

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held November 7, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Building Inspector Conley; Executive Secretary Austin

95-135. The minutes of the regular meeting held October 17, 1994 were received as submitted.

95-136. Mayor Deems advised of the following communications received:

- (A) Letter from Ms. McDermott expressing appreciation for the assistance of PSO Martin Donker.
- (B) Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Glaser commending Tom Keating of the Streets & Utilities Dept. for his help.
- (C) Letters from Commissioner Bartman thanking City Services crews for their work repairing sidewalks in Gaslight Village and commending PSO Jerry Bolen for his efforts in the neighborhood patrol program.
- (D) Thank you card from PSO Brian Davis on the warm welcome and sweatshirt he received from the City Commission.

95-137. Williamson-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$112,906.36, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$758,904.60, 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-138. A plaque honoring the City of East Grand Rapids as the recipient of the AAA Pedestrian Safety Award was received. Mayor Deems remarked on what an achievement it was to win this award for 13 consecutive years.

95-139. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bardon, 2331 Wilshire Drive SE, to allow the construction of an addition to the existing garage creating a 1'-0" side yard setback instead of the required 7'-0" minimum.

Michael Bardon, 2331 Wilshire Drive SE, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Mayor Deems advised of the following communications which were received at City Hall regarding this matter:

- Dave & Lynne Wollerman, 2325 Wilshire

Opposed

Dave Wollerman, 2325 Wilshire, was present and expressed his opposition to this variance request because of the close proximity to the living quarters of his home.

Mayor Deems closed the public hearing.

95-139-A. Walton-Frskie. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bardon, 2331 Wilshire Drive SE, to allow the construction of an addition to the existing garage creating a 1'-0" side yard setback instead of the required 7'-0" minimum, be denied.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frskie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-140. Finance Director VanderWall presented the financial reports for the quarters ended June 30, 1994 and September 30, 1994 and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Williamson complimented Finance Director Laura VanderWall on her active involvement in the investment activities and in the day-to-day operations of the City.

95-141. Presentation of the audited financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 1994, along with a Management Recommendation letter and information related to the conduct of the audit.

Dave Weiskittel and Bob Miller of BDO Seidman were present and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Walton appreciated the answering letter by Finance Director VanderWall to the recommendations made by BDO Seidman.

Commissioner Frskie commended Deputy Treasurer Marilou Chambers for her outstanding work during the last year when the City was without a Finance Director.

95-142. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

95-142-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a resolution approving the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council concerning the addition of members for transportation issues and the membership of Algoma Township, be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frskie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-143. Discussion of an ordinance amendment to Section 5.53 and to add Section 5.53A of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to parking requirements in the Gaslight Village business district.

Commissioner Bartman asked for an amendment to require that the off-street parking belong to the owner of the building in question.

95-143-A. Williamson-Bartman. To introduce an ordinance amendment to Section 5.53 and to add Section 5.53A of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code with the proposed change in off-street parking requirements and to send the amendment to the Planning Commission for investigation and a recommendation.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-144. Introduction of an ordinance amending Section 10.6 of Chapter 101 of Title X of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids concerning the consumption of alcohol by minors.

95-144-A. Walton-Frakie. That an ordinance amending Section 10.6 of Chapter 101 of Title X of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids concerning the consumption of alcohol by persons under the age of 21, be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Williamson suggested this ordinance be published by summary rather than in full.

95-145. Consideration of a request to award a contract for consulting services for the design of a performance evaluation/ merit pay system.

95-145-A. Edison-Bartman. To award a contract to Michigan Municipal League in the amount of \$3,500 and travel expenses not to exceed \$200 for consulting services in setting up a performance evaluation/merit pay increase system.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-146. Consideration of a request to award a contract for 1994 tree planting program within the City of East Grand Rapids.

95-146-A. Bartman-Walton. That the request to award a contract to Tepper Nursery in the amount of \$7,000.00 to plant 125 deciduous trees throughout the City, be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Williamson suggested that the amount of maples planted within the City be limited in case of a serious disease affecting maples.

95-147. Consideration of a request to approve a proposal for the purchase of computer equipment for various departments.

95-147-A. Williamson-Walton. That purchase of four Pentium 90 computers from Gateway 2000 in the amount of \$10,776.00, be approved, and that the request for a computer and printer for the library be tabled until further information is available.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-148. Commissioner Williamson has information on video equipment if anyone is interested.

Commissioner Frakie urged everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 8. He also expressed concern about the comments published in the "FROM THE MAYOR" column in the Cadence on November 2. He felt this column should be used to convey City news and items the City Commission is addressing or has decided upon. He felt that views on the district library millage--especially when the Commission was divided on the issue--would better be expressed in a letter to the Editor.

Commissioner Edison concurred with Commissioner Frakie on the article in the Cadence. Commissioner Edison also commended the City staff on the wonderful "Halloween Hoot" event held last weekend for the children.

Commissioner Bartman also expressed concern about the article on the library millage.

Mayor Deems apologized for any inaccurate or personal viewpoints expressed in the Cadence article.

95-149. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until November 21, 1994.

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Attachments: A - Resolution approving amendments to Metropolitan Council Articles of Incorporation

B - Ordinance amendment to Section 10.6 of Chapter 101 of Title X

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
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Regular Meeting Held November 21, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Deems.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Streets & Utilities Sup't Sterkenburg; City Services Director Baragar; Finance Director VanderWall; Executive Secretary Austin

95-150. The minutes of the regular meeting held November 7, 1994 were received as submitted.

95-151. Bartman-Walton. That disbursements to the County and Schools in the amount of \$15,260.19, payroll disbursements in the amount of \$165,307.46, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$295,138.93, 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, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

95-152. Discussion on the fence variance procedure. As requested by the City Commission, City staff investigated the possibility of issuing permits for fences that do not meet ordinance requirements but that do not pose safety concerns.

After review by the staff and the Infrastructure Committee, it is recommended that no changes be made in the current procedure because of the differences in each situation and the need to consider aesthetics and other reasons.

The Commission decided to take no action toward changing the current fence variance request procedure.

95-153. Introduction of an ordinance amending Sections 5.221-5.226 of Chapter 52 of Title V of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids concerning the regulation of antennas.

95-153-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an ordinance amending Sections 5.221-5.226 of Chapter 52 of Title V of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids concerning the regulation of antennas, be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and sent to the Planning Commission for their review.

Yeas: Bartman, Edison, Frakie, Mehney, Walton, Williamson and Deems - 7

Nays: -0-

Mayor Deems expressed disappointment in the failure of the reindeer parking ordinance and thanked everyone for their work over the past year.

95-192. The regular meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor until January 3, 1995.

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