

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held July 19, 2021

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 in Person: Commissioners Arendshorst, Duncan, Hecksel, Walters and Mayor Favale

Absent: Commissioners Hamrick and Pachla

Also Present: City Manager Charles; Deputy City Manager LaFave; City Clerk Brower; Parks & Recreation Director Melville; Public Safety Director Herald; Assistant City Attorney Roth; Captain Buikema

2021-138. The agenda was approved as published.

2021-139. No public comment was received.

2021-140. City Manager Charles noted the Hall Street reconstruction project was going well and reminded everyone that weekly updates were available on the city's website. He further noted the parks improvement millage ballot language had been submitted to the county election office for the November election.

2021-141. Final Reading of an ordinance to amend Section 7.124 of Chapter 79B of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to the placement of telecommunication pedestals.

Deputy City Manager LaFave explained a few minor changes had been made to clarify the language that would require communication equipment be located below the surface in areas where the right-of-way was already crowded with equipment.

2021-0141-A. ~~Walters-Duncan~~. That an ordinance to amend Section 7.124 of Chapter 79B of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to the placement of telecommunication pedestals be adopted as attached in Exhibit "A."

Yeas: Arendshorst, Duncan, Hecksel, Walters and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

2021-142. Public Safety quarterly report for the period ending June 30, 2021.

Public Director Herald highlighted the de-escalation training and implementation of 800mgz radios within the last few months. He reviewed the data that had been collected for traffic stops and traffic crashes during the first six months of 2021 and noted staff had been talking with several experts about assistance in analyzing the data once a year of information is available.

Commissioner Walters questioned when the RFP for consulting services to interpret the data would be complete. He asked that this be completed, and a consultant hired by the end of the year to analyze the data as soon as the full year of data was available. City Manager Charles stated the staff had some examples they were reviewing in anticipation of seeking a consultant in the fall.

Chief Herald reviewed the statistics for the remainder of the report and answered questions from the commission.

2021-143. Designation of representative to Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting.

2021-0143-A. Arendshorst-Walters. That Commissioner Kris Pachla be designated as the city's representative and that Mayor Katie Favale be named as the alternate representative for the Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting on September 22, 2021.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Duncan, Hecksel, Walters and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

2021-144. Duncan-Arendshorst. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2021-0144-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held July 6, 2021.

2021-0144-B. Payroll disbursements of \$243,822.20; county and school disbursements of \$904.64; and total remaining disbursements of \$144,055.17.

2021-0144-C. Blodget Hospital quarterly neighborhood report for the period ending June 30, 201.

Yeas: Arendshorst, Duncan, Hecksel, Walters and Favale – 5

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until August 2, 2021.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Ordinance Amendment to Section 7.124 of Chapter 79B

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