

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held July 5, 2022**

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 Arendshorst, Hamrick, Pachla, Schwartz, Schulz, and Mayor Favale

Absent: Commissioner Wessely

Also Present: City Manager Charles; Deputy City Manager LaFave; City Attorney Huff; City Clerk Brower; Parks & Recreation Director Melville; Finance Director Seath; Zoning Administrator Gianotti; Engineering Consultant Halverson; Lori Parmenter

2022-110. The agenda was approved as submitted.

2022-111. Public comment: None

2022-112. Mayor and Commission comment:

Mayor Favale, Commissioner Schwartz, Commissioner Arendshorst, Commissioner Hamrick, Commissioner Schulz and Commissioner Pachla congratulated and recognized City Clerk Brower for her 28 years of service to the City.

Commissioner Schulz commended Public Works for a great job over the holiday weekend with the festivities.

Commissioner Pachla spoke about the Farm to Fork food market on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

City Manager Charles gave a kudos to Department of Public Works and Public Safety, City Clerk Brower and Parmenter for the work with the holiday weekend festivities and the Trail Blazer event and DPW for making time at the last minute getting things ready for ramp replacement of sidewalks.

2022-113. Election of President for FY 2022-23.

City Manager Charles noted that this is a yearly election, and this person would fill in for the Mayor in her absence.

2022-0113-A. Pachla-Arendshorst. To elect Commissioner Hamrick as President for FY 2022-23.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Hamrick, Pachla, Schulz, Schwartz and Favale – 6

Nays: -0-

2022-114. Introduction of an ordinance for amendments to Section 8.51 of Chapter 80 of Title VIII of the City Code regarding fences around swimming pools.

Deputy City Manager LaFave gave a recap of the ordinance with the changes. Pool covers are allowed behind fencing but not by themselves. Residents are more likely to close a fence gate in a hurry than replace the pool cover. There is no height difference in the fencing requirements than previously stated.

2022-0114-A. Schulz-Schwartz. That an ordinance amendment to Section 8.51 of Chapter 80 of Title VIII of the City Code regarding fences around swimming pools be introduced as attached in Exhibit A.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Hamrick, Pachla, Schulz, Schwartz and Favale – 6

Nays: -0-

- 2022-115. Introduction of an ordinance for amendment to Sections 5.111 and 5.116 of Chapter 50 of Title V regarding nonconforming lots, uses and structures.

City Attorney Huff highlighted several changes to the ordinance.

- 2022-0115-A. Arendshorst -Hamrick. That an ordinance amendment to Sections 5.111 and 5.116 of Chapter 50 of Title V regarding nonconforming lots, uses and structures be introduced as attached in Exhibit B.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Hamrick, Pachla, Schulz, Schwartz and Favale – 6  
Nays: -0-

- 2022-116. Consider approval of the implementation of the Mobility-Bike Action Plan.

Deputy City Manager LaFave introduced the plan and spoke about the process and the number of years and public input sessions that were involved in getting to this point.

- 2022-0116-A. Pachla-Schulz. That the implementation plan for the Mobility-Bike Action Plan be approved as presented with contracts with M&M Pavement Marking and Michigan Pavement Markings not to exceed \$60,000 plus 15% contingency, and to authorize the Deputy City Manager to make minor adjustments and improvements to the plan during the implementation process.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Hamrick, Pachla, Schulz, Schwartz and Favale – 6  
Nays: -0-

- 2022-117. Approval of Kent County American Rescue Plan Act funding request.

City Manager Charles reviewed the three projects that funds were being requested for which are the elementary school playground improvements, lead service water line replacement and the Robinson/Cascade Trail Project. These projects were chosen due to impacting the community as a whole. The projects will be highlighted in multiple categories in the application process. There will be multiple communities in the County applying for the funding as well. While there is no cap to what can be requested, we want to keep it reasonable in the request.

- 2022-0117-A. Schulz-Schwartz. That an application to Kent County for American Rescue Plan Act funding in the amount of \$1,100,000 be approved as outlined in the agenda materials.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Hamrick, Pachla, Schulz, Schwartz and Favale – 6  
Nays: -0-

- 2022-118. Pachla-Arendshorst. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2022-0118-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held June 20, 2022.

2022-0118-B. Receipt of 7 letters and emails on various topics.

2022-0118-C. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$269,938.96; county and school disbursements of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements of \$803,431.79.

2022-0118-D. Updated FY 2022-23 meeting date list.

2022-0118-E. Consider contract for pavement preservation applications.

2022-0118-F. Consider approval for the national Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Compliance.

2022-0118-G. Preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held April 19, 2022

2022-0118-H. Preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held May 9, 2022.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Hamrick, Pachla, Schulz, Schwartz and Favale – 6  
Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until July 18, 2022.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Ordinance amendments to Section 8.51 regarding fences  
B – Ordinance amendments to Section 5.111/5.116 regarding nonconforming lots, uses and structures

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

