

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held January 3, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; City Clerk Brower

2000-190. The minutes of the regular meeting held December 20, 1999 were received as submitted.

2000-191. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- A. A copy of a letter sent to Planning Commission Chairman Rick Chapla from resident John Pestle thanking Mr. Chapla for all of his work and effort on the Comprehensive Master Plan and his tenure on the Planning Commission.

2000-192. No public comment was received.

2000-193. Lawless-Kremers. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$145,602.50; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$201,692.86, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

2000-194. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a photocopier for the lower level of City Hall.

2000-194-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the purchase of a Toshiba copier from Richardson Business Machines in the amount of \$5,398.00, and a related fund transfer from the General Fund ending balance be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

2000-195. Consideration of a request to approve additional funding for 4th of July activities for the millennium celebration.

2000-195-A. Lawless-Barbour. That a budget amendment increasing the allocated funding for the 2000 millennium 4th of July celebration from \$10,000 to \$20,000, with half of the additional funding allocated to additional fireworks, and half allocated to more and/or better activities be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

2000-196. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held December 2, 1999 were received.

Commissioner Barbour questioned which fencing material would be used and where it would be placed on the middle school back field. Commissioner Lawless answered his questions and invited input from the other City Commissioners on the placement and type of fencing used at all of the proposed locations.

2000-197. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of November 1999 was received.

2000-198. Mayor Frey proposed the creation of four ad-hoc committees to give input and provide assistance to staff of various issues throughout the community. She suggested the following committees be established and opened up to the public:

4th of July Activities Committee – to assist staff with the planning and implementation of the annual celebration and to formulate new ideas and activities.

Garden/Art/Environment Committee – to work on beautification projects on various city-owned properties such as Triangle Park or on the boulevards.

Business District Enhancement Committee – to give input on matters concerning the Gaslight Village area and possibly work on the aesthetics of the area to further enhance the business district.

Parking Issues Committee – to work with residents on areas of concern when construction at the high school creates a lack of parking spaces in and around the business district. Commissioner Lawless suggested adding other traffic related issues to the charge of this group; however other members felt that the Traffic Commission was already taking steps to address resident concerns in other areas and that the business district parking would be enough for this group to address.

Commissioner Bartman suggested adding an Ice Rink Committee to involve neighboring residents in the maintenance of the ice rink at Manhattan. During the winter months, the City Services Department is often tied up with snowplowing duties and cannot spare the time to maintain the ice rink. She volunteered to organize the residents to help with this effort.

City Attorney Huff suggested setting up the committees at this time and giving the groups several months to organize and solidify in their purposes before formally adopting resolutions officially establishing the groups.

The City Commission favored an open system of volunteers rather than formally appointing people to the groups. The concept will be publicized in the newspapers and open meetings will be hosted for each group.

2000-199. Bartman-Shimko. Motion to add to the agenda the Mayor's request to form ad-hoc committees. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

2000-200. Consideration of a request to form five ad-hoc committees to assist staff with various issues.

2000-200-A. Bartman-Brennan. To establish the five ad-hoc committees listed above to assist staff in organizing and implementing various projects, and to publicize the formation of the committees and invite the public to participate.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

2000-201. Mayor Frey informed everyone that the GVMC monthly meeting is on Thursday, January 7th at the Kent County Building.

Commissioner Shimko asked if the Parks & Recreation Department still received donations from residents and businesses to help sponsor the fireworks. Parks & Recreation Director Bunn replied that between \$2,000 and \$3,000 is received each year.

Commissioner Lawless thanked City Manager Donovan and the staff for all of their work to prepare for the Year 2000 situation and for their efforts to keep the Commission informed of the progress in dealing with potential problems. Commissioner Lawless also thanked Parks & Recreation Director Bunn for his work on the Collins Park Improvement Grant Application.

Commissioner Kremers also thanked the staff members who worked on the Y2K issue, and complimented them on the smooth transition over the New Year's weekend.

Commissioner Bartman suggested encouraging more of the City's younger residents, such as high school students, to be a part of the committees that were established. It was also suggested that the Community Action Council be notified and invited to assist with finding volunteers for some of the projects.

Mayor Frey also noted that Commissioner Shimko and Commissioner Barbour had switched schools for the liaison program. Commissioner Shimko will now work with the High School, and Commissioner Barbour will work with Lakeside Elementary. The first meeting to bring guests from the schools will be on Monday, January 17th.

2000-202. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until January 17, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

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Regular Meeting Held January 17, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: Commissioners Brennan and Lawless

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Lt. Lark; Building Inspector Conley; PSO Brown; Detective Naumcheff; PSO Davis; Assistant to the City Manager Branyan; City Clerk Brower

2000-203. The minutes of the regular meeting held January 3, 2000 were received as submitted.

2000-204. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- B. Thank you card from Karen Auwer of the East Grand Rapids Middle School thanking Building Inspector Conley for meeting with and giving tours to about 50 students.
- C. Thank you card from the United Way Agency thanking Chief Gallagher for leading the annual United Way campaign among City employees.

2000-205. Guests were introduced to the City Commission:

- A. Mayor Frey introduced Ty Wessell, Middle School Principal. Mr. Wessell expressed his appreciation to the City for the wonderful working relationship between city and school district staff members.
- B. Steve Kremers introduced Jean Glowicki, Breton Downs Elementary Principal. Ms. Glowicki reported on the various programs and events happening at Breton Downs.

2000-206. Detective Brett Naumcheff expressed his appreciation to Chief Gallagher for his dedication to the safety and well being of each officer in his command and for his commitment to the law enforcement profession.

June Doelle, 1433 Edgewood, was present and expressed her interest in the progress of the feasibility study being done to determine the future of Wealthy Pool.

2000-207. Barbour-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$176,961.28; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$530,677.33, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$167,635.71, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey– 5
Nays: -0-

2000-208. Public Safety Director Gallagher presented a Distinguished Service Medal to Detective Naumcheff for his handling of a dangerous situation, and presented a Meritorious Service Citation to PSO Brown for his apprehension of an armed robbery suspect. The City Commission congratulated both officers.

2000-209. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Chad Spaman of 1000 San Jose Drive to allow the construction of a detached garage approximately 9'-0" from the home instead of the required 10'-0".

Chad Spaman, 1000 San Jose, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Alene & Bruce Bikle, 1015 San Jose In Favor
- Kirk Wishowski & Cheryl VanAllsburg, 963 Floral In Favor
- David & Gay Chesley, 2040 Argentina In Favor

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2000-209-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the request of Mr. Chad Spaman of 1000 San Jose Drive to allow the construction of a detached garage approximately 9'-0" from the home instead of the required 10'-0" be approved with the understanding that a firewall be constructed in the garage as required by building code.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey- 5
Nays: -0-

2000-210. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Lakeside Elementary School of 2325 Hall Street to allow the placement of a ground sign in front of the school building.

The following people were present and expressed their views concerning this variance request:

- Rick Sprague, 2332 Burchard No opposition

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Elizabeth Foster, 2300 Hall Opposed

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2000-210-A. Bartman-Shimko. That the request of Lakeside Elementary School of 2325 Hall Street to allow the placement of a 97" long x 48" high ground sign on a 12" base in front of the school building be approved with the understanding that the sign be placed not less than 6'-0" from the edge of the sidewalk, and not less than 13'-9" from the Hall Street sidewalk to allow safe sight distance, and to refund the \$75 variance application fee paid by the school.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey- 5
Nays: -0-

2000-211. Consideration of a request to approve a variance request and a lot split request for the lot located at 1100 Cambridge Road.

City Attorney Huff explained that this parcel had been the subject of a lot split request in 1998 that was denied by the City Commission acting as the Board of Zoning Appeals. The City Commission must now decide whether the lot split request has changed sufficiently to constitute a new request or whether there are changed conditions required by Section 5.172(F) which would warrant a review of the variance request. If the Commission decides the request is substantially different or there are changed conditions and elects to hear the new request, they must then decide whether to grant the variance requested for the lot split and the creation of a non-conforming lot.

Todd Hendricks of Rhodes McKee, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian of 1100 Cambridge, was present and explained the applicant's position that the variance request was essentially different from the previous request because the lot lines had been redrawn to create more square feet in the new lot and eliminate the need for a side-yard variance for the existing home. Mr. Hendricks then reviewed the characteristics of the surrounding neighborhood and stated that this variance request met all of the standards necessary to grant a variance.

The following people were present and expressed their views concerning this variance request:

- Walter Russell, 1056 Cambridge In Favor
- Sara Hecker, 1065 Cambridge Opposed
- Chris Plasman, 1042 Cambridge Opposed

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Valerie Burhans, 1119 Plymouth	Opposed
- James & Catherine Brady, 1700 Fisk	Opposed
- Tom Cole, 1125 Cambridge	Opposed
- Petition signed by 16 residents	Opposed

Mayor Frey closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Shimko spoke about the negative impact this variance would have on the surrounding neighborhood and stated that he felt this was not a new request.

Mayor Frey stated her position that the increase in square footage of the proposed new lot was enough of a change to consider this a new variance request.

2000-211-A. Barbour-Kremers. That the application of Mr. and Mrs. David Sebastian for a variance and lot split for the parcel located at 1100 Cambridge be considered by the City Commission as a new application.

Commissioner Bartman stated her position that the repositioning of an invisible lot line did not change essential fact that this was the same lot split which was previously denied, that there were no changed conditions, and that a house being built on this lot would negatively impact the surrounding neighborhood.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Kremers, Frey – 2
Nays: Barbour, Bartman, Shimko – 3

2000-212. Consideration of a request to approve appointments to the Planning Commission and the Parks & Recreation Commission.

2000-212-A. Shimko-Kremers. That Judith Baxter be appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission and Amna Seibold be appointed to the Planning Commission for the remainder of the currently vacant terms.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey– 5
Nays: -0-

2000-213. Consideration of a request to approve the placement of a city entrance sign on Franklin Street.

2000-213-A. Shimko-Bartman. That a city entrance sign be placed at the City limits on Franklin Street at a cost of \$725.00, and that a related budget amendment and transfer from the General Fund ending balance be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey– 5
Nays: -0-

2000-214. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of an automatic external defibrillator.

2000-214-A. Bartman-Kremers. That the purchase of an automatic external defibrillator for the Public Safety Department from Laerdal Medical Corporation in the amount of \$2,941.50 be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey– 5
Nays: -0-

2000-215. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of an LCD projector.

2000-215-A. Barbour-Bartman. That the purchase of an LCD projector for the city offices from Omega Systems in the amount of \$2,539.00 be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey– 5

Nays: -0-

2000-216. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held November 22, 1999 were received.

Commissioner Kremers reported that East Grand Rapids Library Branch Manager Pamela VanderPloeg has taken a position with the District Library office. Dawn Lewis is the Acting Branch Manager until a replacement is selected.

2000-217. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held December 14, 1999 were received.

Commissioner Kremers reported that Chris Muller is the new chairperson of the Planning Commission and Mark Davis is the Vice Chair/Secretary. The Planning Commission is working on a five-year plan of goals and objectives based on the new Comprehensive Master Plan. These goals will be presented to the City Commission when finished.

2000-218. Mayor Frey reported that Former East Grand Rapids Mayor William Edison passed away on January 12th in Florida. A memorial service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church on Hall Street at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 21, 2000.

Commissioner Frey updated the City Commission on the progress of the clean-up efforts following a discharge from the Wealthy Pool area into the storm drain that empties into Fisk Lake. The water-based paint material was contained and is being excavated and disposed of according to DEQ regulations. Residents surrounding the affected area have been kept informed of the clean up procedures. Mayor Frey thanked Commissioner Bartman and City Manager Donovan for their assistance in walking door-to-door following the incident to keep the residents informed. City Manager Donovan commended City Services Director Baragar, Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating, and the entire Streets & Utilities crew on their quick and professional response to the situation.

Mayor Frey also reported that open houses at both the Public Safety Department and the Wealthy Pool had been well attended by the public over the weekend. Mayor Frey also urged all Commissioners to contact the state legislators to express concern about a new trend in Lansing to take control of local issues away from the local governments.

Commissioner Bartman reported her conversation with a resident who praised the Streets & Utilities workers who were present at the clean-up near Fisk Lake for their professional and helpful attitude toward residents who stopped to ask questions about the activity. Commissioner also congratulated PSO Brown and PSO Naumcheff on their awards and expressed pride in the entire staff of the Public Safety Department. Commissioner Bartman also reported that work on the ice rink at Manhattan would begin on January 18, 2000 to take advantage of the colder weather.

Commissioner Shimko spoke about meeting former Mayor Bill Edison and expressed his sympathy to the family for their loss of this extraordinary gentleman.

2000-219. Bartman-Shimko. Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss an attorney's opinion in accordance with Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey– 5

Nays: -0-

2000-220. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until February 7, 2000.

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Regular Meeting Held February 7, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:35 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower; Human Resources Assistant Arthur; Assessor Mesik

2000-221. The minutes of the regular meeting held January 17, 2000 were received as submitted.

2000-222. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- A. Thank you card from Steve Edison expressing appreciation for the lowering of the flag and the floral arrangement sent to the memorial service for his father, William Edison, former Mayor of East Grand Rapids.
- B. Thank you card from Brams Grilley, 912 Maxwell, thanking the Public Safety Officers of "C-Shift" who responded to a recent emergency at her home.
- C. Thank you card from the Menolasino family thanking the Public Safety Officers of "A-Shift" who responded to a recent emergency at her home.
- D. Card from the Kent County Prosecuting Attorney's Office thanking Detective Naumcheff for a presentation given at a recent meeting.

2000-223. Guests were introduced to the City Commission:

- A. State Senator Ken Sikkema was present and spoke about several upcoming issues facing the legislature. He invited residents to contact him anytime with questions or comments.
- B. Commissioner Bartman introduced George and Ellie McDaniel of 332 Gladstone who were attending the meeting to hear the discussion on road construction projects.

2000-224. Jeff Heynen, 1616 Robinson Road, was present and asked the City Commission to consider some type of recognition for the three high school football coaches who are retiring soon. Commissioner Brennan will follow up with the school district on this issue.

Dana Nyson, 300 Gladstone, was present with questions on the Gladstone resurfacing project. Mayor Frey advised that this item would be covered later in the agenda and invited Mr. Nyson to address his questions to the City Commission and staff at that time.

2000-225. Barbour-Lawless. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$157,412.46; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$917,655.63, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$487,460.93, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey— 7

Nays: -0-

2000-226. Connie Christensen, East Grand Rapids representative to the Kent District Library Board, presented information on the upcoming dedicated millage election for library funding.

2000-226-A. Bartman-Lawless. Motion to endorse the millage request of the Kent District Library Board and encourage all of the citizens of East Grand Rapids to support this request by voting affirmatively in the election on February 22nd.

- Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7
Nays: -0-
- 2000-227. Consideration of a request to authorize staff to solicit bids for spring construction projects.
- City Manager Donovan outlined the list of road construction projects and answered questions from the City Commission on the various federal and state funding programs and timelines.
- Commissioner Bartman reviewed the Gladstone improvement project components and timelines for the benefit of the residents in attendance.
- Matt Meyer, 336 Gladstone, questioned whether the curbs and the sidewalks would be replaced and how the driveway approaches would be handled. City Services Director Baragar answered these questions.
- George McDaniels, 332 Gladstone, spoke about preserving as many trees as possible during the construction. Mayor Frey and Commissioner Barbour stated that every effort would be made to do this, and that a meeting with residents would be set up to identify which trees needed to be removed and why.
- 2000-227-A. Bartman-Brennan. That staff be authorized to seek bids for road construction projects as outlined, and that the following funds transfers be approved: \$100,000 from the major street fund ending balance to the local street fund street construction account for additional local street resurfacing; and \$350,000 from the water/sewer fund contingency account to the water construction account for the Rosewood watermain replacement project.
- Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7
Nays: -0-
- 2000-228. Finance Director VanderWall presented the quarterly financial report for the period ending December 31, 1999 and answered questions from the City Commission.
- 2000-229. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution opposing special tax breaks for utilities.
- City Assessor Mesik outlined the new tax formulas recently updated by the Michigan State Tax Commission and the concern of several municipalities that utility companies were being given special consideration. Several counties near Detroit are forming a group to formally oppose these new tax tables and have asked for support from other municipalities by adopting a resolution and donating 1½% of the revenue that would be lost if the new tables are adopted.
- 2000-229-A. Lawless-Shimko. That a resolution opposing special tax breaks for utility companies and approving legal costs of \$125 be adopted as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.
- Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7
Nays: -0-
- 2000-230. Consideration of a request to approve a service award program for City employees.
- 2000-230-A. Kremers-Bartman. That a service award program for City employees be approved as outlined by staff with a cost of \$5,500 for FY 1999-2000, and that a fund transfer of \$1,800 from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance be approved as requested.
- Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7
Nays: -0-
- 2000-231. Consideration of a request to approve an application for Community Development Block Grant funding.

2000-231-A. Shimko-Kremers. That the application for Community Block Grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 for handicap curb ramps on city sidewalks be approved, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 7
Nays: -0-

2000-232. Consideration of a request to approve a change order for the Public Safety Remodeling Project.

2000-232-A. Shimko-Barbour. That change order #3 in the amount of \$29,623.11 to C.D. Barnes Associates for additional work and changes related to the Public Safety Department remodeling project be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 7
Nays: -0-

2000-233. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of December 1999 was received.

2000-234. The City Services Department Report for the month of December 1999 was received.

2000-235. Mayor Frey reported that the Ad Hoc Committees Information Session was well attended and that follow-up meetings had been set with each group. Mayor Frey also reviewed several upcoming events and asked for commissioners to attend whatever meetings they could.

Commissioner Bartman reported that the ice rink at Manhattan was open for citizen use. She thanked the Parks & Recreation staff for their diligence in flooding the area on many sub-zero nights to get the surface ready for residents.

2000-236. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until February 21, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution opposing tax breaks for utilities
B - Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement

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

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Regular Meeting Held February 21, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:32 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; City Clerk Brower

2000-237. The minutes of the regular meeting held February 7, 2000 were received as submitted.

2000-238. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- E. Letter from Realtor thanking Teresa Potts of the Assessor's Office for her friendly and courteous assistance recently.
- F. Note from Pamela VanderPloeg of the Kent District Library thanking the City Commission for their endorsement of the KDL's millage request.
- G. Letter from teachers at St. Stephen's School thanking Brian Davis for a recent presentation to their students.

2000-239. Guests were introduced to the City Commission:

- C. Mark Tompkins, Principal of Wealthy School, was present and updated the City Commission on the various upcoming events planned at Wealthy School and some of the programs being implemented there.

2000-240. Jeff Heynan, 1616 Robinson Road, was present and asked the status of the recognition for the three retiring football coaches. Mayor Frey responded that the City will work with the School District on some type of recognition.

Steve Edison, 2855 Elmwood, was present and thanked the City Commission on behalf of his entire family for lowering the City flag to half mast on the day of his father's funeral.

2000-241. Lawless-Shimko. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$151,135.79; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$176,051.01, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$292,036.36, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 7
Nays: -0-

2000-242. Consideration of a request to review the application by Osta's Restaurant for an SDM package liquor license.

City Attorney Huff reviewed the application and answered questions from the City Commission about liquor licenses and procedures.

Commissioner Shimko expressed his concern about this type of license being granted for businesses so close to the high school.

Commissioner Barbour asked about the future use of this license if Osta's decided to change the type of establishment to emphasize the packaged liquor sales instead of the restaurant. City Attorney Huff

explained that the City Commission has the opportunity to comment on the application at this stage, but there is limited recourse once the license is issued if there are not actual violations by the license holder.

2000-242-A. Lawless-Bartman. That a letter supporting the SDM package liquor license application as requested in the letter from Mr. and Mrs. John Aouad for Osta's Restaurant be drafted and sent to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission expressing the support for local businesses and the concerns voiced above.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Frey – 6

Nays: Shimko – 1

2000-243. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving a change to the Grand Valley Metro Council Articles of Incorporation.

2000-243-A. Bartman-Shimko. That a resolution approving Amendment #24 to the Grand Valley Articles of Incorporation be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

2000-244. Consideration of a request to determine whether a meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, 2000.

Mayor Frey determined that most of the members of the City Commission would be out of town on April 3rd, but that at least five commissioners would be present on March 27, 2000. It was the consensus that the meeting be moved to Monday, March 27, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

2000-245. Consideration of a request to approve replacement fencing for the water tower property and the Streets & Utilities Building.

2000-245-A. Bartman-Shimko. That a contract for replacement fencing at the Water Tower site on Norfolk Road and at the Streets & Utilities Building be awarded to AAA Fence Company at a cost of \$8,419.00 be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

2000-246. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a washer and dryer for use by the Public Safety and Parks & Recreation Departments.

2000-246-A. Shimko-Barbour. That the purchase of a heavy-duty washer and clothes dryer from Postema Appliance in the amount of \$750.00 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

2000-247. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held January 10, 2000 were received.

Parks & Recreation Director Bunn reported on the Wealthy Pool Focus Group meeting held on February 14th. About 20 residents attended the meeting and gave input on the future of Wealthy Pool. The next focus group will be March 13th at 6:30 pm.

2000-248. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of January 2000 was received.

2000-249. Mayor Frey reminded everyone that the Kent District Library millage request was on the ballot for tomorrow's election. She also reported that the staff will begin a public awareness campaign soon for the upcoming Census 2000.

Mayor Frey also reported that the Public Forum on Traffic Issues will be held on Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 pm at the Middle School and asked staff to work on ways to publicize the meeting to ensure a good turnout.

Commissioner Bartman thanked Chief Gallagher and Deputy Chief Spencer for their work on the emergency safety procedures plan being developed for the six schools within the City.

Commissioner Kremers commended the Girl Scout Troops from East Grand Rapids that are working on labeling all of the storm drains within East with warnings about dumping foreign materials down the storm drains.

Commissioner Lawless congratulated the Parks & Recreation Department on the success of the 1st Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance last week. Everyone had a great time, and this will become an anticipated event.

Commissioner Brennan thanked City Manager Donovan for his quick response in helping a resident in the 3rd Ward with a problem recently.

2000-250. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until March 6, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution approving amendment to GVMC Articles of Incorporation

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

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Regular Meeting Held March 6, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:32 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Building Inspector Conley; Assessor Mesik; City Clerk Brower

2000-251. The minutes of the regular meeting held February 21, 2000 were received with the following correction:

Commissioner Lawless asked that paragraph 2000-242-A. be amended to read:

2000-242-A. Lawless-Bartman. That a letter supporting the SDM package liquor license application as requested in the letter from Mr. and Mrs. John Aouad for Osta's Restaurant be drafted and sent to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission expressing the support for local businesses and that a significant factor in supporting this request was the representation that bottled Lebanese beer and wine sales would be incidental to the sale of Lebanese beer and wine served with food at the restaurant.

2000-252. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

H. Thank you note from Juanita Westaby thanking the City Commission and Staff for the flowers sent to her home following a recent surgery.

I. Thank you letter from the Sawdey family thanking Public Safety Officers Clark, Buikema, Donker and Schweitzer for their assistance recently with the death of a family member.

2000-253. Guests were introduced to the City Commission:

D. Mike Hoffman of Hoffman Jewelers was present and asked the City Commission to continue working with the business owners in Gaslight Village for needed improvements such as underground utility wires and new sidewalks.

E. Nancy Martin, United Bank Branch Manager, was present and expressed her admiration for the Gaslight Village Business District and the community feel of East Grand Rapids.

F. Mike VanderBaan of Lakeshore Opticians voiced his concerns about special tax assessments to pay for improvements to Gaslight Village and urged that various funding options be considered for these projects.

2000-254. No other public comment was received.

2000-255. Barbour-Lawless. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$160,047.99; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$406,423.51, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$229,470.76, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey— 7

Nays: -0-

2000-256. Consideration of a request to approve a fund transfer for a pedestrian bridge project in Hodenpyl Woods.

J.J. Camp, 2022 Coronado, was present and explained his Eagle Scout project and answered questions from the City Commission.

The City Commission asked that the Camps contact the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality with the plans for the bridge to make sure that all necessary regulations are followed.

2000-256-A. Shimko-Bartman. That a fund transfer of \$2,500 from the Reeds Lake Run Designated Account to the Reeds Lake Run Capital Account for the construction of a pedestrian bridge on the trail system in Hodenpyl Woods as outlined in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

2000-257. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. William Ryan of 965 Cambridge to allow the construction of a 6’-0” wood privacy fence along the Rosewood Avenue lot line.

2000-257-A. Brennan-Shimko. Motion to remove this zoning variance request from the table for consideration at this time.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

Bill Ryan, 965 Cambridge, was present to answer questions about the variance request.

The following people were present and expressed their opinions concerning this variance request:

- Garlan Tupper, 975 Rosewood	In Favor
- Flora Horhus, 960 Rosewood	In Favor
- Leslie Amaya (Realtor), 7478 Cascade	In Favor
- Brian Accola, 1660 Pontiac	In Favor
- Lynn Ryan, 965 Cambridge	In Favor

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Petition signed by 44 residents	In Favor
- Sarah Hecker, 1065 Cambridge	In Favor
- Keith Weller, 934 Rosewood	In Favor
- Mr. & Mrs. Terryberry, 950 Rosewood	Opposed
- Alan & Krystyna Rosas, 1650 Alexander	No Objection
- Christian & Debrah Plasman, 1042 Cambridge	Opposed
- Ken Horjus, 960 Rosewood	No Objection

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

Commissioners Brennan and Shimko stated their feelings that this fence would enhance the applicant’s property and should be granted.

Commissioner Bartman questioned staff about the safety concerns surrounding the pool and about the sight distance along the fence and sidewalk from the driveway. City Services Director Baragar stated that the fence as proposed by the applicant met all of the requirements for adequate sight distance.

2000-257-B. Shimko-Brennan. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. William Ryan of 965 Cambridge to allow the construction of of a 6’-0” wood privacy fence 5’-0” from the southwesterly lot line along the Rosewood Avenue right-of-way and heading northwest approximately 120’-0” to a point 15’-0” from the edge of the driveway be approved as shown on the submitted sketch.

Commissioners Lawless and Barbour expressed their concerns about creating a “walled community” and their feelings that the safety concern of the pool did need to be addressed with some type of fencing.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

- 2000-258. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving a new Class C liquor license for BJR, Inc. for the business known as Barry Bagels at 2150 Wealthy Street.

City Attorney Huff reviewed the application and answered questions from the City Commission about liquor licenses and procedures.

Ralph Balber, owner of BJR, Inc. and Barry Bagels, was not present at the meeting.

- 2000-258-A. Bartman-Kremers. Motion to table this request until the applicant is able to be present.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

- 2000-259. Consideration of a request to approve plans and costs associated with the Community Center expansion project.

Bob Olson of Cox, Medendorp & Olson was present and outlined the preliminary plans for the Community Center. City Manager Donovan reviewed the cost estimates and answered questions from the City Commission regarding the designs and the cost estimates.

- 2000-259-A. Bartman-Lawless. Motion to approve the conceptual design of the Community Complex expansion and renovation as proposed, and to accept the preliminary cost estimates for this project presented by staff.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

City Manager Donovan reported on the meetings of the citizen fund-raising group and introduced Betsy Borre and Barbara Hoag as the team selected by the committee to oversee the fundraising operations. Ms. Hoag and Ms. Borre are prepared to conduct a feasibility study over the next few months and report back to the City Commission. City Manager Donovan also advised that it was necessary to seek proposals for a financial advisor to assist staff with the details of selling bonds.

- 2000-259-B. Bartman-Brennan. That Betsy Borre and Barbara Hoag be hired to perform a fundraising feasibility study at a cost not-to-exceed \$12,000, that a related fund transfer of \$12,000 from the General Fund Undesignated Balance be approved, and that staff be authorized to seek proposals from financial advisors.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

- 2000-260. Consideration of a request to approve a notice of intent to enforce State building codes.

- 2000-260-A. Lawless-Kremers. That a notice of intent to adopt the Michigan Electrical Code; the State Building Code, the Michigan Plumbing Code, and the Michigan Mechanical Code be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

- 2000-261. Consideration of a request to approve new appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals.

Commissioner Bartman expressed her concern about appointing Bob Olson of Cox Medendorp & Olson to this review board because of the perceived conflict of interest between his work for the City as an architect and his role as an impartial arbitrator during disputes between residents and staff. She felt this would place Mr. Olson in an uncomfortable situation and may be perceived by the public as a biased member of the Construction Board of Appeals.

Commissioner Lawless stated his position that Mr. Olson was a professional engineer and should be able to be impartial in these situations. Further, as one of five members of the Board, Mr. Olson could abstain from a vote or use an alternate to vote on those situations.

2000-261-A. Barbour-Shimko. That the following appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals be approved:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Pete Keener	2003
Robert Olson	2002
Ed Barnes (alternate)	2004
Steve Williams (alternate)	2004

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: Bartman – 1

2000-262. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of equipment for Streets & Utilities Truck #10.

2000-262-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the purchase of front plow mounts, underbody scraper and a dump box from Truck and Trailer Specialties of Dutton in the amount of \$7,896.00 be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7
Nays: -0-

2000-263. Consideration of a request to approve an agreement for property tax administration costs.

Finance Director VanderWall explained the current system and the need for an updated computer software program for the property tax administration system with Kent County. She stated that because of the uncertainty in the number of municipalities participating in the system, the City Commission should declare their intent to participate and authorize staff to continue negotiations and to approve a final agreement at a later date.

2000-263-A. Lawless-Shimko. Motion to affirm the intention of the City of East Grand Rapids to participate in the new property tax administration system conditional upon the participation of other units of government, and to authorize Finance Director VanderWall to continue researching and negotiating the final agreement that will be brought back to the City Commission.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7
Nays: -0-

2000-264. Consideration of a request to ratify emergency repairs made to Wealthy Pool.

2000-264-A. Lawless-Bartman. That expenditures in the amount of \$21,858.01 for emergency repairs to Wealthy Pool be ratified as detailed in the memo from the City Services Director.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7
Nays: -0-

2000-265. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of vehicles for the City Services Department.

Commissioner Bartman stated that she would be voting against awarding the contract to Berger Chevrolet because of past problems with this dealership's misrepresentations to city staff members.

2000-265-A. Lawless-Shimko. That the purchase of two trucks from Sneathkamps Dodge of Lansing in the amount of \$30,774.52, and the purchase of a Chevrolet Van from Berger Chevrolet of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$19,517.00 be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: Bartman – 1

2000-266. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held February 14, 2000 were received.

Parks & Recreation Director Bunn explained the new “buddy system” implemented for the spring sports season that allows a child to be on the same team with a friend to assist parents with carpooling and to provide a comfort level for young children.

2000-267. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held January 10, 2000 were received.

2000-268. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held January 11, 2000 were received.

2000-269. The City Services Department Report for the month of January 2000 was received.

2000-270. Mayor Frey reported that she had participated in the first annual Mayor’s Scholarship Ball which raised \$92,000 for the United Negro College Fund. She also attended the “Blue and White Sunday” services at Lake Drive Baptist Church which honored the men and women of the law enforcement community. She also reported that the campaign for the transit election on April 11th had begun.

Commissioner Brennan reported that the School District was forming a committee to design an appropriate recognition event for the retirement of Coach George Barcheski.

Commissioner Shimko thanked former Parks & Recreation Director Bill Rhodes for all of his work preparing the grant application for Collins Park which has now received tentative approval from the State of Michigan.

Commissioner Lawless commended the Parks & Recreation Department for the excellent line-up of spring sports programs.

Commissioner Kremers complimented Cox, Medendorp & Olson on the designs for the Community Center expansion and suggested adding the drawings to the City’s website.

Commissioner Bartman asked that the issue of a rollerblading facility continue to be researched as a place for the community children to play safely.

2000-271. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until March 20, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Notice of intent to enforce State building codes

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held March 20, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:34 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower

2000-272. The minutes of the regular meeting held March 6, 2000 were received as submitted.

2000-273. No other public comment was received.

2000-274. Barbour-Lawless. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$147,591.17; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$40,903.98, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$118,551.63, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

2000-275. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shapton of 553 Greenwood to allow the construction of a detached garage with an average height of 15'-0" instead of the allowable 12'-0."

Robert Shapton, 553 Greenwood, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Maggie VanHout, 547 Greenwood	In Favor
- Judith Schmidt, 506 Belvedere	In Favor

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2000-275-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shapton of 553 Greenwood to allow the construction of a detached garage with an average height of 15'-0" instead of the allowable 12'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

2000-276. Public hearing and introduction of an ordinance amendment to Section 5.190 of Chapter 50 of title V of the City Code to rezone the property located at 725 Bagley Avenue from B-1 multiple family to C-1 commercial.

Joe Hooker of Veresco Real Estate, the applicant for this rezoning petition, was present and explained the concept for a mixed-use property with office or retail on the lower floor and a residential apartment on the upper floor. Mr. Hooker also reviewed the surrounding neighborhoods and resident concerns, and answered questions from the City Commission about the proposed conversion of the property.

The following people were present and expressed their opinions concerning this request:

- P.K. Mason, 3001 Woodcliff Circle In Favor
- Martha McKay, 2204 Lake Drive In Favor
- Tamsen Clark, 2615 Frederick In Favor

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this request:

- Margit Sarne, 647 Lovett Opposed
- Matthew Miller, 1613 Alexander In Favor
- Jennifer & David Wiener, 2510 Oakwood In Favor
- Marilyn Hazard, 725 Bagley In Favor
- Jeff Wickman, East Grand Rapids resident In Favor
- Susan & Brad Laffrey, 2817 Reeds Lake Blvd In Favor
- John & Suzanne Belanger, 3011 Beechwood In Favor
- John Mundell, 2302 Oakwood In Favor
- Charles Wisse, 2741 Boston In Favor

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2000-276-A. Kremers-Brennan. That an ordinance amendment to Section 5.190 of Chapter 50 of title V of the City Code to rezone the property located at 725 Bagley Avenue from B-1 multiple family to C-1 commercial be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Commissioners Kremers and Brennan spoke in favor of the rezoning request, stating their opinions that the residential character of this street would be changed by the construction of the high school auditorium, and that this mixed-use commercial/residential property would not detract from the overall neighborhood.

Commissioner Bartman stated her feelings that the residential character of neighborhoods should be protected at all costs and that the new Comprehensive Master Plan does not promote rezoning properties on a case-by-case basis, and that more discussion should take place before this decision is made. She also spoke of her concern of the future uses of this property if another business should take it over.

Commissioner Shimko stated his opinion that this would be a good addition to the Gaslight Village area.

Mayor Frey also stated that she would be voting in favor of the request and that she approved of the combination commercial and residential use of this property.

Commissioners Lawless also spoke about the need to consider the area as a whole, and stated his feelings that this is not an attractive addition to the neighborhood or the business district.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: Bartman, Lawless – 2

2000-277. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving a new Class C liquor license for BJR, Inc. for the business known as Barry Bagels at 2150 Wealthy Street.

City Attorney Huff reviewed the application and answered questions from the City Commission about liquor licenses and procedures.

Ralph Balber, owner of BJR, Inc. and Barry Bagels, was present to explain the concept for the bagel-crust pizzeria restaurant called "Shalomo & Vinnies" operating in the evenings and serving alcohol when requested. He stated that the Barry Bagels operation would continue during the day until 4:00 pm with no

alcoholic beverages served, and that the restaurant would reopen at 5:00 pm to serve pizza. He also stated his objective of a family-oriented restaurant and that the alcoholic beverages would be only an accompaniment and not a primary focus of the establishment.

The following people were present and stated their opinions concerning this request:

- P.K. Mason, 3001 Woodcliff Circle	In Favor
- Martha McKay, 2204 Lake Drive	In Favor

2000-277-A. Bartman-Barbour. That a resolution approving a new Class C liquor license for BJR, Inc. for the business known as Barry Bagels at 2150 Wealthy Street "above all others" be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Commissioners Barbour and Lawless stated that they felt a Tavern License allowing the service of beer and wine would be sufficient for this concept, and voiced their concerns about granting a Class C license allowing the additional sale of spirits. Commissioner Shimko was also concerned about whether a full Class C license was needed in this instance.

Commissioner Bartman expressed her support for this new restaurant concept and for the Class C liquor license application. She felt it was important to support the merchants in their new ventures, and that another restaurant open in the evenings would be welcome in Gaslight Village.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Shimko and Frey- 5
Nays: Barbour, Lawless - 2

2000-278. Consideration of a request to award a contract for engineering consulting services.

2000-278-A. Lawless-Bartman. That a three-year contract be awarded to OMM Engineering of Grand Rapids for civil engineering consulting services as proposed, and that an agreement with Wade-Trim for the purposes of grant application/availability notification at a rate of \$150.00 per hour be approved as submitted by Wade-Trim.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 7
Nays: -0-

2000-279. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held March 9, 2000 were received.

2000-280. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held March 3, 2000 were received.

2000-281. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held February 8, 2000 were received.

2000-282. The City Services Department Report for the month of February 2000 was received.

2000-283. Mayor Frey reported that the Town Meeting on Traffic Issues was well attended and the information presented was very well received. She also noted that the next City Commission would be held on March 27th instead of April 3rd because of Spring Break.

Commissioner Kremers thanked the staff for planning and arranging the Town Meeting. He also noted that Mayor Frey was recently honored by the West Michigan Academy of Music for Girls for her community service work.

Commissioner Bartman congratulated junior hockey player Jake Schwenneker for the hat trick (three goals in one game!) scored during a tournament on Saturday, March 18th. Good job Jake!

2000-284. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until March 27, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment to Section 5.190 to rezone 725 Bagley
 B - Resolution approving a Class C liquor license for BJR, Inc.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held March 27, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President Lawless at 7:34 p.m. in the Lower Level of City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Shimko

Absent: Commissioner Bartman and Mayor Frey

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Finance Director VanderWall; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; City Clerk Brower

2000-285. The minutes of the regular meeting held March 20, 2000 were amended with the following sentence added to the end of the second paragraph of 2000-276-A:

Commissioner Kremers reviewed the Planning Commission's desire that businesses would locate in existing rental spaces or create new rental spaces within the zoned commercial district. It was the consensus of several commissioners that there was little or no opportunity for "infill" within the commercial district.

2000-286. President Lawless advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

J. Letter from John Corbett of 1630 Oxford thanking Streets & Utilities employee Terry Terbeek for his assistance with a flooded basement at a neighbor's property.

2000-287. No other public comment was received.

2000-288. Barbour-Shimko. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$160,605.93; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$32,322.64, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Shimko – 5

Nays: -0-

2000-289. Consideration of a request to approve an emergency watermain repair and replacement.

2000-289-A. Barbour-Shimko. That a contract in the amount of \$19,500.00 be awarded to Lodestar Construction of Grand Rapids for the repair of a watermain leak on Lakeside Drive at the Reeds Lake/Fisk Lake channel.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Shimko – 5

Nays: -0-

2000-290. Consideration of a request to approve an employee discount program.

2000-290-A. Shimko-Barbour. That an Employee Discount Program for Parks & Recreation programs allowing discounts for City of East Grand Rapids employees be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto for a twelve-month trial period with results to be reported to the City Commission next year.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Shimko – 5

Nays: -0-

2000-291. Consideration of a request to award a contract for fireworks for the annual 4th of July celebration.

2000-291-A. Kremers-Barbour. That a contract for the annual July 4th fireworks show be awarded to Pyrotecnico of New Castle, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$15,000, and to authorize the Parks & Recreation Department to apply the 10% discount towards purchasing additional shells for the fireworks display.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Shimko – 5

Nays: -0-

2000-292. President Lawless asked the City Commissioners for input on the possibility of creating a new zoning district to incorporate a mixed use of commercial and residential within the same property, such as a retail store on the main floor and an apartment on the upper floor. Several commissioners were interested in exploring this option. This issue will be raised again following the decision on 725 Bagley.

President Lawless also asked for input on a proposal to amend the City Code to add tavern licenses to the current ordinance regulating Class C licenses to require more than 50% of revenues to come from food sales. City Attorney Huff reported that this change could be made to the City Code. The City Commission asked Mr. Huff to prepare an ordinance amendment for consideration in the near future.

2000-293. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until April 17, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Employee Discount Program

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held April 17, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:34 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Finance Director VanderWall; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Assistant to the City Manager Branyan; City Clerk Brower

2000-294. The minutes of the regular meeting held March 27, 2000 were received as submitted.

2000-295. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

K. Note from Francis Ellis thanking the Public Safety Department for their quick response to a fire at her home.

2000-296. No other public comment was received.

2000-297. Lawless-Barbour. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$143,790.96; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$323,400.91, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 7

Nays: -0-

2000-298. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Richard LeBaron of 2550 Elmwood Drive to allow the construction of a garage creating a side yard setback of 6'-6" instead of the required 7'-0" and an overall side yard setback of 14'-6" instead of the required 18'-0."

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

-Garth Hillebrand, 1426 Lake Grove In Favor

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2000-298-A. Lawless-Bartman. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Richard LeBaron of 2550 Elmwood Drive to allow the construction of a garage creating a side yard setback of 6'-6" instead of the required 7'-0" and an overall side yard setback of 14'-6" instead of the required 18'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 7

Nays: -0-

2000-299. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Section 5.190 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code to rezone the property located at 725 Bagley Avenue from B-1 multiple family to C-1 commercial.

Joe Hooker of Veresco Real Estate, the applicant for this rezoning petition, was present to answer questions from the City Commission.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2000-299-A. Barbour-Kremers. That an ordinance amendment to Section 5.190 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code to rezone the property located at 725 Bagley Avenue from B-1 multiple family to C-1 commercial be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Commissioner Lawless stated his opposition to this rezoning request and stated that he would like the Planning Commission to develop a plan for the remainder of this street so that the City is prepared for future requests of this nature on this street.

Commissioner Kremers informed everyone that he would relay this concern and the request to the Planning Commission.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: Bartman, Lawless – 2

2000-300. Consideration of a request to award a contract for annual audit services.

2000-300-A. Shimko-Bartman. That a five-year contract with Hoffman, Steensma & Plamondon for annual financial audits be approved in the following amounts: \$12,000 for FY 6/30/00, \$12,600 for FY 6/30/01, \$13,200 for 6/30/02, \$13,850 for 6/30/03, and \$14,550 for FY 6/30/04.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7
Nays: -0-

2000-301. Consideration of a request to award a contract for annual crack repair program for City streets.

2000-301-A. Bartman-Kremers. That a contract in the amount of \$22,144.00 be awarded to Scodeller Construction of South Lyon for the annual crack repair program.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7
Nays: -0-

2000-302. Consideration of a request to award a contract for road construction projects for City streets.

Mayor Frey asked for public comment on the proposed construction projects. The following people were present and stated their opinions regarding the Gladstone Avenue resurfacing project:

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| - Jeff Knecht, 1604 Robinson Road | Concerned about traffic and speeds but wants construction to go forward. |
| - David Graf, 345 Gladstone | Outlined the history of the resident's meetings with city officials and stated that the majority of the residents wanted the project to be done this year and to address concerns about traffic when appropriate rather than wait several years for street to be resurfaced. |
| - Matt Meyer, 336 Gladstone | Distributed ballots cast by residents and reviewed voting results showing decision to go ahead with the construction. |
| - Carol Neuhas, 328 Gladstone | Favored saving the trees on Gladstone even if it meant waiting to begin construction until an alternative could be found. |
| - Andrea McKillop, 304 Gladstone | Favored going ahead with the project but wanted a commitment from the City to continue working toward solutions for speeding traffic and high volumes. |

- Ken Sweers, 324 Gladstone

Stated that the trees were old and would have to come down in a few years anyway; he felt the project should be done this year and new trees planted.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Bartman read from a report that detailed some of the problems with the old and decaying trees located on the street. She stated her opinion that this project would be good for the neighborhood in the long run and that the trees would be replaced with as large replacement trees as possible.

Commissioner Shimko expressed his opinion that any traffic calming measures that would be implemented needed to be tested and considered carefully before being implemented.

Commissioner Barbour stated that it was in the best interest of the neighborhood to resurface the road this year and look at traffic calming measures in the near future when all of the city's neighborhoods can be evaluated.

Commissioner Lawless suggested that the residents continue working together by contacting Aquinas College about the number of vehicles using Gladstone for commuting and parking.

Mayor Frey commended the residents for working together on this issue and asked staff to work with residents to have a second arborist look at the trees on this street for possible alternatives.

2000-302-A. Lawless-Bartman. That a contract be awarded to Lodestar Construction of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$803,284.50 plus project contingencies of \$40,164.00 for a total cost of \$843,448.50 for road construction and water/sewer main replacements, and to direct staff to replant the largest appropriate trees available for the Gladstone area if there is sufficient funding at the end of the project.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-303. Consideration of a request to award a contract for watermain materials for construction projects.

2000-303-A. Bartman-Shimko. That a contract for watermain materials be awarded to Underground Pipe & Valve in the amount of \$20,102.80, East Jordon Iron Works in the amount of \$18,897.55 and Etna Supply Company in the amount of \$4,128.00.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-304. Consideration of a request to award a contract for water leak detection audit services.

2000-304-A. Shimko-Bartman. That a contract be awarded to Pitometer Associates of Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$5,400.00 for a water leak detection audit of City watermains.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-305. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held February 28, 2000 were received.

2000-306. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held March 13, 2000 were received.

2000-307. Mayor Frey thanked Commissioners Kremers and Barbour for their recent articles in the Cadence keeping citizens informed. She also reported that BankOne would be moving out of their building in Gaslight Village this year and that she had spoken to the building owner about placing a retail store in that space if possible.

City Manager Donovan reported that Senator Ken Sikkema would be hosting a town hall meeting on Thursday, April 20th and invited everyone to attend if possible. He also reported that a worksession is being scheduled in the near future for residents on Breton Road to discuss the upcoming construction project.

Commissioner Bartman reported that she received a call from a resident concerned about the volume and speed of vehicles near Lake Drive and San Jose. She also complimented the Public Safety Department for the article written about the department by the High School newspaper and congratulated resident Mike Corby for being named Michigan's Young Architect of the Year.

2000-308. Bartman-Kremers. Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel evaluation in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 7
Nays: -0-

2000-309. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until May 1, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment to rezone 725 Bagley from residential to commercial.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held May 1, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:32 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: Commissioner Bartman

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Finance Director VanderWall; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; City Clerk Brower

2000-310. The minutes of the regular meeting held April 17, 2000 were received as submitted.

2000-311. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

L. Note from East Grand Rapids School Superintendent James Morse complimenting Chief Gallagher and Deputy Chief Spencer on their safety training program for school personnel.

2000-312. No other public comment was received.

2000-313. Barbour-Lawless. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$142,778.74; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$96,511.45, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 5

Nays: -0-

2000-314. Public Hearing and consideration of a request to approve a special use permit and an agreement for the placement of a cellular phone antenna at the City water tower site.

Jack Hickey of Riley and Associates, and Ed Hodges of Hodges & Associates were present to answer questions.

Dave Brown, 1731 Woodlawn, was present and expressed his concern about the noise from the cooling fans on the ground-level equipment, the possibility of damaging trees by installing additional equipment, and the decrease in property values from additional equipment. Mr. Brown presented signatures from several neighbors expressing similar concerns.

Jerry Foy, 1745 Andover Lane, was present and expressed his concerns about the health issues which may be caused by radiation emitted by the antennas because of his daughter's medical conditions.

Commissioner Kremers arrived.

Jeff DeJonge, 1750 Woodlawn, was present and expressed his concerns about the fan noise and the need for additional landscaping to screen the fans and equipment from neighboring homes.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

City Manager Donovan explained the City's policy of placing towers on existing structures to reduce the total number of towers visible to residents. He also stated the staff's commitment to working with the current equipment owners to reduce noise from cooling fans and to ensure that future equipment is as unobtrusive as possible.

City Attorney Huff stated that the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 preempts local governments from regulating certain aspects of cellular towers, including matters relating to health issues. These issues are regulated and monitored by the Federal Communications Commission. It was also noted that there is a cellular antenna on the top of the Spectrum East Hospital building.

Mr. Foy noted that several cities across the country have placed a moratorium on the placement of new towers until more information is known about the health concerns. He also raised the issue of placing the antenna on top of the tower instead of on the sides.

Commissioner Kremers suggested getting an independent contractor to review the proposed antenna and to answer the questions raised by the residents and the City Commission. City Manager Donovan stated that this could be done.

Commissioner Lawless felt that although there were several questions and concerns which needed to be addressed by AT&T before the antennas are placed, there is not sufficient grounds to deny the special use permit after these answers are received. He asked that an independent firm be retained to assist with these questions and that AT&T provide a technical person to answer questions specific to their equipment.

2000-314-A. Lawless-Kremers. That this request be tabled until a future meeting so that questions concerning the health issues, equipment specifications and placement, compliance with federal regulations, noise levels, landscaping and utility easements can be addressed by the applicant and/or an independent firm.

Commissioner Kremers asked that copies of all correspondence and responses be provided to the neighbors.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 6
Nays: -0-

2000-315. Consideration of a request to set dates for public hearings regarding the proposed budget and the placement of delinquent accounts on the tax roll.

2000-315-A. Barbour-Shimko. That June 5, 2000 be established as the date for public hearings for the budget and for delinquent accounts, and the date to hold a special meeting to adopt the budget.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2000-316. Finance Director VanderWall presented the quarterly financial reports for the period ending March 31, 2000 and answered questions from the City Commission.

2000-317. The schedule of meeting dates for FY 2000-01 was received for information.

2000-318. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of an asphalt paver for the Streets & Utilities Department.

2000-318-A. Lawless-Shimko. That the purchase of an asphalt paver for the Streets & Utilities Department from Miller Equipment in the amount of \$23,000.00 and the purchase of a trailer from Colwell Equipment in the amount of \$6,696.00 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7
Nays: -0-

2000-319. Consideration of a request to approve lane striping of city streets and crosswalks.

2000-319-A. Barbour-Shimko. That a contract in the amount of \$13,744.65 be awarded to Michigan Pavement Markings of Wyoming for the annual road striping program, and a related budget amendment in the amount of \$8,713.90 from the general fund ending balance be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-320. Consideration of a request to negotiate a contract for architectural services for the City Complex expansion.

2000-320-A. Brennan-Barbour. That the firm of Cox, Medendorp & Olson be retained to serve as the City's architects for the design services related to the City Complex expansion provided that a satisfactory contract and rates can be negotiated.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2000-321. Consideration of a request to award a contract for market research for the City Complex expansion.

City Manager Donovan explained the scope of the project to gather information about the community's feelings about the City Complex expansion. He also asked for volunteers from the City Commission to help formulate the questions on the survey. Commissioners Barbour and Lawless expressed their interest in helping with this.

2000-321-A. Barbour-Shimko. That a contract in the amount of \$10,400.00 be awarded to Jacokes and Associates of Grand Rapids for a survey of residents for the purposes of the Community Complex expansion.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-322. Consideration of a request to ratify the emergency repair of a storm sewer on Sherman Street.

2000-322-A. Shimko-Barbour. That the expenditure of \$2,850.00 to repair a section of storm sewer in the 1700 block of Sherman Street be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-323. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a pavement saw.

2000-323-A. Lawless-Brennan. That the purchase of a pavement saw and blades from Burke Construction Equipment of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$5,625.00 be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-324. Consideration of a request to approve the costs for landscaping work done on the Sherman cul-de-sac.

2000-324-A. Shimko-Barbour. That the landscaping project for the Sherman Street cul-de-sac in the amount of \$4,985.00 be awarded to Rooks Landscaping as requested.

Commissioner Lawless asked City staff to compile a list of needed improvements such as this landscaping project and to attempt to spread the projects throughout the City.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-325. Consideration of a request to approve an agreement for property tax administration costs.

2000-325-A. Barbour-Shimko. That an agreement with Kent County for property tax administration services in the amount of \$25,168.72 be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7
Nays: -0-

2000-326. Consideration of a request to award a contract for gypsy moth spraying program.

2000-326-A. Kremers-Brennan. That a contract in the amount of \$8,000.00 be awarded to Al's Aerial Spraying of Ovid, Michigan, for the aerial spraying of insecticide to control gypsy moths.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7
Nays: -0-

2000-327. The City Services Department Report for the month of March 2000 was received.

2000-328. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of January 2000 was received.

2000-329. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of February 2000 was received.

2000-330. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of March 2000 was received.

Commissioner Kremers complimented the Public Safety Department for their work in attempting to apprehend the person(s) responsible for the recent rash of burglaries and asked all residents to do their part to prevent further incidents by locking doors and windows and reporting any suspicious activity to the Public Safety Department immediately.

2000-331. Mayor Frey thanked Commissioner Brennan for her article in Cadence recently. She also thanked EGR High School Freshman Class President Alec Denton for his efforts in organizing a clean-up of the Gaslight Village area recently.

Commissioner Kremers announced that he would be absent from the next two City Commission meetings because of training for his new position with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. He also congratulated Parks & Recreation Director Fred Bunn on his qualifying for the Olympic trials and wished him good luck in the upcoming trials.

Commissioner Lawless expressed his wish to dedicate this year's gypsy moth spraying to his partner at Varnum Riddering, Bruce Barnhart, an East Grand Rapids resident who fervently supports the City's efforts to eradicate these pesky insects.

Commissioner Shimko also wished Parks & Recreation Director Bunn good luck in the upcoming Olympic trials, and thanked the Public Safety Department for their diligence in attempting to end the string of burglaries.

2000-332. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until May 15, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Agreement with Kent County for Property Tax Administration Services

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held May 15, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:33 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: Commissioners Barbour and Kremers

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Finance Director VanderWall; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; Building Inspector Conley; Aquatic Supervisor Welscott; City Clerk Brower

2000-333. The minutes of the regular meeting held May 1, 2000 were received as submitted.

2000-334. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

M. Thank-You note from visiting french students thanking Mayor Frey for taking the time to welcome the students and answer questions about East Grand Rapids.

N. Letter from John Rubie thanking Finance Director VanderWall and Streets & Utilities Superintendent Keating and their staff members for their assistance during a recent problem.

2000-335. No other public comment was received.

2000-336. Lawless-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$184,899.24; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$295,217.67, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 5

Nays: -0-

2000-337. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Dr. and Mrs. Jay LaBine of 2335 Wilshire to allow the construction of an attached garage and a second floor addition over the garage creating a sideyard setback of 2'-0" instead of the required 7'-0."

Jay LaBine, 2335 Wilshire, was present to answer questions about the variance request.

Dwight Jacobson, 2261 Burchard, contractor for Dr. and Mrs. LaBine, was also present to answer questions.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Jennifer & Bryon Higgins, 2343 Wilshire In Favor

- John & Deborah Kailunas, 2331 Wilshire In Favor

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2000-337-A. Lawless-Bartman. That the request of Dr. and Mrs. Jay LaBine of 2335 Wilshire to allow the construction of an attached garage and a second floor addition over the garage creating a sideyard setback of 2'-0" instead of the required 7'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 5

Nays: -0-

2000-338. Consideration of a request to discuss repairs at Wealthy Pool.

City Manager Donovan explained the history of the Wealthy Pool building and the current need for major mechanical and building repairs to keep the pool in operating condition. Some of the conditions could be potentially dangerous and are required to be repaired by July 30, 2000.

The following people were present and expressed opinions concerning Wealthy Pool:

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| - Alan Caldemeyer, 977 Gladstone | Felt pool was valuable community asset and asked whether any current repairs would secure the facility from other repairs in the near future. |
| - Loretta Konecki, 1044 Santa Barbara | Asked that the repairs be made and that Wealthy Pool remain open. |
| - Homer Miller, 520 Gladstone | Felt the pool is worth keeping open. Questioned how much of the current equipment repairs could be reused if the pool is remodeled in the future. |
| - Margit Sarne, 647 Lovett
Diane Lange, 2150 Lansing | Asked that Wealthy Pool remain open.
Asked how the City Commission felt about renovating the current pool building versus the other option of building a new pool in a new location. |
| - Ann Bobroff, 618 Gladstone | Asked for a one week delay of the decision to research and present information on the preservation value of Wealthy Pool. |
| - Steve Lachance, 1031 Lakeside | Stated that Wealthy Pool is very important to his family and that a great opportunity will be lost if it is closed. |

The City Commission discussed the needed repairs and the deadline given by the Department of Environmental Quality and asked several questions of staff members on the various uses of Wealthy Pool. Commissioners expressed concern about the lack of firm quotes for the needed repair work and the lack of qualified vendors to perform the work. It was suggested that URS Griener, the firm that originally performed the pool study, may have additional resources for bidders.

Commissioner Brennan asked staff to investigate the possibility of cooperating with other local warm-water pools to lease time for our programs or to offer programs in cooperation with other facilities in the event that Wealthy Pool is closed.

Commissioner Lawless stated his opinion that a larger discussion than the immediate repairs is needed because even with the current proposed repairs, the facility will be substandard in that it will not be handicap accessible and does not meet all the needs of a recreational pool. He also expressed concern about the length of time these repairs would last.

Aquatic Supervisor Welscott reported that the best date to keep the pool open until would be June 10, but that other mechanical failures may occur between now and that date. He also reported that the school district would not be utilizing Wealthy Pool for scheduling athletic swimming events during the time Community Pool was closed.

Mayor Frey expressed her opinion that the City Commission should consider closing Wealthy Pool temporarily and exploring the renovation or rebuilding options over the next several months and making a decision at that point. She did not favor the permanent closing of Wealthy Pool.

Commissioner Shimko stated that although he was not willing to repair the aging infrastructure of the pool if the repairs would not last for very long, he was in favor of having URS Greiner inspect the pool and provide a detailed estimate of repair costs after talking with vendors before a final decision is made.

2000-338-A. Shimko-Bartman. That staff be authorized to hire URS Greiner, Inc. to inspect the Wealthy Pool facility and work with vendors to provide estimates for repair work to bring the pool into compliance with the D.E.Q. requirements.

2000-338-B. Lawless-Shimko. Motion to amend 2000-338-A. to add a not-to-exceed cost of \$2,500.00 for the services of URS Greiner.

Vote on 2000-338-B.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

Vote on 2000-338-A. as amended.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Lawless and Shimko – 4
Nays: Frey – 1

2000-339. Consideration of a request to approve the transfer of an agreement with Ameritech to Williams Communications for placing telecommunications equipment and cabling in the City right-of-way.

City Attorney Huff summarized the request for the transfer of the agreement and answered questions from the City Commission.

2000-339-A. Lawless-Shimko. That the transfer of the existing right-of-way agreement for telecommunications equipment and cabling with Ameritech Communications, Inc. to Williams Communications, Inc. be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-340. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Sections 7.95 and 7.96 and the addition of Section 7.98 of Chapter 79 of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to cable television providers.

2000-340-A. Shimko-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to Sections 7.95 and 7.96 and the addition of Section 7.98 of Chapter 79 of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to cable television providers be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

Commissioner Lawless asked City Attorney Huff to research any possible ordinance amendments to regulate the placement of satellite dish antennas. City Attorney Huff reported that Federal regulations limit the type of restrictions that can be placed on satellite dishes and stated that the City ordinance already contains the maximum restrictions allowed.

2000-341. Consideration of a request to approve consulting fees for an insurance advisor.

2000-341-A. Lawless-Shimko. That a contract for consulting fees in the amount of \$8,000.00 with Ken Beres Consulting, Inc. for the review of and assistance in bidding the City's property, liability and worker's compensation insurance coverages be approved as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-342. Consideration of a request to award a contract for consultation services related to selection of a new fire truck.

2000-342-A. Bartman-Lawless. That an agreement for the consulting services of William C. Peters of River Vale, New Jersey in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,800 plus expenses for assistance with the purchase of an aerial ladder fire truck be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-343. Consideration of a request to approve a discount program for coaches and teachers for Parks & Recreation programs.

2000-343-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the existing Parks & Recreation Department discount program for city employees be expanded to include coaches and teachers employed by the East Grand Rapids School District.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-344. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of accessory equipment for Truck 20.

2000-344-A. Bartman-Brennan. That the purchase of a dumpbox with a tarp from Truck and Trailer Specialties of Dutton, Michigan in the amount of \$5,232.00 be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-345. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held April 10, 2000 were received.

2000-346. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held April 26, 2000 were received.

2000-347. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held May 5, 2000 were received.

2000-348. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of April 2000 was received.

2000-349. Commissioner Lawless expressed his concern about the proposed Joint Facilities capital budget and the need for more information about study of the proposed Remington Park improvements. He asked the City Commissioners for their input on this issue.

Commissioner Shimko also expressed the need for more information about improvements to Remington Park before approving the Joint Facilities Budget.

Commissioner Bartman introduced School Board candidate Beth Lendt to everyone present. She also noted that Robert Hopewell Phinny, who is credited with designing the "Gaslight Village," concept died recently.

Commissioner Bartman also reported that Public Works Week and Police Officers Memorial Day are both observed in May and offered her thanks and appreciation to the members of the City Services Department and the Public Safety Department for their service to the community.

2000-350. Lawless-Shimko. Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss the acquisition of real estate and pending litigation in accordance with Sections 8(d) and 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-351. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until June 5, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance Amendment to Section 7.95 regarding cable television providers
B - Contract for insurance advisor

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held June 5, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:32 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: Commissioner Kremers

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Finance Director VanderWall; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Building Inspector Conley; Aquatic Supervisor Welscott; Assistant to the City Manager Branyan; City Clerk Brower

2000-352. The minutes of the regular meeting held May 15, 2000 were received with the following corrections:

Commissioner Lawless asked that the following sentence be added to Item 2000-337-A. following the motion: "Commissioner Lawless stated that a key factor in his support of this variance request was the fact that an existing garage sits in the proposed footprint for the new addition."

Commissioner Lawless also asked that the following be added to 2000-343-A. following the motion. "This program will be reviewed by the City Commission after one year for before being continued.

2000-353. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- O. Letter from the Land Conservancy regarding a research project which will take place in parts of East Grand Rapids this summer.
- P. Memo from Chief Gallagher congratulating the graduates of the Citizens Public Safety Academy.
- Q. Letter from Junior Achievement thanking Laura VanderWall and Ken Arthur for their participation in recent area activities.
- R. Memo recognizing Deputy City Clerk Sally Bode for her 20th year anniversary with the city and her many accomplishments and hard work.
- S. Memo from Chief Gallagher recognizing the efforts of part-time firefighters Baker, Hall, Hecker, Huston and Rhodes.

2000-354. Guests were introduced to the City Commission:

- G. Commissioner Bartman introduced Sheryl Seigel who is running for the East Grand Rapids Board of Education.

2000-355. William Poisson, 2718 Richards, was present and brought the following concerns to the attention of the City Commission: opposition to the narrowing of Lakeside Drive at the Wealthy intersection; frustration with sailboats on Reeds Lake who do not understand navigation rules; seawalls being built into the lake; indignation at Cadence Newspaper's refusal to print his letter to the editor; opinion that readiness-to-serve charges should be included in property tax bills for tax purposes; request for automatic debit to pay water bills; request for an ordinance amendment to restrict water skiing on Reeds Lake before 10:00 a.m.

2000-356. Barbour-Lawless. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$178,358.80; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$321,164.17, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

2000-357. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. David Keim of 2121 Hall Street to allow the construction of a detached garage approximately 6" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0."

Mrs. Keim, 2121 Hall Street, was present to answer questions about the variance request.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2000-357-A. Lawless-Shimko. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. David Keim of 2121 Hall Street to allow the construction of a detached garage approximately 6" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

2000-358. A public hearing was held on the special assessment roll of delinquent accounts for placement on the July 1, 2000 tax roll. No public comment was made.

2000-358-A. Bartman-Brennan. That the special assessment roll of delinquent accounts totaling \$61,048.79 be certified and that these accounts be placed on the July 1, 2000 tax roll.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

2000-359. A public hearing was held pertaining to the General Fund budget and the property tax levy for Fiscal Year 1999-2000. No public comment was made.

2000-360. Pamela VanderPloeg, Assistant Director for the Kent District Library, was present to announce that the East Grand Branch of the Library has been awarded a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for eleven computer workstations to be used for training.

2000-361. Consideration of a request to discuss repairs at Wealthy Pool.

City Manager Donovan outlined the repairs needed at Wealthy Pool and the issue of whether to spend considerable amounts on short-term repairs or to close the pool and concentrate on the long-term needs/wants of the community for a new or renovated pool building.

Dave Messner of URS Greiner presented a report of a recent pool inspection detailing estimated repairs of between \$100,000 and \$130,000 to comply with DEQ mandates, and a recommendation to reserve at least \$30,000 per year for the next three years for other repairs which will be needed soon. Mr. Messner stated that approximately \$65,000 of these costs could be recouped by reusing these materials if the pool is renovated. Mr. Messner also answered questions from the City Commission on the expected life span of other components of the pool infrastructure and issues concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act.

City Manager Donovan also recommended replacing the surge tank at this time to ensure a comfortable water temperature. Mr. Donovan also explained that closing the pool to complete repairs would not cause any ADA compliance issues, but closing the pool without plans to reopen the pool would cause cancellation of the pool's operating permit. This means that reopening the pool under a new permit would require compliance with all ADA requirements which would be extremely costly because the building itself is not ADA compliant.

The following people were present and expressed opinions concerning Wealthy Pool:

- Kathy Benoit, 543 Rosewood

Lifeguard who works with people in the pool and sees the benefits of keeping the pool open as a service to residents.

- Ann Bobroff, 618 Gladstone Feels the pool is a historic asset and asked that the City apply for federal grants to preserve the pool building and continue the service to citizens.
- Homer Miller, 520 Gladstone Questioned whether work could be completed by DEQ deadline date or could an extension be obtained.
- Kathryn Walstra, 3143 Midland Questioned time frames and when ADA requirements needed to be met.
- Cindy Stowe, 2121 San Lu Rae Questioned whether exceptions could be made for ADA compliance.
- Kathy Deane, 700 Plymouth Asked that Wealthy Pool be repaired and kept open.
- Grace Simpson, 2450 Maplewood Asked that Wealthy Pool be repaired and kept open.
- Marilyn Lundquist, 2222 Wilshire Asked that Wealthy Pool be repaired and kept open.
- Sandra Thompson, 443 Plymouth Stated that residents were not interested in fancy slides and diving boards but that everyone wanted a basic warm water pool to use. Asked that Wealthy Pool be repaired and kept open.
- Rob Deane, 700 Plymouth Asked that Wealthy Pool be repaired and kept open.
- Steven Stowe, 2121 San Lu Rae Asked that Wealthy Pool be kept open for his younger brothers and sisters to learn to swim.
- Pam Vaughn, 1511 Breton Felt timing was bad to close the pool when construction at high school was planned. Asked that Wealthy Pool be repaired and kept open.
- Janet Korn, 949 Floral Asked that Wealthy Pool be repaired and kept open.
- Steve Lachance, 1031 Lakeside Asked that City officials open a dialogue with the DEQ to find solutions to problems and possible extensions.
- Rhonda Markham, 2223 Estelle Asked that Wealthy Pool be repaired and kept open.

The following communications were received at City Hall asking that Wealthy Pool be repaired and kept open:

Michael & Hilary Arthur, 2127 Anderson
Helen Penning
Florence Girton, 2520 Bridgeport Lane
Marilyn Hagerup
Margit Sarne, 647 Lovett
Linda Carrington, 2262 Lake Drive

Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

The City Commission discussed the various options and the cost estimates at length. Several commissioners spoke about the uncertainty of future repair costs and the need to be fiscally-responsible to all citizens of East Grand Rapids and about closing Wealthy Pool when Community Pool was also going to be closed for renovations.

Mayor Frey stated her feelings that the pool should be closed and that the City Commission should begin discussing the long-term solution to the aging building and pool.

Commissioner Lawless stated that even if repairs are made and the pool is kept open, the pool building and mechanicals are still substandard and antiquated and will require frequent, costly repairs to maintain. He felt that repairs would probably approach \$250,000 over the next few years. He stated that this money was not budgeted in the current or upcoming fiscal year and would require cutting other programs and services.

Commissioner Brennan addressed the residents and agreed that the timing of a closure would be unfortunate and that it would be a great loss to the community. She also stated that staff would continue working to find other outlets for the swimmers, but that these repairs were too expensive and temporary to be cost-effective.

2000-361-A. Barbour-Lawless. That Wealthy Pool be closed on June 11, 2000 due to lack of funding for necessary repairs.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2000-362. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. for a short break.

2000-363. The meeting resumed at 9:18 p.m.

2000-364. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Sections 7.95 and 7.96 and the addition of Section 7.98 of Chapter 79 of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to cable television providers.

2000-364-A. Bartman-Shimko. That an ordinance amendment to Sections 7.95 and 7.96 and the addition of Section 7.98 of Chapter 79 of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to cable television providers be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2000-365. Consideration of a request to award a contract for financial consulting services related to the City Complex expansion project.

Warren Kramer of Robert W. Baird was present at the meeting to answer questions.

2000-365-A. Lawless-Barbour. That Robert W. Baird & Company be retained as the financial advisor for the Municipal Complex Expansion project at a cost not-to-exceed \$9,750 including expenses contingent upon the completion of the financing.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2000-366. Consideration of a request to approve an extension to the cable television agreement with AT&T.

2000-366-A. Bartman-Shimko. That a resolution extending the cable television agreement with UACC Midwest, a subsidiary of AT&T Broadband, until January 3, 2001, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2000-367. Consideration of a request to award a contract for legal services.

2000-367-A. Lawless-Bartman. That the proposal of Law Weathers & Richardson for legal services as the City Attorney be approved as recommended with a monthly retainer fee of \$7,650 for FY 2000-01, \$7,900 for FY 2001-02, and \$8,150 for FY 2002-03.

The City Commission thanked City Attorney John Huff for his many years of excellent service to the City of East Grand Rapids and looked forward to many more.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2000-368. Consideration of a request to approve an amendment to the Water/Sewer Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids.

2000-368-A. Lawless-Bartman. That the first amendment to the Wholesale Water and Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement between the City of Grand Rapids and the City of East Grand Rapids be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2000-369. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the annual sidewalk replacement program.

2000-369-A. Bartman-Shimko. That a contract for sidewalk replacements be awarded to Cascade Cement Contracting of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$64,650 plus contingencies of \$10,000 and to authorize additional work as needed in the amount of \$15,350 for a contact total of \$90,000.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2000-370. The 1999 Consumer Confidence Water Quality Report prepared by the City Services Department was received.

2000-371. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held March 27, 2000 were received.

2000-372. The City Services Department Report for the month of April 2000 was received.

2000-373. Commissioner Barbour reported receiving a call from a resident upset about the removal of trees on Gladstone. Commissioner Barbour was able to explain the communication between the city and the residents of the street and to clear up the misunderstandings about the tree removal.

2000-374. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until June 19, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance Amendment to Section 7.95 regarding cable television providers
B - Resolution extending cable television agreement
C - First Amendment to Water and Sewer Contract with Grand Rapids

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Special Meeting Held June 5, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 9:34 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: Commissioner Kremers

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Finance Director VanderWall; Public Safety Director Gallagher; City Clerk Brower

2000-375. Resolution adopting the FY 2000-01 budget and setting a millage rate for the coming year.

2000-375-A. Barbour-Lawless. That a resolution adopting the FY 2000-01 budget as amended during the budget worksession, including the savings from closing Wealthy Pool, and setting the millage rate at 15.056 for FY 2000-01, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Barbour thanked all of the City staff members who assisted with the preparation of the proposed budget for their work. Everything was well organized and went very smoothly.

2000-376. Resolution establishing water/sewer rates for FY 2000-01.

2000-376-A. Lawless-Shimko. That a resolution setting water/sewer rates for the upcoming fiscal year be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

2000-377. The special meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution adopting FY 2000-01 budget.
B – Resolution establishing water/sewer rates for FY 2000-01.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Special Meeting Held June 5, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 9:37 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: Commissioner Kremers

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Finance Director VanderWall; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; City Clerk Brower; Assistant to the City Manager Branyan

2000-378. Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss collective bargaining in accordance with Sections 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

2000-379. The special meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held June 19, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Finance Director VanderWall; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Streets & Utilities Superintendent Keating; Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Rypma; City Clerk Brower

2000-380. The minutes of the regular and special meetings held June 5, 2000 were received as submitted:

2000-381. No public comment was received.

2000-382. Lawless-Barbour. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$178,728.56; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$281,581.90, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7

Nays: -0-

2000-383. Consideration of a request to approve a special use permit and an agreement for the placement of a cellular phone antenna at the City water tower site.

2000-383-A. Lawless-Kremers. That the request of AT&T Wireless Services be taken from the table for consideration.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey– 7

Nays: -0-

City Attorney Huff outlined the engineering review that was conducted by an independent consultant on the proposed cellular antenna. The consultant concluded that there was no danger to the public from RF emissions if the third antenna was installed at this site.

Jack Hickey, an attorney representing AT&T, was present to answer questions from the City Commission concerning this request.

Dave Brown, 1731 Woodlawn, thanked the City Commission for authorizing the independent review and reported that the noise level from the fans already in place from other equipment had been reduced since being worked on. Mr. Brown expressed concern about the proximity of the underground utility lines to the mature trees on this property. City Services Director Baragar reported that the utility lines would be buried around the trees.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2000-383-B. Lawless-Shimko. That a special use permit be granted to AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. for the placement of a cellular phone antenna at the City water tower site as requested, and that the proposed lease agreement be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto with the understanding that a final test for RF emission compliance would be performed after the installation of the antenna, that City staff will work with neighbors to install appropriate landscape screening, and that no trees would be damaged during the installation.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-384. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Sections 2.83, 2.83-1, and 2.87 of Chapter 24 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to water billing procedures.

2000-384-A. Bartman-Kremers. That an ordinance amendment to 2.83, 2.83-1, and 2.87 of Chapter 24 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to water billing procedures be introduced as set forth in Exhibit “B” attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-385. Consideration of a request to appoint members to the Joint Marketing Committee.

2000-385-A. Shimko-Bartman. That Commissioner Brennan and Mayor Frey be appointed as members of the Joint City/School Marketing Committee.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-386. Consideration of a request to approve the refurbishment of a patrol car.

2000-386-A. Lawless-Bartman. That the staff of the Streets & Utilities Department be authorized to refurbish a patrol car up to the amount of \$12,000 for necessary materials and outside services.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-387. Consideration of a request to award a contract for services to tabulate race results.

2000-387-A. Brennan-Shimko. That a contract be awarded to Classic Race Management for tabulation of results from the Reeds Lake Run and the Reeds Lake Traithlon in the amount of \$9,907.50.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-388. Consideration of a request to award a contract for t-shirts for various Parks & Recreation Department events.

2000-388-A. Bartman-Kremers. That a contract be awarded to Kel Graphics of Cadillac in the amount of \$25,380.50 for t-shirts for various Parks & Recreation Department events for FY 2000-01.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-389. Consideration of a request to award a contract for janitorial services.

2000-389-A. Shimko-Brennan. That a two-year contract for janitorial services for the municipal buildings be awarded to Associated Building Services in the amount of \$34,740.00 for FY 2000-01 and up to \$36,477.00 for FY 2001-02.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-390. Consideration of a request to determine whether a meeting will be held on Monday, July 3rd.

The City Commission decided that the meeting of July 3, 2000 should be rescheduled to Wednesday, July 5th at 5:00 p.m. because of several members being out of town for the 4th of July holiday.

- 2000-391. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held June 2, 2000 were received.
- 2000-392. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held June 6, 2000 were received.
- 2000-393. The City Services Department Report for the month of May 2000 was received.
- 2000-394. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of May 2000 was received.
- 2000-395. Mayor Frey invited the City Commissioners and their families to participate in the 4th of July parade by riding in one of the City's trucks and passing out candy. She also commended the Parks & Recreation Department on their planning and organization of the Reeds Lake Run and the 4th of July Celebration.

Commissioner Kremers thanked everyone for their help and understanding during his absence during recent weeks while he was out of town training for a new job.

Commissioner Bartman announced that Shalomo & Vinnie's Pizza was open in Gaslight Village. She also reported that she met a family of East residents who assumed responsibility for cleaning and sweeping portions of the bike path to ensure safety of the walkers and bikers.

Commissioner Lawless reported that he had received several comments and questions on the new pedestrian curbing/sidewalk configuration in front of the Library.

- 2000-396. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until July 3, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Agreement with AT&T for placement of cellular antenna on City water tower
B - Ordinance Amendment to Sections 2.83, 2.83-1 and 2.87 regarding water billing procedures

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Rescheduled Regular Meeting Held July 5, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 5:06 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; City Clerk Brower

2001-1. The minutes of the regular meeting held June 19, 2000 were received as submitted:

2001-2. Matt Meyer, 336 Gladstone, was present to express concern about the decision to leave the concrete base under Gladstone Avenue and reapply asphalt over this base. Mr. Meyer stated his opinion that the concrete should be removed as originally intended and a gravel base put in its place. He stated that the residents had voted in favor of the reconstruction of the street with the understanding that the reconstruction would be more extensive.

Chuck Olson of OMM Engineering and City staff members were present to answer questions from Mr. Meyer and the City Commissioners regarding the condition of the concrete base and the policies used for determining similar situations on other streets. Mr. Olson stated that the concrete base on Gladstone was in sufficiently good condition that it did not need to be removed except in a few small areas. It was the conclusion of OMM Engineering and City staff that the concrete base should remain in place and asphalt should be overlaid on the surface.

Commissioner Bartman stated her feeling that it was not necessary to remove the concrete on this street and that the differences in the final surface and the aesthetics would be minor after construction was finished.

Commissioner Lawless reviewed the City's policy of budgeting and planning for these projects based on other projects of similar work. In this case the concrete removal was bid as an alternate to be done if necessary. It is understandable that the residents would view this as a change in the proposal; however since this concrete is in good condition, it should be left in place. He stated his regrets that this issue was not communicated well in the letters sent to residents.

Mayor Frey and Commissioner Barbour agreed that the concrete should be left in place. The City Commission directed staff to continue with the present course and to keep everyone informed of any changes.

2001-3. Barbour-Shimko. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$144,860.29; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$358,778.49, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7

Nays: -0-

2001-4. Election of President of the City Commission for FY 2000-01.

2001-4-A. Bartman-Shimko. That Commissioner Bartman be elected president of the East Grand Rapids City Commission to assume leadership duties in the absence of the Mayor for FY 2000-01.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-
Abstain: Bartman – 1

Commissioner Bartman departed.

2001-5. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Sections 2.83, 2.83-1, and 2.87 of Chapter 24 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to water billing procedures.

2001-5-A. Barbour-Kremers. That an ordinance amendment to 2.83, 2.83-1, and 2.87 of Chapter 24 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to water billing procedures be adopted as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-6. Adoption of an amendment to the rules and regulations for public parks.

Commissioner Lawless questioned whether a provision prohibiting the “fear of harm” should be included in the parks rules. It was the opinion of City Attorney Huff and Chief Gallagher that such a provision was not necessary at this time but could be added later if necessary.

2001-6-A. Barbour-Shimko. That an amendment to the rules and regulations for public parks prohibiting any type of paint gun on park property be adopted pursuant to Section 3.5 of Chapter 31 of Title III of the City Code as set forth in Exhibit “B” attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-7. Consideration of a request to approve advisory commission appointments for FY 2000-01.

Mayor Frey asked that an additional appointment be confirmed to fill a recent vacancy on the Planning Commission.

2001-7-A. Lawless-Brennan. That the FY 2000-01 commission appointments as recommended by Mayor Frey be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-8. Consideration of a request to designate a representative to the annual meeting of the Michigan Municipal League.

2001-8-A. Kremers-Shimko. That Mayor Frey be appointed the official representative of the City of East Grand Rapids to the annual Michigan Municipal League business meeting in September of 2000, and that City Manager Donovan be appointed as the alternate representative.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-9. Consideration of a request to authorize the purchase of a boat for use by the City Services Department.

2001-9-A. Barbour-Kremers. That the purchase of a pontoon boat, motor and trailer from Camp & Cruise of Marne, Michigan in the amount of \$3,548.00 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-10. Mayor Frey congratulated the Parks & Recreation Department on the outstanding 4th of July activities and fireworks this year. She reported that several commissioners rode in the parade and that over 100 residents visited the open house for the empty water tank and reviewed the plans for expansion.

Commissioner Brennan reported that Coach Barcheski would be honored during the half-time of the first home football game on August 25th. The City will be issuing a proclamation in honor of the three coaches that retired last year.

2001-11. The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until July 17, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance Amendment to Sections 2.83, 2.83-1 and 2.87 regarding water billing procedures.
B - Amendment to parks rules and regulations regarding paint guns.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held July 17, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:33 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: Commissioners Kremers and Lawless

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan, City Services Director Baragar; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Finance Director VanderWall; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower; Assistant to the City Manager Branyan

2001-12. The minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting held July 5, 2000 were received with the following correction:

Commissioner Lawless submitted a request that paragraph four of Item 2001-2 be amended to read as follows: Commissioner Lawless reviewed the City's policy of budgeting and planning for these projects based on other projects of similar work. In this case the concrete removal was bid as an alternate to be done if necessary. It is apparent that there may have been some misunderstanding; however since this concrete is in good condition it should be left in place. He stated his regrets about the misunderstanding. The City will work to communicate these matters more clearly in the future.

2001-13. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

T. An invitation from the Michigan Civil Rights Department to attend a public forum on Monday, July 24th at 6:00 pm to discuss civil rights issues in this area.

2001-14. No other public comment was received.

2001-15. Barbour-Shimko. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$343,277.46; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$415,224.32, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Shimko and Frey – 5

Nays: -0-

2001-16. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Jim Rathbun of 2530 Maplewood to allow the installation of a 3'-6" wooden picket fence along a street right-of-way.

Jim Rathbun, 2530 Maplewood, was present to answer questions about the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Tom Myers, 1504 Lake Grove	Opposed
- Jay & Laurie Cravens, 2544 Richards	In Favor

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2001-16-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the request of Mr. Jim Rathbun of 2530 Maplewood to allow the installation of a 3'-6" wooden picket fence along a street right-of-way at a distance of 10'-0" be approved.

Commissioner Bartman questioned whether this fence complied with the City's sight distance policy concerning fences. City Services Director Baragar answered that this fence met the standards required by the City for clear sight distance up and down the sidewalk and street when backing out of driveways.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

- 2001-17. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Erickson of 607 Laurel to allow the construction of a detached garage approximately 2'-0" from the side and rear lot lines instead of the required 3'-0."

Thomas Erickson, 607 Laurel, was present to answer questions about the variance request.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

- 2001-17-A. Barbour-Bartman. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Erickson of 607 Laurel to allow the construction of a detached garage approximately 2'-0" from the side and rear lot lines instead of the required 3'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

- 2001-18. Connie Christensen, East Grand Rapids representative to the Kent District Library Board, presented information on the upcoming dedicated millage election for library funding and answered questions from the City Commission.

Cathy Clair, Manager for the East Grand Rapids Branch of the Kent District Library, was also present to speak about the needs of the East Grand Rapids Library.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, stated his opinion that the East Grand Rapids Library was a valuable asset and that the City needed to be prepared with emergency funding to keep this branch open in the event the county-wide millage did not pass.

- 2001-18-A. Bartman-Brennan. Motion to endorse the millage request of the Kent District Library Board and encourage all of the citizens of East Grand Rapids to support this request by voting affirmatively in the election on August 8th.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

- 2001-19. Barbara Hoag, fundraising consultant, presented information on the results of the feasibility study for private fundraising for the proposed Community Complex expansion project and answered questions from the City Commission.

- 2001-19-A. Bartman-Brennan. Motion to direct staff to continue forward with plans for the expansion of the Library/City Hall Complex and to solicit proposals for assistance with a capital campaign for partial private funding of this complex.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

- 2001-20. Lee Jacokes of Jacokes & Associates presented the results of a community survey conducted to determine support for the proposed Community Complex expansion project and answered questions from the City Commission.

Further discussion of the proposed renovations to the Community Complex and the future of the Wealthy Pool facility will take place at the City Commission meeting on August 21, 2000. Funding options and proposals will also be discussed.

2001-21. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of computer equipment for various departments.

2001-21-A. Barbour-Shimko. That the purchase of six computers from Digilink Computers in the amount of \$1,255.00, and the purchase of five computers from Omega Systems in the amount of \$1,328.00 each for a combined total of \$14,170.00 be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Shimko and Frey – 5

Nays: -0-

2001-22. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meetings held April 24, 2000 and May 22, 2000 were received.

2001-23. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meetings held May 9, 2000 and June 13, 2000 were received.

2001-24. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation meeting held June 12, 2000 were received.

2001-25. Commissioner Bartman complimented the Parks & Recreation Department on the outstanding 4th of July fireworks display and the other events in recent weeks. Commissioner Bartman also commented on the positive impact of the pedestrian crossings at Wealthy Street and Lakeside Drive which has made the area safer for pedestrians.

2001-26. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until August 7, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance Amendment to Sections 2.83, 2.83-1 and 2.87 regarding water billing procedures.
B - Amendment to parks rules and regulations regarding paint guns.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held August 7, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President Bartman at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Shimko

Absent: Mayor Frey

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Finance Director VanderWall; City Clerk Brower

2001-27. The minutes of the regular meeting held July 17, 2000 were received with the following correction:

City Manager Donovan was present at the meeting.

2001-28. President Bartman advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

U. Letter from the neighborhood surrounding the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church property concerning the proposed condominium project expressing concern about the project.

2001-29. No other public comment was received.

2001-30. Barbour-Kremers. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$161,071.61; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$972,731.84, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$506,423.79, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Shimko – 6

Nays: -0-

2001-31. Report of the Planning Commission concerning the future rezoning of Bagley Street.

Chris Muller, Chairman of the Planning Commission, was present to report that Planning Commission had studied the future rezoning of Bagley Street and decided that the focus of the redevelopment effort should be on the core of the Gaslight Village area and not on the possible expansion down Bagley Street.

Commissioner Lawless stated his feelings that a policy is needed for this eventual situation in order to be proactive instead of reactive to future development proposals.

President Bartman stated that because of the recent decision by the City Commission to allow the rezoning of one property on Bagley Street, future proposals are only a matter of time and it would be prudent to establish a policy before this happens.

Commissioner Lawless suggested that a joint meeting between the City Commission and the Planning Commission would be a suitable forum to discuss this issue and to formulate any policy or action plan deemed appropriate. Staff will work to set up a meeting in the near future.

President Bartman thanked Mr. Muller for his tenure as a member of the Planning Commission and wished him well as he moves his family out of Michigan to pursue a new job opportunity.

2001-32. Consideration of a request to appoint an officer delegate for the Michigan Employee Retirement System conference.

2001-32-A. Kremers-Shimko. That City Services Director Bill Baragar be appointed as the officer delegate and Public Safety Director Peter Gallagher be appointed as the alternate delegate for the Michigan Employee Retirement System conference.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Shimko – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-33. Consideration of a request to approve the installation of a protective floor covering for the Public Safety Department garage.

2001-33-A.Lawless-Shimko. That the installation of protective floor covering materials in the new garage area at the Public Safety Department in the amount of \$17,200.00 from Armor Shield of Grand Rapids, and a corresponding budget amendment of \$2,200 be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Shimko – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-34. Consideration of a request to approve changes to the special event permit process.

Parks & Recreation Director Bunn reported that the Parks & Recreation Commission had discussed the current special events policy and recommends changes that will better facilitate the events and minimize disruption for the residents and merchants in the surrounding areas.

Commissioner Lawless questioned whether these guidelines applied only to charity walks/runs and athletic runs or if they encompassed all events such as concerts and small gatherings. Parks & Recreation Director Bunn advised that the intent was to apply the guidelines to walks and runs which require the closing of streets and sidewalks and which create severe parking shortages.

Commissioner Barbour questioned whether residents could be notified in advance of the special events taking place so that they could anticipate the inconvenience. Staff reported that a notification system is being developed for use next year.

2001-34-A.Lawless-Brennan. That the revised guidelines and permit requirements for special events administered by the Parks & Recreation Department be approved as recommended by Parks & Recreation Commission with the clarification that these guidelines are intended for large walking and running events and that concerts, art fairs and small gatherings will be handled separately.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Shimko – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-35. Presentation of leak detection audit results.

City Services Director Baragar presented the results of the leak detection audit conducted over the last few months and outlined the proposed program to correct the problems found in the audit.

City Commissioners commended the City Services Department on their efforts over the last several years to reduce the amount of water being lost, and commented that the leak detection audit was money well spent.

2001-36. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held July 7, 2000 were received.

Commissioner Kremers explained that the pending construction at the East Grand Rapids High School campus will significantly reduce the number of parking spaces available and that the Traffic Commission and a citizen committee had studied the area and is recommending several changes to the parking rules around the High School. These changes include:

- Open on-street parking on the north side of Lake Drive from Ogden to Bagley.
- Open on-street parking on San Lu Rae (has been done during prior construction projects).
- Open unrestricted parking on Wealthy Street between the 7-11 store (2232 Wealthy) and Lakeside Drive.
- Utilize any private parking spaces available for construction workers and high school staff members.

Michelle Stein, 2214 Lake Drive, was present to express strong opposition to allowing parking on Lake Drive because of the volume of traffic on this street and the congestion during school beginning and ending times.

Ray Geskus, 2318 Lake Drive, was present to express his concern about parking along Lake Drive in the areas where the sidewalk is directly adjacent to the street because of the possibility of someone running up onto the curb. He felt that allowing parking in this area of Lake Drive would create more problems and accidents.

Public Safety Director Gallagher noted that because the Schools cannot prohibit students from driving to school and parking in public areas, this proposal was an effort to alleviate some of the congestion problems that will occur in Gaslight Village when the spaces are eliminated at the High School. Allowing on-street parking in this area may also act as a traffic-calming device to reduce the speed of vehicles in this area. The area will be monitored by Public Safety officers and engineering staff to determine if the parking is creating additional problems and will recommend any modifications if necessary.

Traffic Commissioner Huff was present to address concerns and report that this issue had been studied extensively and the recommendations were felt to be the best possible solution at this time.

Commissioners Barbour and Shimko expressed their concern about creating more congestion on Lake Drive and possible safety issues with this proposal.

2001-36-A. Barbour-_____. Motion to overturn the recommendations of the Traffic Commission regarding parking around the East Grand Rapids High School campus.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

The City Commission took no action on the motions of the Traffic Commission regarding parking zones around the East Grand Rapids High School. These motions will take effect immediately.

Commissioner Lawless addressed the residents present and committed to reviewing this situation after the first semester to determine if modifications were necessary to these regulations.

2001-37. Commissioner Kremers thanked everyone for their assistance and patience during his out-of-town training recently.

Commissioner Lawless commented on the great asset of having Reeds Lake in the community. He asked the Garden, Art & Environment Committee to keep this asset in mind when planning community-service projects and to investigate enhancing the fishing in Reeds Lake.

President Bartman commended the Public Safety Department for their work during National Night Out. The evening was very successful with nearly 20 block parties taking place around the city. Commissioner Bartman also thanked resident Helen Bradford for the birthday card and flag tribute she received recently. Commissioner Bartman also noted the statistics contained in an article about teenage drivers and urged the other commissioners to read this article.

Commissioner Bartman reported that Mr. Don O'Keefe, Mayor of East Grand Rapids from 1955-58, had died recently in Ann Arbor. Mr. O'Keefe served in many public official positions during his life.

2001-38. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until August 21, 2000.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held August 21, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:34 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Mayor Frey

Absent: Commissioner Shimko

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Finance Director VanderWall; Engineer Supervisor Kadzban; Building Inspector Conley; Assistant to the City Manager Branyan; City Clerk Brower

2001-39. The minutes of the regular meeting held August 7, 2000 were received with the following corrections:

Commissioner Lawless requested that paragraph three of 2001-31 be amended to read as follows: "Commissioner Lawless stated that further discussions are needed in order to be proactive instead of reactive to future development proposals. Commissioner Lawless added that the recent zoning change vote brings into question the current statement in the Master Plan to limit redevelopment within the current limits of Gaslight Village."

Commissioner Lawless requested that paragraph five of 2001-31 be amended to read: "Commissioner Lawless suggested that a joint meeting between the City Commission and the Planning Commission would be a suitable forum to discuss this issue. Staff will work to set up a meeting in the near future."

Paragraph 2001-34-A. was amended to read: "Lawless-Brennan. That the revised guidelines and permit requirements for special events administered by the Parks & Recreation Department be approved as recommended by Parks & Recreation Commission with the clarification that these guidelines will be modified to reflect that they apply only to large walking and running events and that concerts, art fairs and other events will be handled separately."

2001-40. No public comment was received.

2001-41. Lawless-Barbour. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$158,432.66; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$1,558,358.72, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$271,244.18, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-42. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of BDR, Inc. for the property located at 2148 Boston Street to allow the construction of condominiums with a density of 15.3 family units per acre instead of the allowable 8 units per acre.

City Attorney Huff reviewed the requirements of the City Code for granting a variance. He also explained that this variance request was in regards to the density question only, and that if approved, the project would then be sent back to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation on the Planned Unit Development issue, and would then be reviewed by the City Commission for final approval.

Jim Reminga, a professional planner working for BDR, Inc., outlined the proposal to place up to 12 six-unit buildings on the 4.7-acre site for a maximum of 72 units. He stated that the development would be upscale condominiums designed to look like single-family homes and would be marketed to the "move-

down” buyer. He also stated that there were very few large parcels of land remaining in East Grand Rapids and felt this high-density development would integrate well in this area without overwhelming the surrounding neighborhood.

Kevin Einfeld of BDR, Inc. presented front elevations, floor plans, and site plans for the proposed development and answered questions from the City Commission about the project.

The following people were present and expressed their opinions concerning this variance request:

Gary Love of 2630 Maplewood, representing the Boston/Oxford/Laurel/Englewood Neighborhood Association, spoke against the proposed development. He stated that the applicant did not meet the four requirements contained in the City Code for granting a variance, and that economic gain for the developer should not be considered as a factor in this issue. He reviewed the concerns of the surrounding neighborhoods regarding increased traffic, parking problems and drainage issues. He stated that there were no other unique factors or hardship situation involved in this request to warrant a variance of the density requirements.

Colleen Jarvis, 2010 Robinson Road, was present and spoke in favor of the proposed development citing a need alternative types of housing in East Grand Rapids. As a former Planning Commissioner, she felt that this project fit with the new Master Plan that supports some multi-family housing.

Mike Walton, 1545 Eastlawn, was present and urged the City Commission to grant the density variance for the opportunity to further investigate this proposal. He felt this type of project would be an asset to East Grand Rapids and would not drain the City’s resources or adversely affect the surrounding neighborhoods.

Norm Kohmescher, 1618 Gorham, was present and spoke against the variance request.

Rev. Willie Page of the Higher Hope International Ministries reported that his congregation was interested in the church property and building and asked that the property continue to be used as a church.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

Petition signed by 323 citizens	Opposed
Lisa Ethington, 1646 Laurel	Opposed
Fred & Kathleen Burkhart, 1435 Woodlawn	Opposed
James & Martha Chalmers, 1701 Laurel	Opposed
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Condon, 2124 Boston	Opposed
David & Amanda Whitehouse, 1627 Oxford	Opposed
Mark Zietse, 2640 Cascade Road	In Favor
Harold Marks, 3126 Bonnell	In Favor
Colleen Jarvis, 2010 Robinson Road	In Favor
Joseph & Julia Horlings, 817 Gladstone	In Favor
P.K. Mason, Papers Plus	In Favor
Robert Muraski, 2617 Maplewood	In Favor

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

The City Commission discussed the request, the factors that could and could not be used in making the decision, and the process involved in sending the request to the Planning Commission for study if approved. City Attorney Huff reviewed the process and answered several questions regarding the inclusion of the economic factors in the discussion.

2001-42-A. Kremers-Bartman. That the request of BDR, Inc. for the property located at 2148 Boston Street to allow up to 72 condominium units on the 4.7 acre parcel with a resulting density of 15.3 family units per acre instead of the allowable 8 units per acre be approved.

Commissioners Kremers and Bartman spoke against the request because of concerns about increased traffic in an already busy area and because the proposal did not meet the criteria set forth in the City Code for granting a variance.

Commissioner Brennan stated her intention to vote against the motion because she felt the number of units per acre was too high and would be a detrimental influence on the quality of surrounding neighborhoods.

Commissioner Lawless complimented BDR, Inc. on the amount of time spent on the proposal and the efforts to insure a high-quality product in this development. He also thanked the neighborhood association for their well-organized campaign and for focusing on the legal rather than emotional issues in opposing this project. Commissioner Lawless spoke about the density of the development and his feelings that although the project would provide alternative housing options for some residents, the plan did not align with the City's Comprehensive Master Plan discussions about multi-family housing being located near Gaslight Village. He also felt that the 15.3 units per acre was almost double the allowable 8 units and was simply too high. He expressed his hope that the eventual sale of this property and any resulting development would bring other options to be discussed.

Mayor Frey stated her opinion that this was an attractive, well-designed project but that the density was too high to be considered an asset to the community.

Yeas: -0-

Nays: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Frey – 6

2001-43. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. for a short break.

2001-44. The meeting resumed at 8:52 p.m.

2001-45. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bart of 1540 Edgewood SE to allow the construction of an addition to the existing garage creating a side yard setback of approximately 3'-0" instead of the required 7'-0" and an overall side yard setback of approximately 11'-8" instead of the required 18'-0."

Bill Cox of 2746 Berwyck, an architect representing Mrs. and Mrs. Bart, was present to answer questions about the variance request.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2001-45-A. Bartman-Barbour. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bart of 1540 Edgewood SE to allow the construction of an addition to the existing garage creating a side yard setback of approximately 3'-0" instead of the required 7'-0" and an overall side yard setback of approximately 11'-8" instead of the required 18'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

2001-46. Discussion of Breton Road design.

City Manager Donovan reported that the reconstruction of Breton Road from Hall Street to the south City limits would take place during the summer of 2001 using a combination of City and State funding. Two meetings had been held with residents directly affected by the construction, and their suggestions used to develop a final design. Several elements will be introduced during this project to slow down traffic along Breton Road.

Dean May of OMM Engineering reviewed the changes that would be made to various intersections, sidewalks and pedestrian crosswalks. A parking lane will also be added along the street in most areas.

Commissioner Barbour expressed concern about eliminating a drop-off lane on Hall Street near Lakeside School and asked that every consideration be given to keeping this lane if possible.

Jeff Dills, 2034 Hall, questioned whether any utility improvements would be made during construction and expressed concern about traffic back-ups near Englewood Drive and the congestion on local streets if they are used as detour routes.

Mike Walton, 1545 Eastlawn, requested that efforts be made to assist pedestrians to cross Breton Road to reach Breton Village Mall. Mr. May reported that a pedestrian crossing is planned for the area for this purpose.

Mayor Frey and Commissioner Bartman asked that residents be given another opportunity to review the final plans before they are submitted to the State. City Services Director Baragar stated that although no major changes can be made to the designs at this point because of submission deadlines, minor details can be adjusted. Another meeting will be set in the next week as a final opportunity for resident comment.

2001-46-A.Lawless-Bartman. Motion to approve the final plans for the reconstruction of Breton Road as presented by OMM Engineering and to schedule a meeting with residents on Breton Road and affected intersections to review the final plans and consider any other input received before plans are submitted to the State.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-47. Consideration of a request to appoint representatives to the GVMC Blueprint II committee.

2001-47-A.Kremers-Brennan. That Bill Graham of 2830 Cascade Road and Commissioner Cindy Bartman be appointed to the GVMC Blueprint II Committee as representatives of the City of East Grand Rapids.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Frey– 6
Nays: -0-

2001-48. Consideration of a request to approve a right-of-way agreement with BRE Communications.

2001-48-A.Bartman-Lawless. That a 15-year right-of-way agreement with BRE Communications (McLeod USA) in the amount of 40¢ per lineal foot of cable be approved as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-49. Consideration of a request to approve the televising of sanitary and storm sewer lines.

2001-49-A.Bartman-Brennan. That a contract with Plummers’ Environmental Services in the amount of 50¢ per lineal foot up to a maximum of \$7,500.00 for televising of sanitary and storm sewer lines be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Frey– 6
Nays: -0-

2001-50. Consideration of a request to approve repairs to the elevated water tower.

2001-50-A.Bartman-Brennan. That a contract in the amount of \$104,100.00 be awarded to Dave Cole Decorators, Inc. of Grand Rapids for engineering, repair work and inspection of the City’s elevated water tower.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

- 2001-51. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of June 2000 was received.
- 2001-52. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of July 2000 was received.
- 2001-53. The City Services Department Report for the month of June 2000 was received.
- 2001-54. The City Services Department Report for the month of July 2000 was received.
- 2001-55. Mayor Frey thanked Commissioners Kremers and Barbour for their articles in recent editions of the Cadence Newspapers. Mayor Frey also noted that volunteers were needed to hand out fliers about the Community Complex expansion plans at upcoming events.

Commissioner Bartman reported that the Athletic Boosters were in need of assistance in staffing the concession stand at football games this fall and asked if the City Commission would be willing to take on this community service project. The City Commission agreed to do this and asked Commissioner Bartman to set up a date and report back with the details.

- 2001-56. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until September 5, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Right-Of-Way Agreement with BRE Communications (McLeod USA)

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
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Regular Meeting Held September 5, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:32 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: Commissioner Bartman

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Streets & Utilities Superintendent Keating; City Clerk Brower

2001-57. The minutes of the regular meeting held August 7, 2000 were received as submitted.

2001-58. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- V. Letter from Larry Fisher of 855 Lakeside Drive thanking Fred Bunn and Dan DeLooff of the Parks & Recreation Department for their assistance in establishing a cross-country course at Manhattan Park.
- W. Letter from Bill Lewis of 1063 San Lucia expressing dissatisfaction with the proposed reconstruction of Breton Road next summer.

2001-59. No public comment was received.

2001-60. Lawless-Barbour. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$143,960.90; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$2,718,296.31, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$301,580.90, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-61. City Attorney Huff reported that a tentative agreement has been reached with Everest Connections Corporation to provide cable television, telephone and high-speed internet service in the Grand Rapids area. The agreement will be brought to the East Grand Rapids City Commission for approval when finalized and the network would be in place by 2004.

2001-62. Consideration of a request to approve refurbishment costs for bicycles used by the Public Safety Department.

2001-62-A. Barbour-Brennan. That the expenditure of \$3,016.00 to North Kent Cyclery to refurbish bicycles used by the Public Safety Department be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-63. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a sewer cleaning truck for the Streets & Utilities Department.

2001-63-A. Lawless-Shimko. That the purchase of a sewer cleaning truck from Jack Doheny Supplies in the amount of \$199,845.00 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

- 2001-64. Mayor Frey announced that there was additional information regarding the Breton Road reconstruction design and that there were residents present who wished to comment on the design.

City Manager Donovan reported that a third meeting had been held on August 31st to review the design elements with residents of the surrounding areas before submitting plans to the State. About twelve residents attended the meeting. City Manager Donovan stated that residents concerns at all meetings centered on slowing down traffic and the need for on-street parking. There were also concerns about traffic making left-hand turns onto Englewood from northbound Breton and the need for safe pedestrian crossings at various locations. To the extent possible, all of the residents concerns have been addressed in the final design.

Diane Lange, 2150 Lansing, was present and expressed concern about causing congestion by not allowing drivers to bypass other cars waiting to turn left. She favored allowing traffic to set a more moderate pace and a steady flow without stopping.

Lois Mosely, 1753 Breton Road, was present and stated that she and other neighbors were satisfied with the proposed design because it will create gaps in the traffic which will allow residents to exit their driveways. She also approved of the new pedestrian crosswalks and the elimination of room for U-turns around the school buildings.

Commissioner Lawless stated that this design eliminates only the southbound passing of stopped vehicles through a parking lane and best meets the stated needs of Breton residents to calm traffic and improve livability on their street.

Mayor Frey also stated that this design was the best possible solution to some difficult situations and hoped that motorists would follow the new guidelines. She also reported that the pedestrian “bump-outs” and the parking around the high school were both working well as traffic calming measures.

- 2001-65. Consideration of a request to set a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss the future of Bagley Street.

The City Commission selected Monday, October 30, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall for a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss a policy statement for handling rezoning requests and other matters pertaining to the future of Bagley Street.

- 2001-66. Mayor Frey polled the commissioners present about attending the EGR School Foundation on October 10th honoring the Edison family for their community service. She will be back in touch with everyone soon about the possibility of purchasing a table for the event.

- 2001-67. Lawless-Shimko. Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

- 2001-68. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until September 18, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
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Regular Meeting Held September 18, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:32 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Building Inspector Conley; Assistant to the City Manager Branyan; Aquatics Supervisor Welscott; City Clerk Brower; PSO Smith; PSO Perez

2001-69. The minutes of the regular meeting held September 5, 2000 were received as submitted.

2001-70. Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, was present and spoke about the need to carefully consider adding any more debt to the households in East Grand Rapids by proposing another bond campaign.

Bill Poisson, 2718 Richards, was present and urged the City Commission to move the water/sewer readiness-to-serve charge from the Water/Sewer Fund into the General Fund and include the charge on the tax bills so that the amounts would be deductible on federal income tax returns.

2001-71. Bartman-Barbour. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$142,170.41; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$2,007,591.32, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$124,229.13, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7

Nays: -0-

2001-72. Eric Smith and Matt Perez were sworn in as Public Safety Officers for the City of East Grand Rapids by City Clerk Brower.

2001-73. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. William Brennan of 935 Rosewood Avenue to allow the construction of an attached garage creating a rear yard setback of approximately 12'-0" instead of the required 25'-0."

Sue Brennan, 935 Rosewood, was present to answer questions about the variance request.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2001-73-A. Bartman-Shimko. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. William Brennan of 935 Rosewood Avenue to allow the construction of an attached garage creating a rear yard setback of approximately 12'-0" instead of the required 25'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

Abstain: Brennan – 1

2001-74. A public input session was held on funding amounts and timelines for the renovation of Wealthy Pool. The following people were present and expressed their opinions about this issue.

- Ann Bobroff, 618 Gladstone

Need to preserve Wealthy Pool for its historical and educational value.

- Rob Deane, 700 Plymouth

Asked that Wealthy Pool be placed on the ballot in order to reinstate services to citizens.

- Alan Caldemeyer, 977 Gladstone
- Gwen Wallin, 2538 Beechwood

Asked that Wealthy Pool be placed on the ballot. Questioned what the exact proposal would be and stated that the loss of the pool would be felt for several years.

City Manager Donovan reported that URS Greiner had examined the shell of the pool and determined that the concrete would last a minimum of 25 years, which is longer than the length of a potential bond payment schedule, and that the remodeling would include new decking surface, mechanical infrastructure, locker rooms, and a direct entrance to the pool from the outside of the building. He stated that the estimated cost of the project with bond costs is approximately \$1,935,000, which would mean an increase of .45 mils (or \$45 per year for a \$200,000 home) for a 20-year bond.

The City Commission discussed the merits of placing the matter on the ballot for voters to decide whether Wealthy Pool should be renovated and the projected timelines for the project.

- 2001-75. A public input session was held on funding amounts and timelines for the proposed expansion of the Community Complex.

City Manager Donovan reviewed the request from the Library Commission for an expansion of the existing building. The total project cost is \$9,500,000, which will be funded with a private/public partnership approach. A fundraising committee will be formed with a goal of securing \$3,000,000 in private donations. The remaining funds will be split between money saved from current budgeted revenues and money raised from a bond issue. The approximate \$4,000,000 to be raised from a bond issue is equal to .82 mils (or \$82 per year for a \$200,000 home).

The following people were present and expressed their opinions about this issue.

- Rob Deane, 700 Plymouth
- Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl
- Shawn Gotch, 2053 Wilshire
- Jim Kipp, 1098 Idema
- Cathy Clair, EGR Library Manager

Questioned whether any of the space recently renovated for the Public Safety Department would have to be remodeled again. Favored remodeling the complex because the Community Complex had not been remodeled in over 30 years and renovations were needed. Stated that the EGR Library will not need additional space after other libraries in the metropolitan area are remodeled over the next several years. Also suggested raising the entire project cost in private donations instead of asking voters for a tax increase. Spoke in support of the expansion project. Reviewed the tremendous volume of requests and circulation at the EGR branch and the need for additional space. Recommended approval on behalf of the Library Commission. Thanked City Manager Donovan for his efforts during the feasibility study. Stated concern about combining the two millage requests into one question on the same ballot, but favored asking voters two questions. Questioned whether private donations were possible to help renovate Wealthy Pool. Outlined statistics showing the growth of Library services since 1998 and stated that the Library was now using space at City Hall for meetings because their meeting room was being converted into a computer lab.

Mayor Frey closed the public input portion of this issue.

- 2001-76. Consideration of a request to approve a bond issue for Wealthy Pool and the Community Complex expansion.

Commissioner Bartman spoke in favor of the expansion project, stating that it is the next logical step in the upgrading of facilities around the community. She urged citizens to use the current prosperity to approve a project that will be part of East Grand Rapids for decades to come.

Parks & Recreation Director Bunn outlined the possibility for additional rentals to community groups that would be available if the programming space was expanded.

2001-76-A. Bartman-Brennan. That staff be directed to develop details for a bond proposal to contain two separate questions for the renovation of Wealthy Pool and the expansion of the Community Complex.

Commissioner Lawless asked both the pool and library supporters to work together on this bond issue to improve the facilities available to all people in the community. He stated that this was a tremendous opportunity to make a commitment to the future of the East Grand Rapids community.

Mayor Frey stated that there would be more opportunity for public input as the plans progressed to fine tune the details of both proposals.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7

Nays: -0-

2001-77. Consideration of a request to award a contract for fundraising consultants for the Community Complex expansion project.

City Manager Donovan explained that two proposals had been received and that both firms had been interviewed to determine the best fit for this project. Based on the contractual costs only, Barbara Hoag and Betsey Borre had been selected. A citizen committee will have to develop and submit a budget for other costs involved in the campaign.

2001-77-A. Bartman-Lawless. That a contract with Barbara Hoag and Betsey Borre to provide management of the fundraising campaign at a cost not-to-exceed \$75,000 be approved.

Barbara Hoag was present and answered questions from the City Commission on the scope of services that will be provided.

Commissioner Lawless suggested preparing a written agreement detailing the type of services, the number of hours, and the limitations on the guidance provided. City Attorney Huff will prepare this contract.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7

Nays: -0-

2001-78. Consideration of a request to award a contract for bond counsel services for the proposed bond issue.

City Manager Donovan reported that five proposals had been received. The Finance Committee interviewed all five firms and recommends the firm of Dickinson Wright to provide legal services related to the bond issue.

2001-78-A. Brennan-Bartman. That a contract for bond counsel services be awarded to Dickinson Wright of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$15,500 plus out-of-pocket expenses of not-to-exceed \$1,000 be approved.

Dick Wendt of Dickinson Wright was present and stated that his firm was looking forward to working on this issue.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

Abstain: Lawless – 1

2001-79. Consideration of a request to approve an appointment to the Library Commission.

2001-79-A.Kremers-Lawless. That David Hagens of 142 Pinecrest be appointed to the Library Commission to fill a vacant position.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-80. Consideration of a request to approve an agreement for animal control services.

2001-80-A.Bartman-Kremers. That an agreement with the Kent County Healthy Department for animal control services at a rate of \$26.24 per hour be approved as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-81. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of portable radios for the Public Safety Department.

2001-81-A.Lawless-Bartman. That the purchase of eleven Motorola MT 2000 portable radios and accessories from T&W Electronics of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$11,141.75 be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-82. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held July 11, 2000 and August 8, 2000 were received.

Mayor Frey noted that the joint meeting between the City Commission and the Planning Commission to discuss the provisions of the Master Plan in relation to the future of Bagley Street has been set for Monday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m.

2001-83. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held July 10, 2000 were received.

2001-84. The City Services Department Report for the month of August 2000 was received.

2001-85. The Library Branch Manager Report for the months of July and August 2000 was received.

2001-86. Mayor Frey presented items of interest from recent Grand Valley Metro Council meetings, including an update on the Blueprint Committee II guidelines and the “Let Local Votes Count” plan of action.

2001-87. Mayor Frey reported that Kent County was accepting applications for positions on various boards and committees and asked that anyone interested contact her for an application form.

City Manager Donovan announced that the annual “Snowplow Roadeo” contest will be held on October 11th. Commissioner Lawless has already volunteered to drive in the celebrity competition. One more elected official is needed.

2001-88. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until October 2, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Animal control agreement with Kent County

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held October 2, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:33 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: Commissioner Brennan

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; City Clerk Brower

2001-89. The minutes of the regular meeting held September 18, 2000 were received as submitted.

2001-90. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

A. Memo from Chief Gallagher outlining the recent National Night Out event.

2001-91. No public comment was received.

2001-92. Consideration of a request to add to the agenda a request to approve Hold Harmless Agreements with property owners for fire training exercises. A roll call vote was taken.

2001-92-A.Kremers-Bartman. That a request to approve Hold Harmless Agreements with a property owner for fire training exercises be added to the agenda. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

2001-93. Lawless-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$137,309.16; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$71,748.69, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$179,837.28, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

2001-94. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Robert Ellinger of 1549 Rosalind Road to allow the construction of an addition to the northwest corner of his home creating a rear yard setback of 12.9' instead of the required 25'-0."

Robert Ellinger, 1549 Rosalind, was present to answer questions about the variance request.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2001-94-A.Bartman-Shimko. That the request of Mr. Robert Ellinger of 1549 Rosalind Road to allow the construction of an addition to the northwest corner of the home creating a rear yard setback of 12.9' instead of the required 25'-0" be approved.

Commissioner Lawless stated his concerns about this addition because of the proximity to the neighboring properties.

Commissioner Kremers also asked Mr. Ellinger to consider moving the access door to the side or rear of the addition, and to choose windows of a similar size to the others in the home.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: Lawless – 1

2001-95. Christine Vettese, Assistant School Superintendent for Instruction, and Ty Wessell, Middle School Principal, were present to introduce the East Grand Rapids' School Safety Plan and to thank Chief Gallagher, Deputy Chief Spencer, and members of the Public Safety Department for their assistance in formulating the plan.

2001-96. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution accepting a grant from the Department of Natural Resources for the renovation of John A. Collins Park.

2001-96-A.Lawless-Bartman. That a resolution accepting a grant from the Department of Natural Resources for the renovation of John A. Collins Park be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-97. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving a consent agreement with Everest Michigan LLC.

2001-97-A.Bartman-Shimko. That a resolution approving a consent agreement with Everest Michigan LLC for the provision of cable, telephone and internet services be approved as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-98. Consideration of a request to approve an agreement for fire training facilities.

2001-98-A.Bartman-Kremers. That a Hold Harmless Agreement with Kurt Hamersma, owner of 2703 Maplewood, for the use of this property for fire training exercises before the structure is torn down be approved as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-99. Mayor Frey invited the other City Commissioners to participate in the upcoming Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 13th. She also announced that a Halloween Painting project has begun in Gaslight Village. Merchants are being asked to allow community residents and groups to paint Halloween scenes on their windows. Anyone interested in painting a window should contact the Parks & Recreation Department. There is also a group of students that will be working on a haunted house to be staged in the empty water reservoir behind City Hall.

Mayor Frey also reviewed a project list from the Grand Valley Metro Council's 5-year transportation plan and asked for input from commissioners before this item is voted on at the next GVMC meeting. She also outlined a handout from the MML convention she attended last week about the dynamics of the council-manager form of government.

2001-100. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until October 16, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution accepting grant for Collins Park
B - Resolution approving consent agreement with Everest Michigan
C - Hold Harmless Agreements for fire training exercises

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held October 16, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:34 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Finance Director VanderWall; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; City Clerk Brower

2001-101. The minutes of the regular meeting held October 2, 2000 were received as submitted.

2001-102. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- A. Thank you card from School Superintendent Jim Morse for the floral arrangement sent after a recent surgery.
- B. Thank you note from Bettie Hammelef, 159 El Centro, thanking the City Commission for the flowers sent to the funeral of Alma Sortman (Commissioner Bartman's grandmother).

2001-103. No public comment was received.

2001-104. Barbour-Lawless. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$134,072.81; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$106,643.62, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$469,063.54, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7

Nays: -0-

2001-105. Eric VanDop of Hoffman, Steensma & Plamondon presented the audited financial statements for FY 1999-2000 and answered questions from the City Commission.

2001-106. Finance Director VanderWall presented the quarterly financial reports for the period ending June 30, 2000 and answered questions from the City Commission.

2001-107. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the annual tree replacement program.

2001-107-A. Kremers-Shimko. That a contract in the amount of \$13,777.60 be awarded to Tepper Nursery, Inc. of Grand Rapids for the 2000 Tree Planting Program, and that a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,777.60 be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7

Nays: -0-

2001-108. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus equipment.

2001-108-A. Kremers-Bartman. That the purchase of seven self-contained breathing apparatus from Safety Services in the amount of \$21,926.03 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7

Nays: -0-

2001-109. Consideration of a request to approve a change to the waste hauler regulations.

2001-109-A. Lawless-Shimko. That an amendment to the regulations governing waste haulers pursuant to Section 2.5 of Chapter 21 of Title II of the City Code be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-110. Consideration of a request to award a contract for architectural services related to the renovation of Collins Park.

Parks & Recreation Director Bunn outlined the preliminary plans which were developed during the Recreation Master Plan process in 1998 and the procedure for selecting an architect for this project.

2001-110-A. Bartman-Brennan. That a contract for architectural services for the renovation of John Collins Park in the amount of \$39,660 and a three-year agreement for landscaping design services to be billed on an hourly basis be awarded to MC Smith Associates and Architectural Group of East Grand Rapids.

Commissioner Lawless asked that citizens be given an opportunity to give input on the Collins Park project before final plans were submitted to the State and to consider integrating the sidewalks and lighting along Lakeside Drive with the rest of the plan.

Commissioner Bartman suggested placing the drawings on the city's website for people to view and submit comments.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-111. Consideration of a request to award a contract for liability insurance.

2001-111-A. Lawless-Barbour. That the renewal bid of Western Insurance Agency for property and liability coverage for an annual premium of \$109,988 with a \$2500 deductible on sewer claims be accepted with the right to terminate coverage on July 1, 2001 with the return of unearned premium with no penalties.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-112. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held September 12, 2000 were received.

2001-113. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held September 11, 2000 were received.

2001-114. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held September 25, 2000 were received.

2001-115. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of August 2000 was received.

2001-116. The EGR Library Branch Manager Report for the month of September 2000 was received.

2001-117. Mayor Frey announced that a special City Commission meeting would be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 30th (prior to the 6:00 p.m. worksession with the Planning Commission) to discuss issues relating to the fundraising for the Community Complex.

Mayor Frey also updated everyone on the painting of windows in Gaslight Village by families and school groups, and the "Haunted House" that will be held in the empty water reservoir on October 28th to acquaint people with the expansion plans.

Commissioner Barbour related a conversation with a resident of Gladstone who was very complimentary of City Services Director Baragar's efforts to keep residents informed during the recent construction on their street.

Commissioner Lawless congratulated Susan Perry of the Parks & Recreation Department on her recent promotion to the Assistant Director position. He also noted that the Joint Facilities Committee would be meeting on Friday, October 20th and invited other City Commissioners to attend the meeting which will feature a discussion of the tennis facilities.

Commissioner Shimko commended Mike Smith of MC Smith Associates for all his work on the Collins Park project during the 1998 Master Plan process and the current bidding for architectural services.

2001-118. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until October 30, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Waste hauler regulation amendment

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Special Meeting Held October 30, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 5:35 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: Commissioner Kremers

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Finance Director VanderWall; Assistant to the City Manager Branyan; City Clerk Brower

2001-119. Consideration of a request to approve by-laws and articles of incorporation to establish an East Grand Rapids Community Foundation.

City Manager Donovan reported that the Strategic Plan developed in 1999 called for the establishment of a community foundation as a way of allowing citizens to donate property and funds toward various community projects. With the upcoming fundraising campaign for the Library & Community Complex, a foundation is being established now as to facilitate donations.

John Schneider, an attorney with Law Weathers & Richardson, reviewed the proposed by-laws and articles of incorporation and answered questions from the City Commission.

2001-119-A. Lawless-Barbour. That a the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation for the East Grand Rapids Community Foundation be approved as set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B" attached hereto.

The City Commission discussed the roles of the foundation board members, the reasons for establishing a foundation separate from the EGR Schools Foundation, and the fact that the foundation will be a separate entity with City Commission representation on the board.

Several commissioners had questions about the future giving policies and projects funded by the foundation, and whether the foundation should always be a pass-through for certain projects or if endowments would be set up after the Library & Community Center were finished. Others felt that this would be an excellent way to address funding requests and project-specific donors with the many worthwhile projects coming up such as the bike trail and upgrades to joint facilities.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

2001-120. The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until November 6, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - East Grand Rapids Community Foundation By-Laws
B - East Grand Rapids Community Foundation Articles of Incorporation

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

CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS
PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT MEETING
BETWEEN THE
PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COMMISSION

Special Meeting Held October 30, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 6:15 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

City Commissioners

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Planning Commissioners

Present: Commissioners Bogo, Dills, Faichney, Hughes, Peterson, Seibold and Chairperson Graham

Others Present:

City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Assistant to the City Manager Branyan; City Services Director Baragar; and Brad Strader (Langworthy Strader & LaBlanc)

2001-121. The City Commission and Planning Commission reviewed the history and character of the Bagley Street neighborhood between Lake Drive and Wealthy Street. Discussion focused on the future vision for this street and the policy with which to handle requests for rezoning or other development.

A summary of the discussion is attached as Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

2001-122. The special meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Policy Statement for Bagley development and rezoning requests

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held November 6, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Finance Director VanderWall; City Services Director Baragar; Building Inspector Conley; Streets & Utilities Superintendent Keating; City Clerk Brower

2001-123. The minutes of the regular meeting held October 16, 2000 were received as submitted.

2001-124. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- A. An invitation to a retirement party for officials from Alpine Township.
- B. A letter from the Building Officials Conference of Michigan announcing the election of Building Inspector Sharon Conley as the secretary/treasurer of the Board of Directors for the upcoming year.

2001-125. Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, was present and asked that the Kent District Library extend their Friday and Saturday hours until 9:00 p.m. at the EGR Library.

Dan Zemaitis, 1321 Preston Ridge (Walker), was present to introduce himself as a candidate for Kent County Probate Judge.

2001-126. Lawless-Barbour. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$138,440.27; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$81,579.55; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$426,618.73, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-127. City Services Director Baragar presented awards from the annual Snowplow Roadeo held in October to employee drivers Jeff Stults and Marty Kroes who finished 2nd and 14th respectively overall. Commissioner Lawless and Mayor Frey were also recognized for their showing of 5th and 11th places in the celebrity division.

2001-128. Students from the 4th grade at Wealthy Elementary presented information about rollerblade/skateboard facilities and asked that the City Commission consider finding a location for such a facility in East Grand Rapids.

Mayor Frey thanked the students for their research and their presentation and asked that they present their findings to the Joint Facilities for consideration.

2001-129. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vanderbaan of 255 Hodenpyl to allow the installation of a 6'-0" privacy fence on the top of a deck in the north side yard.

Michael Vanderbaan, 255 Hodenpyl, was present to answer questions about the variance request.

The following people were present and expressed their opinions concerning this variance request:

- Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl

No objection

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2001-129-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vanderbaan of 255 Hodenpyl to allow the installation of a 6'-0" privacy fence on the top of a deck in the north side yard be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-130. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Grogan of 1022 San Jose to allow the construction of a covered front entryway creating a front yard setback of 55'-0" instead of the required 58'-0."

Linda Grogan, 1022 San Jose, was present to answer questions about the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Alene & Bruce Bikle, 1015 San Jose In Favor

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2001-130-A. Lawless-Shimko. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Grogan of 1022 San Jose to allow the construction of a covered front entryway creating a front yard setback of 55'-0" instead of the required 58'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-131. Consideration of a request to approve the division of a lot located at 760 Cambridge.

Steven Morrin, an attorney representing Mr. and Mrs. MacKay, was present to explain the request and answer questions.

2001-131-A. Kremers-Bartman. That the request to allow a piece of property measuring 2'-0" x 70'-0" (approximately 140 square feet) to be split off the property located at 750 Cambridge and added to the lot located at 760 Cambridge as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Paul MacKay, with the condition that the split complies with the surveys and the relevant deed or land contract be recorded with the Kent County Registrar of Deeds within 90 days of approval.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-
Abstain: Lawless – 1

2001-132. Consideration of a request to establish a debt structure for the Community Center bond proposal and the Wealthy Pool bond proposal.

Commissioner Brennan arrived.

Finance Director VanderWall explained the various options for structuring the bond question, the staff's recommendations, and answered questions from the City Commission.

2001-132-A. Barbour-Lawless. That the \$9 million Library & Community Center bond proposal be established as a 25-year bond with level millage and the \$2 million Wealthy Pool bond proposal be established as a 20-year bond with level millage.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-133. Review of ballot language for the Community Center bond proposal and the Wealthy Pool bond proposal.

The City Commission reviewed the proposed language and offered suggestions for clarification of certain items. The final language will be approved at a later date when costs are confirmed.

2001-134. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution setting a special election date for the Community Center bond proposal and the Wealthy Pool bond proposal.

Commissioner Lawless spoke in favor of setting an election date of April 24th to allow residents to avoid the busy times of spring break and tax filing deadlines.

2001-134-A. Lawless-Kremers. That a resolution setting April 24, 2001 as the date for a special election to request additional millage for the renovation and expansion of the Library & Community Center and the remodeling of Wealthy Pool be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-135. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution regarding a reimbursement agreement for the proposed bond issues.

City Manager Donovan explained that this resolution would allow the city the opportunity to recapture architectural and other fees spent on designing the Library & Community Center and Wealthy Pool over the past few years. The decision whether or not to actually recapture these costs will be made later.

2001-135-A. Lawless-Barbour. That a resolution allowing past expenses for the Library & Community Center expansion and Wealthy Pool remodeling be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-136. Finance Director VanderWall presented the quarterly financial reports for the period ending September 30, 2000 and answered questions from the City Commission.

2001-137. Consideration of a request to award a contract for road salt.

2001-137-A. Bartman-Barbour. That a three-year contract for road salt be awarded to the Detroit Salt Company at a price of \$24.67 for the first year, \$26.25 for the second year, and \$27.75 for the third year.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-138. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a postage machine.

2001-138-A. Barbour-Bartman. That the purchase of a postage machine from D&D Business Machines at a cost of \$4,154.00 with an annual maintenance agreement of \$548.00 and meter rental of \$50.75 after the first year be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-139. Consideration of a request to approve a budget amendment for FY 1999-00 operational costs for Wealthy Pool.

2001-139-A. Bartman-Brennan. That a budget amendment of \$98,007.32 be approved for payment of an invoice regarding expenses for Wealthy Pool for FY 1999-2000.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-140. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of an ice ban system for the City Services Department.

2001-140-A. Lawless-Kremers. That a contract with Road-Way Solutions of Charlevoix, Michigan, for the purchase of anti-icing/de-icing system and equipment in the amount of \$11,600.00, and a related budget amendment of \$600.00 from the general fund ending balance to the major/local operating account be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-141. Consideration of a request to award a contract for transportation services for the Ski Club season.

2001-141-A. Lawless-Bartman. That a contract for transportation for the 2000-01 Ski Club season be awarded to Great Lakes Motor Coach in the amount of \$315 per unit and a show-up charge of \$100 per bus.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-142. Mayor Frey reported that the joint meeting between City Commissioners and Planning Commissioners regarding the future of Bagley Street had gone well and that there were many positive points discussed. She also showed everyone the fundraising brochure being used for potential donors to the Library & Community Center and reported that the committee is beginning its work.

Commissioner Kremers also noted that the joint meeting had been a good dialogue about the future of the Gaslight Village area and thanked everyone for participating.

2001-143. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until November 20, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution setting date for special election
B - Resolution allowing reimbursement of expenses

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held November 20, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:34 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: Commissioners Barbour and Lawless

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Finance Director VanderWall; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Building Inspector Conley; Streets & Utilities Superintendent Keating; City Clerk Brower

2001-142. The minutes of the special meetings held October 30, 2000 and the regular meeting held November 6, 2000 were received as submitted.

2001-143. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

A. Letter from Eagle Scout J.J. Camp thanking the City Services Department for their assistance in moving the new bridge he built as a community-service project from his home to the installation site.

2001-144. No other public comment was received.

2001-145. Bartman-Shimko. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$196,908.69; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$238,771.86, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 5

Nays: -0-

2001-146. Parks & Recreation Director Bunn presented civic service awards to three Eagle Scouts for the completion of several community service projects in Hodenpyl Woods and on the path around Reeds Lake.

J.J. Camp built and installed a pedestrian bridge within the Hodenpyl Woods trail system that connects several portions of walking trails.

James Stanton initiated a program to catalog, mark and publish a Plant Identification Guide featuring 58 specimens of trees, bushes and perennials in the Remington Park and Hodenpyl Woods areas.

Matt Whipple installed mile markers on the pedestrian route around Reeds Lake to give all who use the route accurate information about their walk.

2001-147. Public Hearing and consideration of a request to approve a special use permit for the placement of a cellular phone antenna at the high school football field site.

City Attorney Huff reviewed the provisions of Section 5.24E of the City Code regarding special use permits.

Paula Woodhouse and Ed Trego of Nextel Communications were present to explain the request and answer questions from the City Commission regarding the construction of the accessory building and future renovations at this site.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

2001-147-A. Bartman-Brennan. That a special use permit be granted to Nextel and the East Grand Rapids Public Schools for the placement of a cellular phone antenna at the high school football field site as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

2001-148. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Bill Granzow of 200 Rexford allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the house and garage creating a rear yard setback of 7'-0" instead of the required 25'-0."

Building Inspector Conley explained that a similar variance request was approved last year but had expired after one year. The applicant is now requesting the same variance plus an addition of one foot closer to the lot line to allow for more space to maneuver a vehicle into the new garage.

Bill Granzow, 200 Rexford, was present to answer questions about the variance request.

The following people were present and expressed their opinions concerning this variance request:

- Lynda Stuart, 179 Hodenpyl Opposed

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Louise Neller, 133 Rexford In Favor
- Lynda Stuart, 179 Hodenpyl Opposed

No other public comment was received. Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

City Attorney Huff reminded the City Commission that the granting of the prior variance request was similar to a judicial decision and that, barring the finding of a change in circumstances since the time of the original decision, the City Commission was legally bound to approve at least the same variance. The decision now becomes whether the additional one-foot request should be granted.

2001-148-A. Bartman-Shimko. That the request of Mr. Bill Granzow of 200 Rexford allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the house and garage creating a rear yard setback of 7'-0" instead of the required 25'-0" be approved as requested.

Commissioner Bartman stated that her opinion that a change in ownership of the house next door did not constitute a change as far as the requirements for revoking the original variance. She also felt that since the original variance was being renewed that an additional one foot would not make a substantial difference to the neighboring properties.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 5
Nays: -0-

2001-149. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution authorizing the applications for grants for the proposed Reeds Lake Trail.

City Manager Donovan reported that the 1998 Parks & Recreation Master Plan listed as a goal the extension of the dedicated pedestrian/biking trail around Reeds Lake. After a donor approached the City about contributing to the cost, the City began working with Grand Rapids Township and an engineering firm to create cost estimates. The current proposal would complete a non-motorized trail in three separate sections along Reeds Lake Boulevard: Section I – Hall Street to Kate Avenue; Section II – Kate Avenue to Manhattan Road; and Section III – Manhattan Road to intersection of north/south arm of Reeds Lake Boulevard (i.e. "the rock"). The requested resolution would allow staff from East Grand Rapids and

Grand Rapids Township to begin working on better cost estimates and apply for any available State funding. Grant applications would have to be submitted separately each year for each section of the trail.

The following people were present and expressed their opinions concerning the proposed trail:

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| Randy Russo, 2900 Reeds Lake Blvd. | Concerned that Phases 2 and 3 would automatically be constructed without input from affected property owners. |
| Bob Saltsman, 2905 Reeds Lake Blvd. | Questioned the identity of the anonymous donor. Asked to see maps and specifications. Very concerned that neighbors were not notified and that this project will be done against the will of the people most affected by it. |
| Weldon Schwartz, 2914 Reeds Lake Blvd. | Questioned why the route runs along sidewalks on the south side of the lake but requires a separate asphalt path on the north side of the lake. |
| Andy Rundquist, 2944 Reeds Lake Blvd. | Concerned about the lack of notice given to residents about the proposal. Asked for a worksession with residents to give feedback on specific plans. |
| Sally Sauer, 2920 Reeds Lake Blvd. | Concerned that if Phase 1 was approved that the others would be done without feedback from residents. |
| David Pray, 2935 Reeds Lake Blvd. | Opposed to a 10' strip of asphalt running through front yards in a residential neighborhood. Felt it would ruin the character of the area and harm property values. Favored letting people use the edge of the street. |

Mr. Saltsman noted that there were three other families that were concerned about this issue that could not attend the meeting.

Mayor Frey closed the public hearing.

The City Commission discussed the need to notify all property owners affected by section one of the trail, the process involved in applying for grants and the options available after a grant is awarded, and the need for more information on the exact route and specifications on all three sections.

Commissioners Bartman and Kremers spoke in favor of section one of the bike trail to provide more safety around the Hall Street hill and the portion of roadway where there are no sidewalks or shoulders.

Mayor Frey suggested changing the wording on the resolution to reflect that only section one of the trail is being considered at this time.

The City Commissioners agreed that more information and resident input was needed before a decision could be made. They asked staff to change the wording on the resolution to reflect the above comments, to notify the property owners along section one of the trail that this project would be discussed at the next meeting; and to contact the donor to determine if the funding is tied to all three sections or if it could be used for only one or two portions.

2001-149-A. Bartman-Kremers. Motion to table this request until December 4th meeting to allow staff time to gather more information and notify affected residents of section one.

Yeas: Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 5

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Brennan departed.

2001-150. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving the placement of underground marker monuments at locations throughout the city.

2001-150-A. Bartman-Shimko. That a resolution approving the placement of cast iron monuments at various locations throughout East Grand Rapids in conjunction with the Kent County Remonumentation Program be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 4
Nays: -0-

2001-151. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 93 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to miscellaneous offenses.

The City Commission discussed the current ordinance that allows a civil infraction penalty for frequenting a location where underage drinking occurs. City Attorney Huff stated that upon further discussion with Chief Gallagher, it is recommended that the proposed ordinance amendment be changed to leave the penalty as a civil infraction instead of changing it to a criminal offense as outlined in the proposed language.

2001-151-A. Bartman-Kremers. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 93 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to miscellaneous offenses be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto with the change noted above.

Mayor Frey asked that residents under the age of 21 be advised of the discussion and offered a chance to give input to the City Commission on this matter. Chief Gallagher will contact the high school.

Yeas: Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 4
Nays: -0-

2001-152. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of shotguns for the Public Safety Department.

2001-152-A. Kremers-Bartman. That the purchase of three shotguns from Michigan Police Equipment in the amount of \$1,295.25 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 4
Nays: -0-

2001-153. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of portable radio accessories for the Public Safety Department.

2001-153-A. Kremers-Shimko. That the purchase of seventeen earspeakers for portable radios from Tele-Rad of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$1,054.00 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 4
Nays: -0-

2001-154. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of exercise equipment for the Public Safety Department.

2001-154-A. Bartman-Kremers. That the purchase of two stationery exercise bicycles and a rack of dumbbells from Kentwood Schwinn in the amount of \$1,279.90 and the purchase of a weight scale from White & White Co. in the amount of \$240.00 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 4
Nays: -0-

2001-155. Consideration of a request to approve a policy and fee structure for copies and research under the Freedom of Information Act.

2001-155-A. Shimko-Bartman. That a policy and fee structure regarding research and copies for the public under the Freedom of Information Act be approved as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 4

Nays: -0-

2001-156. Consideration of a request to approve the emergency purchase of a patrol car for the Public Safety Department.

2001-156-A. Bartman-Kremers. That the emergency purchase of a Ford Crown Victoria replacement police patrol vehicle in the amount of \$21,495.00 from Morrow Brothers Ford of Greenfield, Illinois be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 4

Nays: -0-

2001-157. Consideration of a request to award a contract for renewal of employee flexible benefit plan components.

2001-157-A. Bartman-Kremers. That the following contracts be renewed: life insurance with American United Life; long-term disability coverage with Fortis Benefits Insurance Company; flexible benefit administration with ASR Incorporated; stop loss coverage with Avemco with ASR being the administrator; to increase the medical reimbursement account limit to \$2,000 annually; and to waive competitive bidding since no advantage to the City would result.

Yeas: Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 4

Nays: -0-

2001-158. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held October 10, 2000 were received.

2001-159. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held October 9, 2000 were received.

2001-160. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held October 23, 2000 were received.

2001-161. The City Services Department Reports for the months of September and October 2000 were received.

2001-162. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of September 2000 was received.

2001-163. The EGR Library Branch Manager Report for the month of October 2000 was received.

2001-164. Mayor Frey thanked Deputy Clerk Sally Bode and all of the election workers who put in a long day on November 7th for their hard work and dedication to the election process.

Mayor Frey also noted that the Joint Facilities Committee would be meeting on Thursday, December 7th at City Hall.

Commissioner Shimko suggested that Chief Gallagher contact the High School to determine if there was any opportunity to purchase used weight and/or exercise equipment when their facilities were remodeled in the next year.

Commissioner Bartman noted that former City Commissioner Lois Mosely and resident Cathy Muir were honored recently for their work on the Henry Park School Mentoring program.

Parks & Recreation Director Bunn thanked the City Services Department crew members for their assistance with moving the pedestrian bridge in September from the Camp's house to its new location in Hodenpyl Woods.

2001-165. Bartman-Shimko. Motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and pending litigation in accordance with Sections 8(c) and 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Kremers, Shimko and Frey – 4

Nays: -0-

2001-166. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until December 4, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution approving remonumentation program.
B - Ordinance amendment to Chapter 93 relating to miscellaneous offenses.
C - Policy and fee structure for FOIA requests.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held December 4, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:32 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Finance Director VanderWall; City Services Director Baragar; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Streets & Utilities Superintendent Keating; City Clerk Brower

2001-167. The minutes of the regular meeting held November 20, 2000 were received as submitted.

2001-168. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- A. Letter from Nan Graham of 2127 Wealthy thanking PSO DeJonge and PSO Havey for their assistance with a recent situation at her home.
- B. Letter from Kenyon and Kathy Kendall of 1919 San Lu Rae thanking Sgt. Williams and other officers of the Public Safety Department for their handling of recent thefts from vehicles on their property.
- C. Letter to Commissioner Lawless from Jackie and John Johnson of 2565 Albert offering opinions on the proposal of the Gateway Group for the renovation of the municipal complex area.

2001-169. No other public comment was received.

2001-170. Lawless-Barbour. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$136,062.50; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$26,208.29; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$319,948.45, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-171. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution authorizing the application for grants for the proposed Reeds Lake Trail.

2001-171-A. Kremers-Lawless. Motion to take from the table a resolution authorizing staff to apply for grants for the proposed Reeds Lake Trail.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

City Manager Donovan explained that the proposal for a non-motorized bike trail had been amended to include only the portion of Reeds Lake Boulevard from Hall Street to Manhattan Park. These changes were made in response to residents concerned about a separate pathway along the section of Reeds Lake Boulevard already containing sidewalks.

The following people were present and expressed their opinions concerning this modified proposal:

- Kevin Loftis, 2936 Hall Street

Questioned whether all residents along Hall Street affected by the path had been notified.

- Bill Borstein, 2646 Reeds Lake Boulevard Concerned about lack of notification about original proposal and asked for better communication in future.
- Weldon Schwartz, 2914 Reeds Lake Boulevard Supports new proposal for separate path from Manhattan Park to Hall Street. Thanked staff for meeting with residents.
- Sally Sauer, 2920 Reeds Lake Boulevard Also supports new proposal. Asked whether donor was still willing to contribute to revised plan.

2001-171-B. Lawless-Shimko. That a resolution authorizing staff to apply for grants for the proposed Reeds Lake Trail be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-172. Consideration of a request to approve an extension of the cable consent agreement with AT&T.

Commissioner Bartman arrived.

2001-172-A. Lawless-Brennan. That a resolution extending the cable television agreement with UACC Midwest, a subsidiary of AT&T Broadband, until July 12, 2001, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-173. Consideration of a request to award a contract for replacement of an auxiliary furnace at the Streets & Utilities facility.

2001-173-A. Kremers-Bartman. That a contract be awarded to Johnson Mechanical of Wyoming in the amount of \$21,608.00 for the replacement of an auxiliary furnace and air handler for the Streets & Utilities building paint room, and that a related budget amendment in the amount of \$17,608.00 from the undesignated fund balance be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-174. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of turf aerator for the grounds maintenance division.

2001-174-A. Barbour-Brennan. That the purchase of a hallow-tine aerator and slicing tines from United Rentals of Michigan at a cost of \$5,123.00 be approved.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-175. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of four spreader control units for the Streets & Utilities winter maintenance program.

2001-175-A. Bartman-Lawless. That the purchase of four electronic spreader control consoles and assemblies from Neal's Truck Pars of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$9,285.60 be approved with a related budget amendment of \$4,285.00 from the MERF account.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-176. City Manager Donovan reported that comments and suggestions on the plans for John Collins Park are still being received and asked all Commissioners to contact Parks & Recreation Director Bunn with their

responses to the drawings. The final public input session is scheduled for December 11th and the City Commission will approve plans on December 18th.

Commissioner Barbour related a conversation with residents on Frederick regarding the condition of the gravel road after construction on one of the homes, and reported that residents may again ask that their street be paved.

Commissioner Lawless thanked the City Services Department for their work picking up leaves and for the time extension of the curbside pick-up program to allow residents to continue cleaning up their yards. He also reported that the Joint Facilities Committee would meet on Thursday, December 7th to discuss the proposal for a tennis facility and other capital projects.

Mayor Frey announced that it had been a year since she and Commissioners Barbour, Kremers and Brennan were sworn in as officials and thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication over the past year.

Commissioner Bartman noted that former East Grand Rapids Mayor and long-time city attorney Robert Richardson passed away on November 25th. Flowers were sent to the family on behalf of the City and several city officials attended the funeral.

2001-177. Brennan-Kremers. Motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 7
Nays: -0-

2001-178. The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until December 18, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution approving Reeds Lake Trail grant application.
B - Resolution approving extension of AT&T agreement.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held December 18, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:32 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: Commissioner Bartman

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Finance Director VanderWall; City Services Director Baragar; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Assistant to the City Manager Branyan; City Clerk Brower

2001-179. The minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2000 were received as submitted.

2001-180. Mayor Frey advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- A. Thank you card from Barbara Richardson for the flowers sent to the funeral of former mayor Robert Richardson.
- B. Letter from Steven Bratschie urging the City Commission to consider the proposal of the Gateway Group for the municipal complex location.
- C. Invitation from the West Michigan Strategic Alliance inviting commissioners to attend a kick-off ceremony on Monday, January 8th.
- D. Letter from Margaret Burrows-Getz and Martha Tuthill, Crew Club Co-Presidents, on the status of the proposed storage building to be located at Collins Park.
- E. Letter from Brian Davis of 937 Breton regarding the decisions made regarding the municipal complex location.

2001-181. No other public comment was received.

2001-182. Barbour-Brennan. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$275,500.14; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$16,812.30; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$220,176.30, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

2001-183. Consideration of a request to approve design plans for the renovations at John Collins Park.

Mike Smith and Don Smalligan of MC Smith Associates were present to outline the various improvements slated for John Collins Park and to answer questions from the City Commission. The architects have worked with city staff and residents for several months developing the plans and receiving input. The City Commission discussed several points in detail, including:

- the restroom building/overlook deck in the center of the park. Mr. Smith explained that the building would be below street level and set back into the hill. The plans call for an open-walled roof structure to be built above street level to create a covered observation deck accessible from the street level. At one of the public input sessions, several residents of the condominiums were concerned about this structure blocking the view of the lake. Mr. Smith and Parks & Recreation Director Bunn reviewed the situation and reported that the structure would be located between two of the condominium buildings to minimize the obstructions to these residents.
- the request of the EGR High School Crew Club to locate a storage building along the south edge of the park adjacent to the Yacht Club. The club is making a request to the Yacht Club for a gate in the fence for access to the parking and staging areas at the Yacht Club. The Crew Club would

be responsible for raising funds and constructing a building using building materials similar to others found in the park to maintain a consistent theme. Parks & Recreation Director Bunn spoke in favor of the building and asked that approval by the City Commission include the approval of the building location. He also asked that construction of the building take place next year during the other construction at the park to minimize disruption of the site.

- the fishing/viewing pier reaching into the lake. Railings will be built to address concerns about the safety of people walking out onto the pier. The Commission also discussed the mixed use of walkers, fisherman, and people with children using the same pier. Mr. Smith did not feel this would pose any major problems and that rules could be developed later if conflicts arose.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, was present to ask if the City had investigated excavating further into the hill and placing the restroom facility under the sidewalks. City Services Director Baragar replied that there are several utility lines buried under the sidewalk, and that moving the lines would be cost prohibitive for this project.

Ken Kelly, 1657 Alexander, was present to question the many uses planned for the pier and expressed his concerns about the safety of children around fishing hooks.

2000-183-A. Lawless-Barbour. That the design plans for the renovations at John Collins Park be approved as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Commission including the location of the crew club storage building, and to request that the Parks & Recreation Commission review the plans for cost saving opportunities and the above issues relating to the pier before bids are solicited.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-184. Introduction of an emergency ordinance to repeal Section 5.23 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to land divisions.

2000-184-A. Shimko-Brennan. That an emergency ordinance to repeal Section 5.23 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to land divisions be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto with an effective date of December 18, 2000.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-185. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Chapters 50 and 54 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to land divisions.

2000-185-A. Kremers-Barbour. That an ordinance amendment to Chapters 50 and 54 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to land divisions be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and sent to the Planning Commission for their review.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-186. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution authorizing an appeal of the decision in the Sebastian vs. City of East Grand Rapids case.

2000-186-A. Barbour-Shimko. That a resolution authorizing the City Attorney to file an appeal of the Sebastian vs. East Grand Rapids decision be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Commissioner Lawless spoke in favor of authorizing the appeal. He stated that the City Commission has historically denied lot splits such as this one because of the potential impact on the surrounding properties. He also stated that residents in this area remain opposed to the division of the land.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6

Nays: -0-

2001-187. Consideration of a request to award a contract for a joint marketing campaign with the East Grand Rapids School District.

2000-187-A. Brennan-Shimko. That a contract with The Image Group of Holland, Michigan in the amount of \$10,000, with the City paying \$5,000 of the cost, be approved as recommended, and that funding of \$5,000 be moved from the contingency account for this project.

Ken Kelly of the Image Group was present to answer questions from the City Commission.

Mayor Frey asked for volunteers from the City Commissioner to serve on the committee working on this marketing campaign.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-188. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of bedding materials for the bunk rooms at the Public Safety Department.

2000-188-A. Barbour-Kremers. That the purchase of eight frames, box springs and mattresses from Lady Americana at a cost of \$2,056.00 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey – 6
Nays: -0-

2001-189. Discussion of January meeting dates.

City Manager Donovan explained that the January 2, 2001 meeting fell during the Christmas School vacation and asked if all City Commissioners would be available for the meeting. Several commissioners expressed a desire to move this meeting because of travel plans or prior commitments. City staff will notify everyone when a new date is selected.

A joint meeting of the Traffic Commission and City Commission was set for Monday, January 29, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss traffic calming measures, strategies and procedures.

A public forum was set for Monday, January 29th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm at City Hall to discuss the provisions of the “frequenting” ordinance regarding underage drinking.

2001-190. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held December 8, 2000 were received.

2001-191. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held November 13, 2000 were received.

2001-192. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held November 27, 2000 were received.

2001-193. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until January 2, 2001.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment to Section 5.23 regarding land divisions.
B - Ordinance amendment to Chapters 50 and 54 regarding land divisions.
C - Resolution authorizing an appeal of Sebastian vs. City of East Grand Rapids.

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