March 25, but this will likely not conflict with the city commission meeting.

2019-037-A. Walters-Favale. That the city commission meeting scheduled for Monday, April 1 be rescheduled to Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Yeas: Favale, Hamrick, Walters, Zagal and Seibold – 5
Nays: -0-

2019-38. Zagal-Favale. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2019-038-A. Minutes of the special meeting held January 31, 2019.

2019-038-B. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 4, 2019.

2019-038-C. Payroll disbursements of \$203,503.64; county and school disbursements of \$168,631.65, and total remaining disbursements of \$772,982.66.

2019-038-D. Advisory board and committee assignments as attached in Exhibit "E."

2019-038-E. Permission to seek bids for the list of grind and resurfacing projects outlined by the Acting City Manager and approval of a contract with American Pavements, Inc of Plain City, Ohio for capesealing and micro-surface treatments in the amount of \$416,000.

2019-038-F. Preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held January 8, 2019.

2019-038-G. Preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held January 14, 2019.

Yeas: Favale, Hamrick, Walters, Zagal and Seibold – 5
Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until March 4, 2019.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Resolution recognizing Embody as nonprofit
B – Ordinance amendment to Section 9.57E regarding fireworks regulations.
C – Ordinance amendment to Section 5.18 defining front yard
D – Ordinance amendment to Section 5.61 setting front porch encroachments
E – Advisory board and committee assignments

Attachments listed above are available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk.