

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held August 15, 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, Pachla, Schwartz, Schulz, Wessely and Mayor Favale

Absent: Hamrick.

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

2022-128. The agenda was approved as submitted.

2022-129. Public comment:

Melanie Glenn, 2925 Reeds Lake Blvd., spoke about her experiences at other splash pads and parks.

Bill Doyle, 539 Manhattan Rd., he is not sure where the process is with the Manhattan Park improvements, but he does not see the need for enhancement. He is concerned it will bring more traffic

Jackie Educato, 2930 Reeds Lake Blvd., lives close to Manhattan Park. She is opposed to the bike trails. A previous race tore up the lawns and trash was left behind. She is concerned about accidents with walkers and bikers. She is a rare disease specialist and is concerned with the splash pad. She stated not to recirculate the water but to use only fresh clean water.

2022-130. Mayor and Commission comment:

Commissioner Schulz reminded everyone to keep their eyes open with school starting.

Commissioner Pachla reminded everyone to check the times of their sprinklers with school starting back up as there will be more walkers in the morning. Stated that there were no decisions on the splash pad yet.

Commissioner Wessely appreciated the feedback on the splash pad and said that it was impactful.

City Manager Charles noted the playground input sessions this week. There will be a public engagement session soon and it will be going to the Commission on September 19<sup>th</sup> for approval.

Mayor Favale thanked everyone for their opinions and discussion. She congratulated Commissioner Pachla for winning the August primary for the County Commission seat.

2022-131. Consider approval of the transfer of an existing liquor license.

City Manager Charles highlighted the information and noted that city ordinance required the application to come to the commission. Staff found everything to be in order.

Commissioner Arendshorst asked about any proposed changes. City Manager Charles responded that there were no changes at this time.

Commission Pachla asked if there were any red flags from the state. City Manager Charles responded that if we hear something it wouldn't be until after the fact.

2022-131-A Arendshorst-Schwartz Motion to approve the liquor license application as presented

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

Nays: -0-

- 2022-132. Consider adoption of a Climate Action Goal Resolution establishing a target date of 2040 for city operations to be carbon neutral.

City Manager Charles highlighted the resolution.

Commissioner Pachla inquired about what are some other communities' goals.

Commissioner Arendshorst noted that the goal date is behind the request, but it is subject or revision every year.

John Chronowski, 775 Bagley, commend commission on a goal to combat climate change.

Colleen Downey, 2072 Coronado Dr., thanked the commission for the resolution and appreciated the review now. Stated it is better to start sooner rather than later.

Tom Tilma, 1635 Hall St., thanked the commission for being leaders and spoke about grant funding being available.

- 2022-132-A. Schulz-Wessely. That the resolution be approved as presented.

Commissioner Wessely feels it is our duty to be leaders in this department and the resolution would be reviewed yearly.

Commissioner Pachla noted that EGR is a great space with community resources and residents focused on climate change.

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

Nays: -0-

- 2022-133. Pachla-Arendshorst. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2022-133-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held August 1, 2022.

2022-133-B. Receipt of communications.

2022-133-C. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$304,510.00; county and school disbursements of \$6,963,123.03, and total remaining disbursements of \$565,871.46.

2022-133-D. Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on April 11, 2022.

2022-133-E. Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on May 9, 2022

2022-133-F. Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission held on June 13, 2022

2022-133-G. Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting held on May 10, 2022

2022-133-H. Preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting held on June 14, 2022

2022-133-I. Results of the State Primary Election held on August 2, 2022

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

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until September 6, 2022.

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Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk