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Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7  
Nays: -0-

97-54. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 11 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infractions.

97-54-A. Walton-Orlebeke. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 11 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infractions be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Commissioner Frakie asked for a summary of all of the changes dealing with civil infractions, specifically a determination of which employees have the authority to issue a civil infractions citation and the possibility of a maximum fine rather than the open-ended \$50 per day fine provided. The City Attorney and City Manager will provide this information prior to the final reading of these ordinance amendments.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7  
Nays: -0-

97-55. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 12 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction penalties.

97-55-A. Bartman-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 12 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction penalties be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "D" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7  
Nays: -0-

97-56. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 13 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to appearance tickets authorization.

97-56-A. Walton-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 13 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to appearance tickets authorization be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "E" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7  
Nays: -0-

97-57. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 14 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction citations authorization.

97-57-A. Orlebeke-Mehney. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 14 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction citations authorization be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "F" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7  
Nays: -0-

97-58. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to amend Section 1.13 of Chapter 1 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to the penalties for civil infractions.

97-58-A. Walton-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to amend Section 1.13 of Chapter 1 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to the penalties for civil infractions be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "G" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7  
Nays: -0-

97-59. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to amend Section 2.11 of Chapter 21, Section 2.35 of Chapter 22, Section 2.70 of Chapter 23, all of Title II; Section 3.6 of Chapter 31, Section 3.67 of Chapter 33, and Section 3.86, all of Title III; Section 5.155 of Chapter 50 of Title V, Section 7.46 of Chapter 73, and Section 7.92 of Chapter 78, both of Title VII; Section 8.4 of Chapter 80, Section 8.94 of Chapter 84, Section 8.504 of Chapter 84, and Section 8.810 of Chapter 88, all of Title VIII; Section 9.28 of Chapter 91, Section 9.35 of Chapter 92, Section 9.41 of Chapter 92, Section 9.408 of Chapter 97, and chapter 9.409 of Chapter 97, all of Title IX; and Section 10.51 of Chapter 102 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to civil infraction violations.

97-59-A. Williamson-Mehney. That an ordinance amendment to amend Section 2.11 of Chapter 21, Section 2.35 of Chapter 22, Section 2.70 of Chapter 23, all of Title II; Section 3.6 of Chapter 31, Section 3.67 of Chapter 33, and Section 3.86, all of Title III; Section 5.155 of Chapter 50 of Title V, Section 7.46 of Chapter 73, and Section 7.92 of Chapter 78, both of Title VII; Section 8.4 of Chapter 80, Section 8.94 of Chapter 84, Section 8.504 of Chapter 84, and Section 8.810 of Chapter 88, all of Title VIII; Section 9.28 of Chapter 91, Section 9.35 of Chapter 92, Section 9.41 of Chapter 92, Section 9.408 of Chapter 97, and chapter 9.409 of Chapter 97, all of Title IX; and Section 10.51 of Chapter 102 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to civil infraction violations, be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "H" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7  
Nays: -0-

97-60. The City Services Department report for the month of July, 1996 was received.

97-61. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of July, 1996 was received.

97-62. Williamson-Bartman. To add to the agenda consideration of a request to approve the change order for the watermain project construction on Maxwell Street.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7  
Nays: -0-

97-63. Consideration of a request to approve the change order for the removal of additional concrete for the watermain project construction on Maxwell Street.

97-63-A. Mehney-Bartman. That a change order to the contract for the Maxwell Street watermain project in the amount of \$6,140.00 for the removal of additional concrete be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7  
Nays: -0-

97-64. No public comment was offered.

97-65. Commissioner Mehney commended Recreation Director Bill Rhodes and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Dan DeLooff on the tremendous job they have done getting the athletic fields ready for the fall seasons. All of the fields are looking very good.

Mayor Edison also commented on the excellent shape of the athletic fields and stated that the Joint Facilities Committee would be reviewing the procedures for overseeing these types of projects to make sure everything was being handled properly.

97-66. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until September 3, 1996.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

- Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment - Section 10.82 - OUIL cost recovery  
B - Resolution approving changes to Grand Valley Metro Council membership  
C - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 11 - Municipal civil infractions  
D - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 12 - Municipal civil infraction penalties  
E - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 13 - Appearance tickets authorization  
F - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 14 - Municipal civil infraction citations authorization  
G - Ordinance amendment - Section 1.13 - Penalties for civil infractions  
H - Ordinance amendment - Section 2.11 and others - Civil infractions violations

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

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held September 3, 1996

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

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Recreation Supervisor Reikow; City Clerk Brower

97-67. The minutes of the regular meeting held August 19, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-68. Bartman-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$132,496.06; disbursements to the county and schools in the amount of \$2,193,143.20; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$212,476.18, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-69. Mayor Edison presented plaques of appreciation to Wendy Anderson of the Breton Village NBD Branch and to Mike Walton of Tolley, VandenBosch & Walton for the sponsorship of the Recreation Department's girls youth softball program.

97-70. Steve Bernard, Executive Director of the Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority (GRATA), was present and spoke about the upcoming millage request.

Steve Kautz, GRATA Director of Planning and Service Development, was also present and answered questions from the City Commission.

Shane Hansen, 939 Bellclaire, the East Grand Rapids representative to the GRATA Board of Directors, was present and spoke of the benefits of an updated transportation system serving the entire metropolitan area.

Mr. Bernard asked the City Commission to consider adopting a resolution supporting the concept of an independent agency. This resolution will be submitted to the Kent County Commission at their next meeting where this matter will be under consideration. The resolution will be placed on the City Commission agenda for September 16, 1996.

97-71. Consideration of a request to approve a change order authorizing additional grounds maintenance services for Memorial Field.

Mayor Edison explained the recommendation of the Joint Facilities Committee that this expense be paid from the savings in the funds budgeted for reconstruction of the field. The School district has decided to pay for the sod placed on the practice field. Mayor Edison stated that the grounds maintenance crew has done an excellent job of getting the other fields ready for the playing season; however, the new surface at Memorial Field needed additional time to mature and thus the request to extend the current maintenance contract for an additional two months.

97-71-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a change order authorizing an extension of time on the maintenance contract for mowing and fertilizing of Memorial Field at a total cost of \$5,915.00 to be paid from the monies authorized for construction of the field, be approved.

Commissioner Walton expressed his concern that this contract was not put out for public competitive bids. Mayor Edison replied that this was an extension of the current contract and it was felt that the expertise of the contractor who is familiar with the field and the surface. There is also a time limitation for going out for bids.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 6  
Nays: Walton - 1

97-72. Introduction of an ordinance to amend Section 9.14 of Chapter 91 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the regulation of motor vehicle noise.

97-72-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That an ordinance to amend Section 9.14 of Chapter 91 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the regulation of motor vehicle noise be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Commissioners Walton, Frakie, and Mehney were concerned about the need for this type of legislation. City Manager Donovan and Public Safety Director Gallagher stated that although noise from stereos was not a problem at this point in time, it could become a problem in the future and a straightforward ordinance such as this would make enforcement very easy.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 4  
Nays: Frakie, Mehney, Walton - 3

97-73. Final Reading of an ordinance to amend Section 10.82 of Chapter 104 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the cost recovery of OUIL expenses.

97-73-A. Bartman-Walton. That an ordinance to amend Section 10.82 of Chapter 104 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the cost recovery of OUIL expenses be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7  
Nays: -0-

97-74. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 11 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infractions.

97-74-A. Williamson-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 11 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infractions be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6  
Nays: Frakie - 1

97-75. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 12 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction penalties.

97-75-A. Walton-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 12 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction penalties be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "D" attached hereto.

Commissioner Frakie expressed concern about the system of fines and the fines being imposed on a daily basis. He was also concerned about who had the authority to issue violations. City Attorney Huff answered questions on the changes contained in these ordinance amendments.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6  
Nays: Frakie - 1



97-76. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 13 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to appearance tickets authorization.

97-76-A. Williamson-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 13 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to appearance tickets authorization be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "E" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6  
Nays: Frakie - 1

97-77. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 14 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction citations authorization.

97-77-A. Williamson-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to add a new Chapter 14 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infraction citations authorization be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "F" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6  
Nays: Frakie - 1

97-78. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to amend Section 1.13 of Chapter 1 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to the penalties for civil infractions.

97-78-A. Williamson-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to amend Section 1.13 of Chapter 1 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to the penalties for civil infractions be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "G" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6  
Nays: Frakie - 1

97-79. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to amend Section 2.11 of Chapter 21, Section 2.35 of Chapter 22, Section 2.70 of Chapter 23, all of Title II; Section 3.6 of Chapter 31, Section 3.67 of Chapter 33, and Section 3.86, all of Title III; Section 5.155 of Chapter 50 of Title V, Section 7.46 of Chapter 73, and Section 7.92 of Chapter 78, both of Title VII; Section 8.4 of Chapter 80, Section 8.94 of Chapter 84, Section 8.504 of Chapter 84, and Section 8.810 of Chapter 88, all of Title VIII; Section 9.28 of Chapter 91, Section 9.35 of Chapter 92, Section 9.41 of Chapter 92, Section 9.408 of Chapter 97, and Section 9.409 of Chapter 97, all of Title IX; and Section 10.51 of Chapter 102 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to civil infraction violations.

97-79-A. Bartman-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to amend Section 2.11 of Chapter 21, Section 2.35 of Chapter 22, Section 2.70 of Chapter 23, all of Title II; Section 3.6 of Chapter 31, Section 3.67 of Chapter 33, and Section 3.86, all of Title III; Section 5.155 of Chapter 50 of Title V, Section 7.46 of Chapter 73, and Section 7.92 of Chapter 78, both of Title VII; Section 8.4 of Chapter 80, Section 8.94 of Chapter 84, Section 8.504 of Chapter 84, and Section 8.810 of Chapter 88, all of Title VIII; Section 9.28 of Chapter 91, Section 9.35 of Chapter 92, Section 9.41 of Chapter 92, Section 9.408 of Chapter 97, and Section 9.409 of Chapter 97, all of Title IX; and Section 10.51 of Chapter 102 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to civil infraction violations, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "H" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6  
Nays: Frakie - 1

97-80. No Public Comment was offered.

97-81. Commissioner Bartman thanked Tom Byle of the Kent County Road Commission for the repairs made to the guard wall on Robinson Road which was in poor condition.

Commissioner Frakie stated his concern about the Attorney General's opinion concerning the Value Change Multiplier and the possible ramifications for the Assessor's Office and the tax revenues. The Commission asked

the City Attorney to prepare a legal opinion for review. A suggestion was made to check with the Michigan Municipal League to find how this matter was being handled statewide.

97-82. Williamson-Bartman. To enter into executive session to discuss an attorney's opinion in accordance with Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act and to discuss pending litigation in accordance with Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7  
Nays: -0-

97-83. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until September 16, 1996.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment - Section 9.14 - Motor Vehicle Noise  
B - Ordinance amendment - Section 10.82 - OUIL Cost Recovery  
C - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 11 - Municipal civil infractions  
D - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 12 - Municipal civil infraction penalties  
E - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 13 - Appearance tickets authorization  
F - Ordinance amendment - Chapter 14 - Municipal civil infraction citations authorization  
G - Ordinance amendment - Section 1.13 - Penalties for civil infractions  
H - Ordinance amendment - Section 2.11 and others - Civil infractions violations

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held September 16, 1996

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

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Lt. Bowman; Lt. Radakovitz; City Clerk Brower; PSO Asher; PSO Buikema, PSO Doxtader; PSO Kreiner; PSO Scott; PSO Trafelet

97-84. The minutes of the regular meeting held September 3, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-85. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

(A) Thank you letter from Vision Enrichment Services thanking the City for the use of the route around Reeds Lake for a recent fund raising walk.

97-86. Bartman-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$135,669.06; disbursements to the county and schools in the amount of \$2,893,409.08; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$106,173.74, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-87. Public Safety Director Gallagher explained the process of selecting new officers and thanked Lt. Bob Radakovitz for his hard work getting all of the new employees ready for duty.

Sharon Asher, Richard Buikema, Brent Doxtader, Kelly Kreiner, David Scott and Scott Trafelet were sworn in as Public Safety Officers for the City of East Grand Rapids. Mayor Edison presented each Officer with an East Grand Rapids sweatshirt, and everyone wished them good luck in their new positions.

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

97-88. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution to the Kent County Board of Commissioners concerning the proposal by the Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority (GRATA) for the creation of a new public transportation authority.

Mayor Edison stated that East Grand Rapids needed to be very proactive in the planning of the future of the metropolitan area and that the new agency would be created first and then the millage request would be placed before the voters when the details were worked out.

97-88-A. Orlebeke-Mehney. That a resolution to the Kent County Board of Commissioners concerning the proposal by the Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority (GRATA) for the creation of a new public transportation authority be adopted.

Commissioner Walton expressed concern about the many details that have not yet been determined and the fact that the local governments would have very little to say about the organization once it was formed.

Commissioner Williamson asked how the new agency would be funded in the time between its creation and the millage vote. He also questioned who would be paying for the election to determine the millage vote.

97-88-B. Williamson-Bartman. Motion to table this request until the October 7, 1996 meeting to answer the question of interim funding.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Walton, Williamson, - 4

Nays: Mehney, Orlebeke, Edison - 3

Mayor Edison will contact GRATA to determine answers to this question and any others that he receives before the next meeting.

97-89. A public hearing was held regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendment to Section 5.24 regarding cellular towers.

No public comment was received. Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-89-A. Bartman-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to Section 5.24 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to cellular towers be adopted as recommended by the Planning Commission and set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Commissioner Frakie was concerned about the wording in section 1 (E) 7 regarding who could use an existing tower. City Attorney Huff answered questions regarding the definitions and terms used in the ordinance.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: Frakie - 1

97-90. A public hearing was held regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendment to Sections 5.222 and 5.224 pertaining to satellite antennas.

No public comment was received. Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-90-A. Williamson-Walton. That an ordinance amendment to Sections 5.222 and 5.224 of Chapter 52 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to satellite antennas be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-91. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Section 9.14 of Chapter 91 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the regulation of motor vehicle noise.

The following people were present and expressed their opinions on this ordinance amendment:

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| - Chris Prevette, 2706 Hall        | Opposed to ordinance. Submitted a petition signed by 181 high school students.                              |
| - Yomani Williams, 2155 Lake Drive | Opposed to ordinance. Has never had anyone tell him to turn stereo down. Does not feel ordinance is needed. |
| - Justin Day, 1617 Reed            | Opposed. Wondered if this ordinance would be cause to search vehicles.                                      |
| - Matthew Hess, 2555 Lake Drive    | Opposed. Wondered if this ordinance would be cause to stop vehicles.  |
| - Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl       | Asked if the same standard was applied to boats on Reeds Lake.  |
| - Ian Williamson, 525 Gladstone    | Opposed. Asked what decibel level this ordinance equalled.  |
| - Sean Burns, 2111 Lake Drive      | Opposed. Can see logic of a limitation during evening hours, but thought daytime should be allowed.         |

- Jeff Porter, 2710 Hampshire

Opposed. Did not want his system taken away from him.

97-91-A. Orlebeke-Bartman. That an ordinance to amend Section 9.14 of Chapter 91 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to the regulation of motor vehicle noise be referred to the appropriate committee for review of all of the noise related ordinances and to make any recommendations back to the City Commission.

The City Commission asked City Attorney Huff to summarize all of the noise ordinances for this review.

Commissioner Walton stated that he did receive a call from a resident who supported the ordinance because stereo noise was a problem in their neighborhood.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-92. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution naming the City Manager as the authorized agent for the State of Michigan purchasing program.

97-92-A. Frakie-Williamson. That a resolution naming the City Manager as the authorized agent for the State of Michigan purchasing program be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-93. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held September 6, 1996 were received. No action was taken on the motion of the Traffic Commission to authorize staff to solicit bids for pedestrian signals at Lake Drive and Hall Street.

97-94. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held August 13, 1996 were received.

Commissioner Bartman asked that any comments on the "request for proposals" draft be directed to City Manager Donovan for review by the staff and the Planning Commission.

97-95. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held August 12, 1996 were received.

97-96. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held August 30, 1996 were received.

97-97. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of August, 1996 was received.

97-98. Julie Harrett, 2107 San Lu Rae, expressed her desire to see the City hire a knowledgeable consultant for the updating of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. She felt that all of the parks and playgrounds needed to be handicap accessible and to comply fully with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). She encouraged the City Commission to make this a top priority.

97-99. City Manager Donovan reported on the schedule for the 36" southeast watermain and the meetings held with the City of Grand Rapids and Diversco Construction. Completion of the phase one work is expected the third week in October.

Commissioner Walton reported on the last meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission where the Recreation Master Plan was discussed. Several neighbors of the Griffith's Lot 7 property were present and voiced their opposition to the City's action to clear the title on this property.

Mayor Edison stated that the Harretts have been very involved in the community and that their input on the parks and playgrounds was very much appreciated. Mayor Edison also reported that the Kent County Board of

Commissioners is accepting applications for appointments to the various county boards. Anyone interested in an application should see Brian Donovan or the Mayor.

97-100. Williamson-Mehney. To enter into 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: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-101. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until October 7, 1996.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment - Section 5.24 - Cellular Towers

B - Ordinance amendment - Sections 5.222 and 5.224 - Satellite Antennas

C - Resolution to State of Michigan for purchasing program agent

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 7, 1996

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

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Mehney

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Services Director Baragar; Engineering Services Supervisor Kadzban; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Finance Director VanderWall; City Clerk Brower

97-102. A moment of silence was held in memory of John Baxter, Mayor East Grand Rapids from 1973 to 1975 who passed away on September 27, 1996.

97-103. The minutes of the regular meeting held September 16, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-104. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

(A) Memo from Chief Gallagher commending the officers involved in apprehending the suspect from the armed robbery at D&W last week.

(B) Letter thanking PSO Jerry Bolen for his kindness and attention following an accident on a bicycle.

(C) Letter from a resident thanking Detective Brett Naumcheff for his help resolving repeated obscene phone calls.

(D) Five letters from participants in the Reeds Lake Triathlon thanking the City for putting on such a fine event for the community and complimenting the staff on the great work they do.

(E) Letter from the president of ISERV (internet company) congratulating the City on the superb home page on the internet. Chuck Rathbun has done an outstanding job with the site.

97-105. Bartman-Williamson. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$135,782.98; disbursements to the county and schools in the amount of \$96,634.07; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$469,903.08, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-106. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution to the Kent County Board of Commissioners concerning the proposal by the Grand Rapids Area Transit Authority (GRATA) for the creation of a new public transportation authority.

97-106-A. Orlebeke-Walton. Motion to take from the table the matter of the resolution to the Kent County Board of Commissioners.

Yeas: Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 4

Nays: Bartman, Williamson - 2

Commissioners Bartman and Williamson spoke against adopting the resolution because the plan was too aggressive for the time period and too expensive.

Mayor Edison spoke in favor of the new authority because he felt long-range planning for a growing metropolitan area was needed to avoid serious problems in the years to come.

Commissioners Frakie, Orlebeke and Walton expressed concerns over the amount of the millage and the lack of details provided at this time, but were in favor of working on long-range solutions and looking toward the future needs of the community.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, reported that Portland, Oregon, had designed an excellent transit system that encompassed both busses and light-rail and encouraged the City Commission to urge the new authority to consider all options available, including any grants that may be available.

Vote on 97-88-A. (Motion from 9/16/96 regarding adoption of resolution to Kent County Board of Commissioners; see Exhibit "A").

Yeas: Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Edison - 4

Nays: Bartman, Williamson - 2

97-107. A public hearing was held regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendment to Section 5.90 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to mechanical appurtenances

No public comment was received. Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-107-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to Section 5.90 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to mechanical appurtenances be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-107-B. Bartman-Orlebeke. To adopt a resolution setting the application fee for a side-yard air conditioning permit at \$25.00 as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-108. Quarterly financial report for the quarter ended June 30, 1996.

Finance Director Laura VanderWall presented the financial report.

97-109. Consideration of a request to approve an addendum to construction contract with Diversco Construction for curb replacement on San Lu Rae Drive.

97-109-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an addendum to the construction contract with Diversco Construction for curb replacement on San Lu Rae Drive in the amount of \$31,200 and the related transfer from the General Fund balance to the Major Street Fund Capital account be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Williamson, Edison - 5

Nays: -0-

Abstain: Walton - 1

97-110. Consideration of a request to establish a committee to research solid waste flow control issue.

97-110-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That a committee be formed to work with Kent County in researching solid waste flow control issues.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-



The committee members will be Commissioner Kent Williamson, Commissioner Tim Orlebeke and Mayor Steve Edison.

97-111. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution authorizing the participation of the City of East Grand Rapids with other customer communities in the negotiation of water and sanitary sewer services with the City of Grand Rapids and approving the expenditure of a portion of costs incurred in negotiations.

97-111-A. Frakie-Williamson. That a resolution authorizing the participation of the City of East Grand Rapids with other customer communities in the negotiation of water and sanitary sewer services with the City of Grand Rapids and approving the expenditure of a portion of costs incurred in negotiations be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "D" attached hereto.

97-111-B. Walton-Williamson. To amend 97-111-A. to set a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,500 for the City of East Grand Rapids' portion of the negotiation costs.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

Vote on 97-111-A. as amended.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: -0-

97-112. Consideration of a request to approve the renewal proposal for liability and property pool insurance.

City Attorney Huff and Finance Director VanderWall answered questions from the City Commission on the bids and specifications and the current coverage.

Jeff Novik of Meadowbrook Insurance was present and stated that Meadowbrook had provided insurance coverage for the City for eleven years and asked the City to reconsider the bids to allow additional proposals to be submitted. He asked that he be allowed to work with the Finance Director and the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Williamson asked for time to review all of the bids submitted and the City's current coverage to determine what was best for the City.

The City Commission asked Mr. Novik if Meadowbrook would allow an extension of sixty days of the current coverage until a review could be completed and a decision made. Mr. Novik stated that an extension of coverage could be made.

Commissioner Williamson stated that it could take up to six months for a comprehensive review of the coverage and may require the services of a consultant with the expertise to evaluate such matters. He felt that should be worked on for next year, but a decision on coverage should be made as soon as possible for this renewal.

Mayor Edison recommended sending the entire matter to the Finance Committee for review. If a recommendation cannot be made by the next meeting on October 21st, an extension of coverage will be considered.

97-113. The City Services Department Report for the month of August, 1996 was received.

Mayor Edison complimented CSW Supervisor Teresa Hayes on her excellent work with the community service program and especially for the number of hours being worked by community service workers.

97-114. Michael Feehan of Meadowbrook Insurance asked that the department heads be included in the insurance review process because of the excellent service provided by Meadowbrook over the past eleven years.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, suggested that East Grand Rapids run a pipeline to the City of Wyoming and purchase water in bulk from Wyoming because of the potential cost savings.

97-115. Commissioner Bartman pointed out an article in the evening paper regarding the negotiations between Grand Rapids and customer communities. Commissioner Bartman read a letter from the Downings on Lake Drive complimenting Streets & Utilities employees Joel VanKlompberg, Pat Haggerty, and Jim Stehouwer for their excellent work replacing the sidewalk in front of their home. She also reported that Streets & Utilities Foreman Bill Morey had thwarted a bank robber in Freeport recently. Also, Public Safety employees Marty Tuttle, Ric Buikema, Peter Gallagher, Dennis VanTassell, Chuck Lark, Mike Salois, Carrie Hudenko and Brent Doxtader participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and raised over \$1,000 for Special Olympics.

Commissioner Frakie stated that former Mayor John Baxter was a great asset to the community and will be missed. Commissioner Frakie also reported that a rumor is circulating that the City has received a \$400,000 grant to relocate the boat launch. The Mayor and City staff denied that there is any truth to this rumor.

Mayor Edison recently attended the dedication of the new combined sewage overflow system implemented by the City of Grand Rapids. He also stated that the federal judge has ruled in favor of the Blodgett/Butterworth merger. The hospitals will keep us informed. A copy of the opinion is available if anyone would like to see it. The Mayor also reported that there is an opening on the Library Commission; please let him know if anyone is interested. Also, the Frey Foundation has awarded a \$75,000 grant to Plante Moran for a study about combining municipal services. The Grand Valley Metro Council is studying annexation questions, growth patterns, etc. This will be considered at a future meeting. The monthly leader's luncheon on October 21st will feature Paul Hillegonds; please let Mayor Edison know if you would like to attend.

Mayor Edison also reported that the Employee Appreciation Lunch was held on October 4th. He stated that each and every City employee does an outstanding job and they make the City of East Grand Rapids such a great place. He expressed his appreciation for all the work and services provided by the staff. He also rode in the homecoming parade on Friday evening and had a great time. For the City archives, Mayor Edison presented a ticket stub from a performance at the Ramona Theatre from July 17, 1925. The price was 68¢ plus a 7¢ tax.

97-116. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until October 21, 1996.

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Attachments: A - Resolution to Kent County regarding formation of transit authority  
B - Ordinance amendment - Sections 5.90 - Mechanical appurtenances  
C - Resolution setting application fee for side-yard air conditioning permits  
D - Resolution regarding negotiations with Grand Rapids for water/sewer 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 October 21, 1996

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

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

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

97-117. The minutes of the regular meeting held October 7, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-118. Bartman-Walton. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$208,506.57; disbursements to the county and schools in the amount of \$75,322.22; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$314,626.62, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, - 6

Nays: -0-

Mayor Edison arrived.

97-119. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Ms. Karen Zerrenner of 3065 Woodcliff Circle to allow the demolition and reconstruction of a carport and garage and the construction of a family room.

Tom Pasma, representative of Ms. Zerrenner, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-119-A. Walton-Mehney. That the request of Ms. Karen Zerrenner of 3065 Woodcliff Circle to allow the demolition and reconstruction of a carport and garage and the construction of a family room creating side yard setbacks of 4'-6" and 6'-3" (10'-9" total) instead of the required minimum of 10'-0" and 14'-0" (24'-0" total) and a rear yard setback of 18'-10" instead of the required 25'-0", be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-120. Mayor Edison announced that the zoning variance request of Mr. David Clatworthy, representative for the estate owning 310 Lakeside Drive, to allow the property to be split creating two buildable lots, had been postponed until a future meeting while staff researched some additional issues.

97-121. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. John McDonald, owner of 469 Greenwood, to allow the continuance of the antique shop business located at 469 Greenwood Avenue and to allow the variance to be granted to the property rather than the individual owning the property.

John McDonald, 469 Greenwood, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, spoke about the need to consider such variance requests in light of previous decisions made by the City Commission and the provisions of the Master Plan document.

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-121-A. Williamson-Walton. That the request of John McDonald, owner of 469 Greenwood, to allow the continuance of the antique shop business located at 469 Greenwood Avenue, be approved with the following conditions:

- 1) The residence be owner-occupied and the business be owner-operated.
- 2) The business be restricted to an antique shop.
- 3) The hours of operation be 9:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- 4) No other sign than the one attached to the wall of the building be permitted.
- 5) Parking requirements in the zoning ordinance for the C-1 commercial district be complied with.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 6

Nays: Frakie - 1

97-122. Doug Plamondon and Randy Novotny of Hoffman, Steensma & Plamondon presented the audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 1995-96 and answered questions from the Commission.

97-123. Consideration of a request to approve an agreement with Kent County for animal control services.

97-123-A. Williamson-Walton. That the agreement with Kent County for animal control services at a rate of \$21.98 per hour for wages and fringe benefits of the animal control officer for a maximum total of \$17,144.40 plus mileage of 23¢ per mile, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-124. Consideration of a request to approve a reclassification of the Community Service Coordinator position.

97-124-A. Bartman-Williamson. That the position of Community Service Coordinator be reclassified with a salary range of \$20,954 to \$26,744.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-125. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of maintenance equipment for the grounds maintenance program.

Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Dan DeLooff was present and answered questions from the Commission.

97-125-A. Bartman-Mehney. That the request to purchase a Turfco Topdresser from Valley Turf in the amount of \$5,994 and a Toro Aerothatch Seeder from Spartan Distributors in the amount of \$4,473 for a total of \$10,467, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-126. Consideration of a request to approve the renewal proposal for liability and property pool insurance.

97-126-A. Williamson-Walton. That the proposal of Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool for property and liability coverage in the amount of \$139,132 annually for the period of November 1, 1996 through October 31, 1997 be approved and staff be directed to prepare a request for proposals for consulting services to review the existing coverages.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-127. Consideration of a request to award bids for Ski Club bus service.

97-127-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the contract for bus service for the Ski Club be awarded to G & M Coaches in the amount of \$250.00 per unit and a show-up charge of \$75.00 per bus for a total maximum cost of \$7,500.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-128. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held September 23, 1996 were received.

97-129. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held September 10, 1996 were received.

96-130. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held October 4, 1996, were received. No action was taken on the motion by the Traffic Commission to install "No Left Turn" signs at the exist drive for the high school and to take pedestrian counts at this location.

97-131. The City Services Department Report for the month of September, 1996 was received.

Commissioner Frakie complimented the City Services Department for the significant increase in the number of hours worked by community service workers.

97-132. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of September, 1996 was received.

97-133. Jeff Novik of Meadowbrook Insurance passed out the most current newsletter from his company and stated that was very interested in working with the consultant and the Finance Committee regarding the insurance coverages.

Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, questioned the decision of the Commission on the antique shop variance because it presented a change in use for the property and could set a precedent for other business owners. Mr. Hughes also stated his concern about the variance which was tabled because splitting up large lots could detract from the prime residential status that East Grand Rapids now has. Mayor Edison responded that the antique shop variance did not change the use of the property, only the conditions on the variance and that the lot split on Lakeside Drive had been approved in 1992 and this was a renewal of an existing variance.

Jeff Heynen, 1616 Robinson Road, asked if the Public Safety Department had completed their investigation of the incident at the soccer game recently and, if so, what the results had been. Mayor Edison responded that the investigation was still underway.

97-134. Commissioner Bartman reported receiving a phone call from one of the licensed snowplowing companies about the items which are kept on file and reported to anyone checking to see if a contractor is licensed. She suggested that this situation be referred to a committee for their review.

Mayor Edison informed the commissioners that the Kent County Commission had voted against setting up the independent transit authority. The mayors of the GRATA members are meeting later in the week to determine what else can be done. Mayor Edison also reported that Dr. Mark Vasu had died last week. Dr. Vasu was instrumental in pioneering the concept of police personnel providing emergency medical services and he will be missed.

Mayor Edison and Commissioner Frakie will be representing East Grand Rapids in the celebrity division of the annual snowplow rodeo in Wyoming on Wednesday, October 23rd. The celebrity competition begins at noon.

97-135. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until November 4, 1996.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held November 4, 1996

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

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Recreation Director Rhodes; Building Inspector Conley; Assistant Recreation Director Bunn; Recreation Supervisor Reikow; City Clerk Brower

97-136. The minutes of the regular meeting held October 21, 1996 were received as submitted.

97-137. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

(A) Letter from the sponsors of Healthy High thanking the City for the donation toward the annual event attended by more than 160 students.

(B) Letter from Belding Middle School basketball parent complimenting the players and staff of the middle school basketball program.

(C) Several letters from Ms. Hawthorne's fourth graders at Breton Elementary thanking Mayor Edison for speaking to their class recently.

97-138. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$123,353.95; county and schools disbursements in the amount of \$35,364.06; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$247,925.80, as approved by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

97-139. Mayor Edison presented a plaque to Jeff Stults and Don Wiser of the Streets & Utilities Department for their first place team finish in the annual Snowplow Roadeo held on October 23rd in Wyoming. Jeff also took first place and Don took fourth place in the individual competition. Everyone expressed their congratulations to Jeff and Don for their fine work.

Mayor Edison and Commissioner Frakie also took first place in the Celebrity Division of the Roadeo. In the Celebrity Individual Competition, Commissioner Frakie placed fourth and Mayor Edison placed fifth. City Manager Donovan presented them with honorary driving gloves and keys to the snowplow along with coffee mugs and candy dispensers for their outstanding finishes.

Commissioner Bartman complimented Mike Ferris, Pat Haggerty, Bill Morey, Rick Barr, Joe Girskis, Tim Thompson and Jim Stehouwer of the Streets & Utilities Department for their fabulous work in preparing the snowplow vehicle for the roadeo. These employees spent several hours outfitting, painting and polishing the plow and the result showed their pride in their work. Sgt. Mike Mull of the Public Safety Department also went to the roadeo location to show his support for fellow employees.

97-140. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of the EGR Team Boosters to allow the display of a 5'-0" x 30'-0" banner on the fence at the corner of Lake Drive and Lakeside Drive from the day after

Thanksgiving through Christmas each year to advertise the Christmas tree sale.

Jack Shimko of the Team Boosters was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

97-140-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the request of the EGR Team Boosters to allow the display of a 5'-0" x 30'-0" banner on the fence at the corner of Lake Drive and Lakeside Drive from the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas each year to advertise the Christmas tree sale, be approved with the following conditions:

- 1) the banner is to be located at least 25'-0" from the corner of the fence,
- 2) that the variance expire at the end of the assumed life span of this particular banner (assumed to be five years with the variance ending after the year 2000),
- 3) if any substantial change were to take place at the fence location, the Athletic Boosters would have to reapply for a new variance.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Bartman asked staff to research the issue of banners in relation to the ordinance and determine if any change is warranted.

97-141. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. David Clatworthy, representative for the estate owning 310 Lakeside Drive to allow the property to be split creating two buildable lots.

Russ Kniff of Cannan Corp was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

- Charles Donner, 309 Lakeside Drive In Favor

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing.

97-141-A. Mehney-Walton. That the request of Mr. David Clatworthy, representative for the estate owning 310 Lakeside Drive to allow the property to be split creating two buildable lots, be approved.

97-141-B. Walton-Mehney. Motion to amend 97-141-A. to require the estate to provide a registered survey to city staff for confirmation of the correct dimensions of the lot split before the variance would become effective.

Vote on 97-141-B.

Yeas: Bartman, Frakie, Mehney, Orlebeke, Walton, Williamson, Edison - 7

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Williamson stated his feelings that a significant change had occurred in this general neighborhood since the original variance was granted in January of 1992. At that time the Gilmore property adjacent to this lot was being developed into high density condominium units. However, the property has since been purchased by the City for a natural park. He also felt that the inaction of the property owner by not acting on the variance as granted in 1992 was the cause of the new request and therefore did not meet the first requirement set by the City Commission for granting a variance.

Commissioner Bartman also felt there had been a change in circumstances with this property and was not in favor of granting a variance.

Commissioner Mehney felt this variance would be an asset to the surrounding area and felt it should be approved since the neighbors were not opposed.























97-182. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held November 12, 1996 were received.

97-183. The Public Safety Report for the month of November, 1996 was received.

97-184. The City Services Department Report for the month of November, 1996 was received.

97-185. No other public comment was received.

97-186. Commissioner Frakie congratulated Chuck Lark and Brett Naumcheff for recently completing their master's degrees.

Commissioner Walton reported that he had been recently appointed to the Kent County Community Mental Health Board and would welcome input on any matters being considered by the board.

Commissioner Bartman reported on a recent conversation with a resident who thought all PSO's should be recognized for the outstanding work they do each and every day. Commissioner Bartman also complimented City Services Director Bill Baragar for his work with a neighborhood group about concerns they had.

Mayor Edison informed the commission that the Joint Facilities Committee had decided to postpone the installation of lights at the Manhattan soccer field because of the settling that is occurring on this field. Staff is working with the engineers to make recommendations on this situation. Mayor Edison also reported that the Woodcliff Use Committee has begun meeting and that he will keep the commission updated on the suggested uses for the Woodcliff building. Mayor Edison expressed his thanks to the City Commission and staff for their support and assistance over the past year and handed out mugs filled with candy to everyone.

97-187. The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until January 6, 1997.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk