

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held July 18, 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, Schwartz, Schulz, Wessely and Mayor Favale

Absent: Commissioners Hamrick and Pachla

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

2022-119. The agenda was amended as follows.

2022-119-A. Arendshorst-Wessely. Motion to add to the agenda item 8A regarding the 2022 election Security Grant Request. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Schulz, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

2022-120. Public comment: None.

2022-121. Mayor and Commission comment:

City Manager Charles commended Deputy City Manager LaFave and his team on this year's construction accomplishments. He noted that the playground survey would be going out and be active until August 3.

2022-122. City Clerk Oath of Office.

Mayor Favale gave the Oath of Office to Lori Parmenter.

2022-123. Final reading 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 quick recap of the ordinance.

2022-123-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 adopted as attached in Exhibit A.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Schulz, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

2022-124. Final reading 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 noted the revision was adding terms to make the ordinance complete.

2022-124-A. Wessely -Arendshorst That an ordinance amendment to Sections 5.111 and 5.116 of Chapter 50 of Title V regarding nonconforming lots, uses and structures be adopted as attached in Exhibit B.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Schulz, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

- 2022-125. Consider approving a pilot art project for the Storm Water Drain Adoption Program with all artwork subject to approval before installation.

City Manager Charles introduced the program and noted that there have been five sights identified and that there are three that are city controlled. The other ones are with the hospital and school.

Mayor Favale inquired on how long the art lasts and how does it keep going if it is well liked by the community.

Commissioner Schulz asked if it is possible to do themes.

Commissioner Arendshorst asked about the art approval process.

Commissioner Schulz asked if this is something that could happen yet before school started.

Hannah Berry with Lions & Rabbits Center for the Arts spoke about the process and answered questions.

- 2022-125-A. Arendshorst-Wessely. That the Storm Water Drain Adoption Program be approved with all artwork subject to approval before installation.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Schulz, Schwartz and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

- 2022-126. Authorization of the purchase of six election laptop computers for an amount of \$6,147 with costs to be reimbursed by the State of Michigan.

City Manager Charles reviewed the request.

Commissioner Schwartz asked if there was anything else that was needed since we were not using the full amount of the grant.

- 2022-126-A. Schwartz-Wessely. To authorize the purchase of six election laptop computers for an amount of \$6,147 with costs to be reimbursed by the State of Michigan.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Schulz, Schwartz, Wessely and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

- 2022-127. Arendshorst-Schulz. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2022-127-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held July 5, 2022.

2022-127-B. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$263,866.96; county and school disbursements of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements of \$256,906.69.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until August 1, 2022.

Lori A Parmenter, 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.

