



City of East Grand Rapids
Regular City Commission Meeting
Agenda

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Begins at 6 pm.

March 2, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
(EGR Community Center – 750 Lakeside Drive)

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda.
4. Public Comment.
5. Report of Mayor, City Commissioners and City Manager, including committee liaison reports.

Regular Agenda Items

6. Discuss the proposed Immigration Resolution presented by Commissioners Groff-Blaszak and Hunter.
7. Review the Report of Generated ideas from the February 7th Strategic Planning Session.

Consent Agenda Items (no hearing required; approval requested unless noted).

8. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 17, 2026.
9. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$324,240.85; county and school disbursements of \$683,729.61, and total remaining disbursements of \$1,675,372.83.
10. Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on January 26, 2026.
11. Communications.

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The City will provide reasonable auxiliary aids for individuals requiring them for effective communication in programs and services of the City. Notice must be made to the City five (5) days prior to the program or service requesting the specific auxiliary aid.



SHEA CHARLES
CITY MANAGER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners
FROM: Shea Charles, City Manager
DATE: February 25, 2026

RE: Immigration Resolution Discussion

Action Requested: That the City Commission discuss the proposed Immigration Resolution presented by Commissioners Groff-Blaszak and Hunter.

Background: At the February 2nd City Commission meeting, Commissioners Groff-Blaszak and Hunter shared with the Commission and Staff the attached resolution on Public Safety's interactions with ICE and requested that the Commission add it to that meeting's agenda. After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed to add the proposal to a future agenda so that Staff and Commissioners would have time to review, research, and consider the proposal.

The proposed resolution states, in part:

1. *The documented and enforced policies and procedures of the Department of Public Safety shall specifically*

- a. *Include "immigration status" as a named protected class in its Fair and Impartial Policing Policy; and*
- b. *Prohibit officers and representatives from contributing resources or participating in federal immigration enforcement activities including, but not limited to:*
 - i. *Riding along with federal immigration and customs enforcement officers;*
 - ii. *Conducting joint investigations with federal immigration and customs enforcement officers; or*
 - iii. *Sharing investigative information with federal immigration and customs enforcement officers.*

2. *The City shall not use, nor provide for use, any public land, facilities or other resources for the establishment of a federal immigration and customs enforcement detention center.*

3. *The City shall not enter into any 287(g) agreement with federal immigration and customs enforcement agencies.*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

We call on the Kent County Sheriff to immediately cease compliance with any and all detainers issued by federal immigration and customs enforcement agencies and refrain from holding any person in detention at the request of federal immigration and customs enforcement agencies for

the purpose of investigating immigration status or securing their presence for immigration enforcement actions.

CURRENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Public Safety's current policies and practices relating to immigration issues are in the attached summary and FAQ. East Grand Rapids Public Safety does not and cannot enforce civil immigration matters. Our Fair & Impartial Policing policy prevents officers from asking about immigration status (attached).

Reviewing the draft resolution, the following observations are offered for Commission's consideration:

- With respect to 1.a., the Department's current Fair and Impartial Policing policy includes national origin as a protected class. Officers are already trained not to ask about national origin which includes immigration status.
- With respect to 1.b., the prohibition on contributing resources or participating in federal immigration enforcement already exists, as Michigan local enforcement officers cannot enforce civil immigration law. Officers are only authorized to enforce Michigan laws and local ordinances. However, if the City is presented with a valid Federal judicial warrant, then we must comply. The resolution, if adopted as written, has the potential to put the Department in an untenable position of having conflicting directives (i.e., a court order and a resolution at odds with each other).
- With respect to 2., the City has no publicly owned spaces that could be used for a detention center, and the City Commission would need to approve this action. Even if the resolution were approved, it is non-binding.
- With respect to 3., any 287(g) agreement is considered grant funding and requires City Commission approval under existing policy (attached). Even if the resolution were approved, it is non-binding.
- With respect to the final paragraph regarding the Kent County Sherriff, the Kent County Sheriff's Office has already publicly stated that the City of East Grand Rapids does not set policy for that department.

LEGAL ANALYSIS

The City Commission has been asked to consider resolutions on matters not within the City Commission's scope in the past and after consultation with staff has chosen not to adopt them. The decision not to pursue these resolutions is based on a 1982 legal analysis from City Attorney Robert W. Richardson. He noted that these types of resolutions are not appropriate for the City Commission. (attached)

The Cities of East Lansing and Ann Arbor have adopted immigration resolutions. Both have noted in their resolutions that they will not violate federal law.

SUMMARY

In many ways Michigan is further ahead on immigration issues as they relate to local law enforcement's interactions with the Federal government. By law, Michigan local law enforcement agencies cannot enforce federal civil immigration laws. They are only empowered to enforce Michigan laws and City ordinance violations. The only time our agency would have any interaction with immigration officials is if a valid judicial warrant was presented during a criminal investigation or other normal police encounter.

A discussion about the East Grand Rapids Public Safety Department's policies and procedures related to immigration is warranted to bring awareness to the community. Staff's review of the proposed resolution as compared to current Department policies and procedures show they are already being met or are outside the scope of the Commission's purview.

Staff is proud to note that these policies and procedures were in place before the recent change in Federal immigration enforcement tactics. This speaks highly to the professionalism of our Public Safety Department and the men and women that work every day to provide a safe place for all to live, work, and visit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shea Charles', written in a cursive style.

Shea Charles, City Manager

CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS RESOLUTION
2026-02

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THE
DIGNITY AND WELFARE OF RESIDENTS, NEIGHBORS AND VISITORS

At a regular meeting of the City of East Grand Rapids City Commission, Michigan, held at the City of East Grand Rapids Community Center, East Grand Rapids, Michigan on the _____ day of _____ 2026.

Present:

Absent:

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS we value every member of our community equally, regardless of background or status, including immigration status, and are committed to protecting the dignity, welfare and safety of every person who resides in or visits the City of East Grand Rapids; and

WHEREAS our community is stronger, safer and healthier when we can all safely access the services and care we need without fear; and

WHEREAS our municipal government has no role nor jurisdiction in the enforcement of federal laws or regulations relating to immigration and customs enforcement; and

WHEREAS the City of East Grand Rapids has no facility of its own and therefore lodges all persons taken into custodial arrest by its Public Safety Officers at the Kent County Correctional Facility operated under the authority of the Kent County Sheriff.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The documented and enforced policies and procedures of the Department of Public Safety shall specifically
 - a. Include “immigration status” as a named protected class in its *Fair and Impartial Policing Policy*; and
 - b. Prohibit officers and representatives from contributing resources or participating in federal immigration enforcement activities including, but not limited to:
 - i. Riding along with federal immigration and customs enforcement officers;
 - ii. Conducting joint investigations with federal immigration and customs enforcement officers; or
 - iii. Sharing investigative information with federal immigration and customs enforcement officers.

2. The City shall not use, nor provide for use, any public land, facilities or other resources for the establishment of a federal immigration and customs enforcement detention center.
3. The City shall not enter into any 287(g) agreement with federal immigration and customs enforcement agencies.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

We call on the Kent County Sherrif to immediately cease compliance with any and all detainers issued by federal immigration and customs enforcement agencies and refrain from holding any person in detention at the request of federal immigration and customs enforcement agencies for the purpose of investigating immigration status or securing their presence for immigration enforcement actions.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2026.

CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

BY: _____
Katie Favale, Mayor

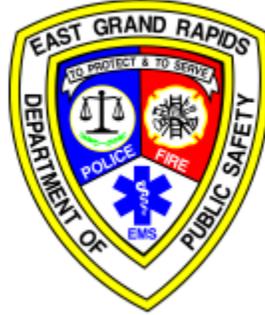
BY: _____
Lori Parmenter, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Lori Parmenter, the duly appointed Clerk of the City of East Grand Rapids, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City of East Grand Rapids at a regular meeting held _____, 2026, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

BY: _____
Lori Parmenter, City Clerk



**The East Grand Rapids
Department of Public Safety
&
Federal Immigration Enforcement
Frequently Asked Questions**

Statement

The East Grand Rapids Department of Public Safety is responsible for enforcing state law and city ordinances within the City of East Grand Rapids, Michigan. All sworn Public Safety members are cross-trained as firefighters and emergency medical service providers. Public Safety strives to maintain a safe and welcoming community for residents, visitors and community members. The Department maintains a highly motivated, professional staff who make the East Grand Rapids a safe place to live, work and visit.

The East Grand Rapids Department of Public Safety is neither responsible for, nor has the authority to, enforce federal civil immigration laws used to detain or remove undocumented immigrants. The Department has not, does not and will not serve as a civil immigration enforcement agency for the federal government.

East Grand Rapids Public Safety Department's Federal Immigration Policies and Practices Summary

The national debate surrounding immigration enforcement has raised questions of how the City of East Grand Rapids Public Safety Department handles these issues. This is a summary of the East Grand Rapids Public Safety Department's long-established policies and practices regarding Federal Immigration enforcement.

- East Grand Rapids Public Safety Officers do **not** have inherent authority to enforce civil immigration law unless specifically authorized under federal law such as a 287(g) or other agreement. No such agreement is in place and would require City Commission approval to enter into one.
- East Grand Rapids Public Safety Officers have the authority to make arrests, custodial or otherwise, for violations of **Michigan law and city ordinance violations**. See *MCL 764.9c*.
- The City of East Grand Rapids Public Safety Department has not, does not, and will not work in conjunction with ICE and/or Border Patrol to actively look for violators of civil immigration laws.
- The East Grand Rapids Public Safety Department has not and will not accompany federal immigration agents to residences in East Grand Rapids or elsewhere to conduct civil immigration enforcement.
- The City of East Grand Rapids Public Safety Department does not have a 287(g) agreement or any other memorandum of understanding with federal immigration agencies. A 287(g) agreement gives local law enforcement training, certification and the authority to enforce immigration law.
- The East Grand Rapids Public Safety Department will not investigate civil immigration violations or contact federal immigration authorities, including ICE and/or Border Patrol, during calls for service, traffic stops, or other routine police activity, unless a valid and authorized judicial warrant or court order exists.
- This does not limit our authority or responsibility to arrest individuals for criminal offenses, including violent crimes. Our commitment to public safety, maintaining peace, and enforcing state and local laws remains unchanged.
- Ensuring the safety of our community and providing clear, lawful guidance to our officers are the primary objectives in our community. It is our priority to make the City of East Grand Rapids a safe place to live, work, and visit.
- East Grand Rapids' Public Safety policies and procedures are in line with other Michigan and National Law Enforcement agencies.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Do East Grand Rapids Public Safety officers have authority to engage in immigration enforcement based on their license as a Michigan law enforcement officer?***

No. Under federal law, department personnel are prohibited from investigating or arresting a person for civil immigration purposes. That authority is within the purview of federal law enforcement officers employed by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

Local law enforcement officers have the authority to make arrests, custodial or otherwise, for violations of state law or for a city ordinance violation. See [MCL 764.9c](#).

- 2. What would grant an East Grand Rapids Public Safety officer the authority to enforce civil immigration laws?***

This would only be possible if the City of East Grand Rapids entered into a 287(g) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or other similar agreement granting authority. See 8 U.S.C. § 1357 and INA § 287(a)(4) and 8 C.F.R. § 287.5(c)(2).

Enforcement of civil immigration laws is the responsibility of federal immigration authorities, such as ICE and CBP. Local law enforcement officers do not have inherent authority to enforce civil immigration law unless specifically authorized under federal law such as a 287(g) or other agreement. No such agreement is in place with the City of East Grand Rapids.

- 3. Can East Grand Rapids Public Safety officers arrest someone who has an outstanding arrest warrant for violating a criminal immigration offense?***

Yes. In a lawful investigation, an officer can arrest someone who has an outstanding arrest warrant if the officer learns that a suspect has a criminal arrest warrant signed by a federal judge. The arrest warrant must be confirmed,

and the suspect will be taken into custody in addition to local charges, if applicable.

It is important to note that an arrest warrant is a court order signed by a judge and does not grant the officer or Public Safety any discretion to ignore the court order.

4. *Can an officer stop and detain someone to determine their immigration status?*

No. Under federal law, a stop requires an officer to have reasonable suspicion of a crime being committed. Stopping someone to inquire about their immigration status would be a violation of that standard as well as several existing policies contained in the [EGR Manual of Policies and Procedures](#). Officers violating these policies would be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

5. *Does the Public Safety Department's Manual of Policies and Procedures address civil immigration enforcement?*

Yes. The Department's [policy manual](#) has multiple sections applicable to civil immigration matters, including:

Section 3-25

Fair and Impartial Policing

States in part:

C. LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR SERVICES. Personnel:

1. Are prohibited from bias influenced policing in all law enforcement encounters.
2. Shall treat all people in a fair and impartial manner during all law enforcement encounters, when providing any service, and in accordance with the law (e.g., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act 1964, the Michigan Elliott-Larson Civil Rights Act, etc.) or taking any enforcement actions such as public contacts, traffic stops, field interviews or investigations, asset forfeitures, arrests, searches and

seizures, detention of a person, etc. Examples of traits or lifestyles that may cause a bias reaction include:

- Race
- National Origin
- Ethnic Background
- Gender
- Gender identity
- Sexual orientation
- Religion
- Marital Status
- Economic Status
- Individuals with Disability
- Age
- Cultural group

F. EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES. Employees:

1. Are required to comply with the law, Department policy, procedures, rules, regulations and/or directives.

Section 10-19

Searches, Strip Searches, Body cavity Searches

States in part:

10. *Border searches.* Michigan law enforcement officers do not enforce customs or immigration laws, except in conjunction with Federal agencies. (Unless a signed 287g agreement is in place with the governmental agency).

Section 3-7

The Constitution of the United States of America

States in part:

AMENDMENT 10 - Powers of the States and People

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

The 10th amendment limits federal authority over state and local police regarding immigration enforcement through:

- **Anti-Commandeering Doctrine:** The Supreme Court has ruled that the federal government cannot compel states or localities to enforce federal law, including immigration, as this would violate state sovereignty.
- **Voluntary Cooperation:** Local police are not required to honor federal immigration detainers (requests to hold individuals).
- **Formal Agreements (287(g)):** While the federal government cannot force local, voluntary participation, it can enter into 287(g) agreements, where local officers are trained and deputized to assist with immigration enforcement.

In other words, the 10th Amendment empowers local law enforcement to choose whether to engage in federal immigration through a signed 287g agreement, affirming that they are not agents of the federal government.

Section 10-4

Arrest Management

States in part:

- A. **ARREST AUTHORITY.** In order to have a valid arrest, the elements of authority, intent, force, custody, and submission must be present.
1. Authority:
 - a. Refers to the person making the arrest.
 - b. To arrest is vested in employees who are fully empowered and regularly employed by the East Grand Rapids Department of Public Safety.
- D. **ARREST REQUIREMENTS**
1. *Arrest warrant required.* An arrest warrant:

- a. Commands an officer to immediately arrest the named person and make them available for court proceedings. Sworn personnel shall:
 - 1) Positively identify the individual
 - 2) Confirm the warrant through LEIN, Possess the warrant or have knowledge a warrant has been issued.
 - 3) Advise the suspect they are under arrest
 - 4) Place the suspect in handcuffs or under arrest
 - 5) Transport the suspect to the Kent County Jail/designated facility or allow to post bond if able.

***Note:** These steps do not have to occur in specific order

DEFINITIONS

Civil Immigration Violation: breach of United States federal immigration laws or regulations that is not classified as a criminal offense but rather as a civil matter. Civil immigration violations typically involve conduct that renders a noncitizen subject to administrative removal proceedings, rather than criminal prosecution. Civil immigration law is found in the United States Code of Federal Regulations.

Code of Federal Regulations: (CFR): the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) is the annual codification of general and permanent rules published by U.S. federal agencies in the Federal Register. Divided into 50 titles representing broad subject areas, it constitutes the official, legally binding regulations. These laws are investigated and enforced by authorized federal agencies and officers.

Criminal Immigration Violation: conduct that violates United States federal immigration statutes and is classified as a criminal offense, as opposed to a civil violation. Criminal immigration violations typically involve actions that are prosecuted in federal court and may result in criminal penalties such as fines, imprisonment, or both. Criminal immigration law is found in the United States Code of Federal Regulations.

Customs and Border Protection (CBP): federal agency of the United States government, established within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) responsible for border security, trade facilitation, and enforcement functions.

Immigration Administrative Warrant: commonly DHS form I-200, Warrant for Arrest of Alien or DHS form I-205 Warrant for Removal or Deportation are administrative civil documents issued between one immigration officer to another immigration officer. These documents are not issued between an immigration officer and a local law enforcement agency and are not arrest warrants issued by a Judge.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE): principal United States law enforcement agency within the Department of Homeland Security, tasked with enforcing immigration and customs laws, conducting investigations, and managing detention and removal operations.

Michigan Criminal Arrest Warrant: legal document signed by a Judge or Magistrate authorizing law enforcement to arrest an individual for alleged criminal activity or for failing to comply with court orders. These are signed by a Judge or Magistrate and are on a form created by the State Court Administrative Office. It commands a peace officer or court officer authorized to make an arrest to take the subject into custody.

287(g) Agreement: a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the federal government and the local governmental entity, that constitutes an agreement between United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the local government, pursuant to which ICE delegates to nominated, trained, and certified local law enforcement officers the authority to perform certain immigration enforcement functions.



Manual of Policy & Procedure

Conduct & Responsibilities

Section 3-25: <i>Fair & Impartial Policing</i>	Risk/Freq.: <i>HR/HF</i>
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A. **PURPOSE.** To emphasize the Department’s commitment to fair and impartial treatment of all persons when providing public safety services.

B. **DEFINITION**

Bias-based (influenced) policing. The differential treatment of individuals in the context of rendering public safety services based solely on subject classification, traits, beliefs, or lifestyles.

C. **LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR SERVICES.** Personnel:

1. Are prohibited from bias influenced policing in all law enforcement encounters.
2. Shall treat all people in a fair and impartial manner during all law enforcement

encounters, when providing any service, and in accordance with the law (e.g., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act 1964, the Michigan Elliott-Larson Civil Rights Act, etc.) or taking any enforcement actions such as public contacts, traffic stops, field interviews or investigations, asset forfeitures, arrests, searches and seizures, detention of a person, etc. Examples of traits or lifestyles that may cause a bias reaction include:

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 - Sexual orientation
 - Religion
 - Marital Status
 - Economic Status
 - Individuals with Disability
 - Age
 - Cultural group
2. Must articulate specific facts and inferences drawn from those facts that establish reasonable suspicion or probable cause to justify a stop or enforcement action.
 3. When practical and absent exigent circumstances, should accommodate a subject who through observation or articulation of particular facts has a(n):
 - Physical or mental disabilities
 - Injury
 - Illness
 - Infirmary
 4. Should accommodate a person lacking English proficiency or is deaf or deaf/blind and cannot communicate without an interpreter or other assistance.
- D. USE OF TRAITS FOR REASONABLE SUSPICION OR PROBABLE CAUSE. Officers may use traits and characteristics such as age, race, ethnicity, or national origin along with descriptive features such as hair color, height, weight, or gender to assist in establishing reasonable suspicion or probable cause or for other legitimate law enforcement purposes.
- E. PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST. To prevent inappropriate perceptions of biased law enforcement, personnel:
1. Shall refrain from any investigations that involve a person with whom they have a private or intimate relationship, a relative, or when off duty and involved in the incident.

2. May still act in an emergency involving self-defense, imminent threat of serious or life-threatening injury to a person or when a serious offense is being committed. Personnel should notify the appropriate law enforcement agency/dispatch center, as soon as practical, that the member needs assistance for the emergency.
3. (Reference criteria in E.1.) shall immediately notify an EGRDPS supervisor to investigate the incident if the incident occurred in East Grand Rapids. If the incident occurred in another jurisdiction, EGR personnel shall notify an appropriate law enforcement supervisor from that jurisdiction to investigate the incident. Personnel shall notify the Director of all such incidents according to Department policy and through the appropriate chain of command.

F. EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES. Employees:

1. Are required to comply with the law, Department policy, procedures, rules, regulations and/or directives.
2. Are obligated, when they have the means and opportunity, to intervene if they observe other employees or those assisting the Department or being assisted by the Department engaging in illegal, unfair, partial, or excessive behavior.
3. Shall report, as soon as practical to a supervisor or command officer, behavior that they believe is illegal, unfair, partial, excessive, or inappropriate, or a violation of, or not within the intent of Department policy, procedures, rules, regulations and/or directives.

G. SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES. Supervisors:

1. Receiving a report of inappropriate behavior shall, as soon as practical, document the complaint and forward it to the Director or designee. If necessary, supervisors are responsible to take immediate action to mitigate the incident.
2. Are responsible for monitoring employee behavior to identify incidents that are illegal, unfair, partial, excessive, or inappropriate or a violation of, or not within the intent of, Department policy, procedures, rules, regulations and/or directives.

H. AUDIT

1. To provide for early intervention, supervisors, during each month of the calendar year, will audit the activity of each member they supervise by reviewing a random representation of video and related reports or documentation. The goal is to ensure all activity and behavior reflects Department expectations, policy, procedures, rules, regulations and/or directives.

- a. Staff Sergeants or designee shall complete a **“Video Review Form”** or other appropriate documentation (i.e., **“Sergeants Daily Activity Report”** and/or memorandum) to the Police Services Captain describing:

- 1) Date of audit.
- 2) Person’s name being audited.
- 3) Marker or identifier of video or audio reviewed.

And behavior observed in audited material that:

- 1) Exceeds Department’s expectation.
- 2) May be considered illegal, unfair, partial, excessive, or inappropriate or a violation of, or not within the intent of, Department policy, rules, procedures, or directives; or
- 3) Indicates additional training is needed to improve safety practices, procedural issues, or the operation of Department equipment.

- b. A **“Video Review Form”** shall be completed monthly on each officer and submitted to the Police Services Captain along with any other appropriate documentation.

2. The Police Services Captain shall:

- a. Review the **“Video Review Forms”** and **“SDARs”** when submitted.
- b. Document and forward observations of exemplary behavior to appropriate individuals and departments.
- c. Document and forward observations of improper behavior to the appropriate authority for remedial training or follow-up investigation for potential disciplinary action.

I. **COMMAND RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Director or designee shall:

1. Complete a written annual meaningful review of agency practices and corrective action taken as it relates to internal affairs complaints/investigations of bias-based (influence) policing or complaints made in the annual MLEAC report.
2. Determine if any Department training or policy modifications are needed.
3. Provide the MLEAC report to the City Manager and retain a copy as a management record of the Department.

J. TRAINING. The Department shall:

1. Commit to periodic training ensuring that all employees are aware of the social issues involving diversity and what constitutes impartial policing.
2. At a minimum, ensure agency personnel receive bias based police training, including legal requirements and sanctions, annually.
3. Conduct initial training for newly hired personnel regarding the impropriety of bias influenced policing, including legal requirements and sanctions.

K. COMPLAINTS. The Department:

1. Takes all allegations or complaints of illegal, unfair, partial, excessive, or inappropriate behavior seriously.
2. Will investigate all complaints as outlined in the **MOPP Section 3-13: Complaints of Officer Misconduct and Section 3-40: Rules & Regulations**. If evidence is found to support the complaint, appropriate corrective action will be taken in accordance with **Section 3-22: Disciplinary Process**.

L. COMPLIANCE. Violations of this policy, or portions thereof, may result in disciplinary action.

M. OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO OTHER AGENCIES. Department officers assigned to or assisting other agencies shall be guided by this policy.

N. POLICY HISTORY

Rescinds: N/A
Adopted: 3.30.17
Revised: 12.3.18, 3.24.21, 7.4.22, 8.3.23, 6.12.24
Reviewed: 12.21.20

By order of:



Ric Buikema, Director of Public Safety

CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS POLICY

TITLE: GRANT APPLICATION APPROVALS

All applications for grants or private funding on behalf of the City of East Grand Rapids or any of its departments or programs must be approved by the City Commission prior to submitting the grant application. This includes all requests to the Federal government, State of Michigan, private or public foundations, advocacy groups, community organizations, private donor or any person or agency with the ability to provide funding, services or in-kind products to the city for outreach/publicity programs, equipment, supplies, staffing or any city initiatives.

Adopted by the City Commission
September 18, 2023

Actions taken by City Commission without authority

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Mayor and Commissioners,

The City actually has a policy dealing with the City Commission acting on items not within the authority of the City Commission. Attached are an opinion dated April 29, 1982, from the then serving City Attorney, Robert W. Richardson, and a follow up item from Mr. Richardson dated June 1, 1982. The issue which triggered this opinion was a request from a resident that the City support the adoption of a nuclear weapons freeze. After reviewing the Michigan Constitution, the Home Rules City Act, and the City Charter, Mr. Richardson found no authority for the City to act on the question of nuclear weapons. He also cited the Michigan Supreme Court case of Attorney General v City of Detroit, 225 Mich 631 (1923) which found that a municipality possessed no power to legislate a public policy in matters of State concern.

The final paragraph of the opinion indicates that any action taken beyond the authority of the City Commission would constitute no more than the expression of personal views of those City Commissioners voting on the matter. In addition, such action would be without authority as to establishing a position for the City or for the residents of the City.

Very little of the proposed immigration resolution is within the authority of the City Commission. The policies and procedures already adopted by the Department of Public Safety are within the authority of that department with the Director of Public Safety being legally responsible for their development and implementation. This is not a duty assigned to the City Commission. A 287(g) agreement would require approval of the City Commission to be valid. No such agreement is in place nor has such an agreement been sought. For a vote on any grant funding proposal to be valid, it would need to be taken on a proposal for an actual agreement. The direction to the Kent County Sheriff is clearly beyond the authority of the City Commission since the County is the municipal authority that regulates the Sheriff. As you may know, the Sheriff already indicated that the Sheriff does not take directions or orders from the City of East Grand Rapids.

This would leave only the issue of the City providing land or facilities for the establishment of a federal detention center. Such a transfer of City property would require the consent of the City Commission. As noted above, any action taken by the City without authority would not establish a position for the City or its residents.

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POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

TITLE: CITY COMMISSION - RELATIVE ITEMS

April 29, 1986

City of East Grand Rapids
750 Lakeside Drive SE
East Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Gentlemen:

The minutes of the April 19, 1982 City Commission meeting, at item 442, discuss the question of a state and national nuclear war weapon freeze and ask that the City Attorney review the Commission's authority as to making a decision on this matter.

It is our opinion that the matter is not one as to which the City has power to act. Under Article VII, Section 22 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, it is provided that "Each *** City *** shall have power to adopt resolutions and ordinances relating to its municipal concerns, property and government, subject to the Constitution and law. ***"

The Home Rule Act, under which the Charter of the City of East Grand Rapids was drafted, specifically sets forth certain powers which may properly be included within the City Charter.

The Charter of the City of East Grand Rapids specifies certain actions to be taken by the City government.

We do not find in any of these statutes authority for the City to act on the question of nuclear weapons.

The question as to whether or not a city is limited by the powers granted to it under the Constitution and Home Rule Act is discussed at some length in a 1923 Supreme Court opinion in the case of Attorney General v. City of Detroit, 225 Mich 691. In that case it appears that the City of Detroit had attempted to establish minimum wage regulations. The court found that this power rested in the state and not in the municipality and, at pages 640-641, made the following statement which applies generally to the authority vested in city governments.

"In the provisions under consideration the city has undertaken to exercise the police power not only over matters of municipal concern but also over matters of State concern; it has undertaken not only to fix a public policy for its activities which are purely local but also for its activities as an arm of the State. The provisions apply alike to local activities and State activities. If we assume, as we have for the purposes of the case, without deciding the question, that the city possesses such of the police power of the State as may be necessary to permit it

City Commission - Relative Items (continued)

to legislate upon matters of municipal concern, it does not follow that it possesses all the police power of the sovereign so as to enable it to legislate generally in fixing a public policy in matters of State concern. This power has not been given it either by the Constitution or the home-rule act"

The question relative to the nuclear war weapons freeze is a question which is properly the concern of the national government under the Constitution and laws of the United States and is not within the authority of any municipality. Accordingly, it would be our opinion that the City Commission is without authority to make a decision on this matter.

Any expression of views or other action by the City Commission on this subject would constitute no more than the expression of the personal views of those City Commissioners voting on the matter. On the basis of the Constitution, statutes and case law as discussed above, such action would be without authority as to establishing a position for the City or for the residents of the City.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Richardson
City Attorney

DATE:

April 29, 1982

APPROVED BY:

City Commission
City Manager or City Commission

SIGNED:

[Signature]
City Manager

POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

TITLE: CITY COMMISSION - AGENDA - RELEVANT ITEMS

John Huff's notes from the May 17, 1982 City Commission meeting included a request that I again comment on the question of the scope of the authority of the City Commission as discussed in my April 29, 1982 opinion.

In response to the inquiries made at the May 17, 1982 meeting, my opinion is as follows:

1. The public and each member thereof has the right to bring before the City Commission any matter which such person believes to be proper.

2. The City Commission may, if it determines that the subject matter is not a matter for municipal concern as discussed in my April 29, 1982 opinion, so inform the petitioner and terminate the discussion. In the alternative, the City Commission may elect to hear the matter fully even though it has no authority to act in regard to the matter.

3. If the matter is not one of municipal concern, the City Commission should take no action by resolution or ordinance relating to the same. This could be done by adoption of a motion to the effect that the matter is not one of municipal concern and that therefore no action is being taken. The same result could be achieved without such a motion, merely by taking no action at all.

Robert W. Richardson

DATE: June 1, 1982

APPROVED BY: C. A. opinion
City Manager or City Commission

SIGNED: APM
City Manager



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SHEA CHARLES
CITY MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners
FROM: Shea Charles, City Manager
DATE: February 25, 2026

RE: Strategic Planning Session - Report of Generated Ideas

Action Requested: That the City Commission review the Report of Generated ideas from the February 7th Strategic Planning Session.

Background: The City Commission and senior staff participated in a strategic planning session on February 7th. Attached is a report of generated ideas from facilitator Marilyn Semonick. If the report looks acceptable staff will incorporate it into this year's annual budget.

Shea Charles, City Manager



**City of East Grand Rapids
Annual Planning Work Session for FY26/27
February 7, 2026**

REPORT OF GENERATED IDEAS

Aligned with the annual budgeting process, the City Commission, Mayor, City Manager, and Senior Staff of the City of East Grand Rapids conducted the leadership team's planning workshop, February 7, 2026. The session involved revisiting the established Blueprint of Strategic Results Areas, reviewing progress made on initiatives set in 2025, and discussion of ongoing goals/projects for FY26/27. Before discussion of priorities for the upcoming fiscal year, the team took a look into the future to anticipate potential challenges or threats that may need to be addressed and opportunities that could be leveraged. Discussion of essential goals/projects led to prioritizing initiatives within each Key Results Area for the upcoming year.

OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Share Individual #1 Priority for 2026
- ◆ Discuss for Clarity & Understanding: Progress Made in 2025 Priorities
- ◆ Discuss for Clarity & Understanding: Ongoing Priorities & To-Dos for 2026
- ◆ Identify Potential Near-Future Threats & Opportunities
- ◆ Review "Pillars" – Key Results Areas for Relevance and Effectiveness
- ◆ Review Ongoing Projects & Any Additional Items with in Each Pillar
- ◆ Prioritize Goals/Projects

INDIVIDUAL #1 PRIORITIES

Taking seriously the responsibility of setting goals for city commissioners is essential because those goals shape the direction, priorities, and accountability of local government. Clear, well-considered goals provide a shared vision that guide policy decisions, resource allocation, and the work of city staff, helping ensure that daily actions align with the long-term needs of the community.

When commissioners approach goal-setting thoughtfully, they create measurable benchmarks that allow residents to evaluate progress and trust their leaders. Conversely, vague or poorly defined goals can lead to inefficiency, confusion, and missed opportunities to address critical issues. Goal-setting is a core responsibility that reinforces transparency, helps staff allocate resources effectively, strengthens public confidence and trust, and helps city commissioners serve their communities with purpose and integrity.

Commissioners Priorities:

- ◆ Becoming a higher functioning team for the community
- ◆ Focus & efficiency
- ◆ Protect the City, win the lawsuit
- ◆ Protect the City – are we putting enough safeguards on projects? To be legal & to be good stewards of our community
- ◆ Yes, and . . .
- ◆ Need for a social contract: an agreed upon set of norms for governing so we can become more effective, efficient, and able to achieve results through civility and respect
- ◆ Lean into community feedback
- ◆ Integrated plan for Gaslight / High School / Waterfront II

Staff Priorities:

- ◆ Setting direction on various projects
- ◆ Successfully transferring City's legal services to my successor
- ◆ The continuation of making East Grand Rapids a safe place to live, work, & visit
- ◆ Successful completion of multiple coordinated infrastructure projects
- ◆ Implement balanced improvements of projects

THREATS / CHALLENGES and OPPORTUNITIES

Before discussing long-term goals and setting priorities for the next 12-18 months, the team reviewed last year's list of potential threats/challenges that may need to be addressed and opportunities they might optimize in the near-future. There was a suggestion to pay particular attention in potential changes in demographics, technology, and legislation. The review resulted in "crossing off" items that have been addressed and a few items were added.

What potential opportunities might we optimize in the near future?

What threats/challenges might we need to address in the near future?

POTENTIAL THREATS /CHALLENGES

- ◆ Economy
- ◆ Lawsuit
- ◆ Federal Government Shutdowns
- ◆ Protests

- ◆ AI – Cloud Services / Costs
- ◆ Work Force Capacity – Trades / Contractors
- ◆ Misinformation

POTENTIAL NEAR FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Lower project costs (potentially)

Coordinate & leverage third part projects to improve quality of life

More vibrant city center & diversified housing

Streamlining hiring & training processes

Continuing to secure grants

NOTE: Please be mindful of engaging in extended discussion that, while well-intentioned, does not clearly convey specific direction to staff. Open conversation is an important part of deliberation, but when dialogue becomes broad or speculative, it can create uncertainty about priorities, expectations, and next steps. Staff may be left interpreting individual comments rather than receiving a clear, collective sense of Commission's will.

To support effective governance and efficient use of staff time, Commission discussions should strive to culminate in concise, actionable direction. Clarifying decisions and articulating desired outcomes helps ensure that conversation translates into progress. Being deliberate about when discussion is exploratory and when it is directive will strengthen communication, accountability, and follow-through.

EXAMPLE: There was rich conversation about Commission's desired direction on the Cross Town Connectors. Differing opinions we expressed, questions we answered, and options we offered. However, we could easily have moved onto the next initiative without verbalizing direction to the staff. This leaves staff having to guess and perhaps allocate resources (or not) in inefficient ways. In the end, the Commission, AS A UNIT chose not to pursue for FY26, rather revisit in 2027, aligning with planned construction projects, and staff will staff provide additional design options. This can minimize downtown and destruction and optimize cost.

PILLARS: KEY STRATEGIC GOAL AREAS

KEY: (X) = score # voted for prioritization

Votes made by Commissioners and Staff from 1-6:

1 = the HIGHEST priority / 6 = the LOWEST of the 6 priorities

C = Commissioner Votes / S = Staff Votes

CITY OPERATIONS/ ADMINISTRATION

- Continue focus on financial sustainability/responsibility **(C = 1.6 / S = 1.4)**
- Continue intergovernmental relationships/cooperation: Neighboring communities, county & state **(C = 2 / S = 3.25)**
- Continue to ensure Core Government Services **(C = 4 / S = 3.25)**

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Maintain current high level of safety, low crime and fire **(C = 2 / S = 2)**
- Traffic safety: data collection of next steps **(C = 2)**
- Increase messaging and communication **(S = 6)**

PARKS & RECREATION

- Implement Parks Improvement Millage **(C = 4 / S = 4)**
- Improve access to Reeds Lake **(4.75 / S = 5)**
- Joint Facilities Improvements **(C = 5 / S = 4)**
- Enhancing Programs **(S = 3)**

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Pedestrian Safety-Mobility Bike Action Plan Implementation **(C = 2 / S = 3)**
- Water/Sanitary/Storm Sewer Infrastructure Improvements **(C = 4 / S = 4.4)**
- Lead Service Line Replacements **(C = 4.6 / S = 4)**
- Street and Sidewalk Infrastructure Improvements-Sidewalks **(S = 5)**
- Safe Routes to School Program Continued

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Optimize communication with community: communicate work that is being done / celebrate successes **(C = 1.8 / S = 6)**
- Master Plan: Implement & Zoning **(C = 4.2 / S = 5)**
- GVBA: Consider addressing the need for a Community Events Coordinator **(C = 6 / S = 6)**
- Continue to gather & listen to community & take into consideration regarding projects

SCHEDULE WORK SESSIONS AS NEEDED

A few topics discussed for scheduled work sessions:

Dig Deeper into Complicated, Controversial Issues

Work sessions are vital for city commissions because they provide a focused, less formal setting where complex, complicated, or controversial issues can be explored in depth before being brought to a public meeting. In a work session, commissioners can ask detailed questions, examine data, consider multiple perspectives, and engage in candid discussion without the pressure of making immediate decisions or performing for an audience. This deeper level of analysis leads to more informed, thoughtful outcomes and helps prevent confusion or conflict during formal commission meetings. By reserving public meetings for clearer, well-vetted proposals, city commissions demonstrate respect for the community's time while improving the quality, transparency, and effectiveness of their decision-making.

Create a social contract

Creating a social contract for a city commission can provide a powerful foundation for rebuilding trust, clarity, and effective collaboration. By clearly defining shared values, expectations, and standards of conduct, a social contract helps commission members move beyond personal conflicts and refocus on their collective responsibility to the community. It establishes agreed-upon norms for communication, decision-making, and accountability, reducing misunderstandings and destructive behavior. When embraced in good faith, a social contract can transform dysfunction into structure, encourage mutual respect, and create a stable framework that supports more productive governance and better outcomes for residents.

This, of course, must be “embraced in good faith” with the genuine intention to serve the community as an aligned unit rather than putting personal interests and positions first.

NOTE: WORKING AS A HIGH-FUNCTIONING LEADERSHIP TEAM doesn't happen by accident. Consider taking a few minutes, regularly, at your work sessions to discuss your productivity, as a team. It's not just what you do, it's also how you do it:

- ◆ *How are we currently functioning?*
- ◆ *Are we able to utilize our time together efficiently, effectively, and productively?*
- ◆ *Are we able to discuss, even the tough issues, with respect?*
- ◆ *Do we really hear each other?*
- ◆ *Are each of us acting in ways that model behaviors expected for the City?*
- ◆ *Do our behaviors increase confidence and trust and reduce tension for residents?*
- ◆ *Where can we improve to be even more effective as we move forward?*

NEXT STEPS

- ✓ This report of generated ideas is created and sent to City Manager Charles, who will review and send to Commission members and Senior Staff.
- ✓ Once reviewed and approved, the City Staff will once again align Commission priorities to annual budget and report back to council.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to work with you. I commend your continuous service to your City and your investment of time, energy, and resources in planning and prioritizing.

Respectfully, Marilyn Semonick

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held February 17, 2026

Mayor Favale called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at the East Grand Rapids Community Center and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioners Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Mayor Favale.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Charles; Deputy City Manager LaFave; City Attorney Huff; Finance Director Seath; Parks & Recreation Director Melville; Public Safety Director Buikema; City Clerk Parmenter.

2026-17. The agenda was approved as presented.

2026-18. Public comment:

Nancy Pattison, 2104 Gorham, she likes to read and has learned a lot and spoke about the PUD.

Kayla, Maplewood, is in favor of Resolution 2026-1.

Mandy Sharp Eizinger, 1643 Whitfield, would like Resolution 2026-1 on the agenda.

Martha, Berwyck, would like clarity on ICE and wants to know if it will be discussed again with public comment.

Emily, would like Resolution 2026-1 passed.

Tina Murun, 1031 Lakeside, is in favor of Resolution 2026-1.

Liz Aldrich, Oakwood, asked Commissioners to support the Resolution 2026-1 and would like to hear from Public Safety on this.

Glen Anderson, 2444 Berwyck, said that Resolution 2026-1 should be voted down.

Marc Armstead, 2202 Elmwood, would like Resolution 2026-1 voted down.

Eric Williams, Albert Dr., supports Resolution 2026-1.

Chris Hoffman, Oakwood, supports Resolution 2026-1.

Chip, Berwyck, is not in favor of Resolution 2026-1.

Bethany Chavez, Boston, is in favor of Resolution 2026-1.

2026-19. Mayor and City Commission comments, including committee liaison reports.

Commissioner Skaggs spoke about comments being made at the Federal level of government relating to elections and thanked all of the workers and everyone involved that keep Michigan's elections safe and secure. She also thanked everyone who came out to share their comments tonight.

Commissioner Burdick thanked everyone for their comments and would like to give the Public Safety Chief time to speak about the current practices of the department relating to immigration practices.

Public Safety Chief Buikema said that he is working on a FAQ page that will be posted on the website and noted that the department does not, has not and will not enforce immigration.

Commissioner Burdick thanked Public Safety Chief Buikema and the department for the work they do and noted that the Parks and Recreation meeting was great.

Commissioner Wessely thanked everyone for coming out and noted that there were already things in place and stated that it was his commitment to keep everyone safe.

Commissioner Hunter thanked everyone for coming out and speaking.

Commissioner Groff-Blaszak thanked everyone for coming out and those that came to the town hall.

Commissioner Schwartz thanked Public Safety Chief for the information and everyone that came to speak tonight.

Mayor Favale thanked City Manager Charles for his 5 years of service to the City.

City Manager Charles said that it has been a pleasure to serve the community.

2026-20. Financial reports for the three-month period ending December 31, 2025.

Finance Director Seath reviewed the information.

2026-21. Consider approval of the resolution amending the FY 2025-26 budget.

Finance Director Seath reviewed the information.

2026-21-A. Skaggs-Schwartz. To approve the resolution amending the FY 2025-26 budget.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Favale – 7
Nays: None.

2026-22. Consider approval of water main rehabilitation, replacement, and improvements as noted and authorize the Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works to award and implement noted projects.

Deputy City Manager La Fave reviewed the information.

Commissioner Hunter asked if Cambridge would be reconstructed on both sides of the street. Deputy City Manager La Fave said that it would be and the median would be a little smaller with new curb.

Commissioner Groff-Blaszak questioned the pre-authorized portion of the request. Deputy City Manager La Fave said that street projects are done the same way because it helps to get the bids out sooner and projects scheduled easier with the short expectations of construction season. City Manager Charles also noted that if the bids exceed the approved amount, it would come back to the Commission for approval.

2026-22-A. Burdick-Skaggs. To approve the water main rehabilitation, replacement, and improvements as noted and authorize the Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works to award and implement noted projects.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Favale – 7
Nays: None.

2026-23. Consider awarding the Lake Drive and Hall Street traffic signal project in the amount of \$290,524.69 with contingency of 10%.

Deputy City Manager La Fave reviewed the information.

Commissioner Hunter left at 7:02 p.m.

2026-23-A. Groff-Blaszak-Schwartz. To award the Lake Drive and Hall Street traffic signal project to Strain Electric Co. in the amount of \$290,524.69 with contingency of 10%.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Favale – 6
Nays: None.

2026-24. Schwartz-Groff-Blaszak. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 2026-24-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 2, 2026.
- 2026-24-B. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$321,882.16; county and school disbursements of \$299,343.72, and total remaining disbursements of \$239,981.12.
- 2026-24-C. Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on November 24, 2025.
- 2026-24-D. Consider approval of the purchase of 6 – Cisco C1300-48P-4x switches for \$6,467.04 and installation services, transceivers and cables for \$4,319.34 for a total of \$10,786.38.
- 2026-24-E. 2026-27 Meeting Schedule.
- 2026-24-F. Communications

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Favale – 6
Nays: None.

2026-25. An executive session is requested for attorney client communication in accordance with Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

2026-25-A. Wessely-Burdick. To enter into an executive session at 7:09 p.m. as requested for attorney client communication in accordance with Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Schwartz, Skaggs, Wessely and Favale – 6
Nays: None.
Roll call vote taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until March 2, 2026.

Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk

**City of East Grand Rapids
 Agenda of the City Commission
 Voucher Run Summary March 2, 2026
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101-000-2830.00	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS PAYABLE	RENEWAL BY ANDERSON	REFUND/TRANSIENT MERCH BADGE	\$ 50.00
101-000-2880.04	SPECTRUM ESCROW DEPOSIT	PROGRESSIVE AE INC	BLODGETT SITE PLAN REV/ESCROW	\$ 2,165.00
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Dept 172 CITY MANAGER				
101-172-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 109.73
101-172-8010.21	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR RETREAT	MARILYN SEMONICK	STRATEGIC PLANNING	\$ 3,095.70
101-172-8010.23	OFF-SITE STORAGE	VITAL RECORDS CONTROL	OFFSITE STORAGE-FEB	\$ 220.74
		Total For Dept 172 CITY MANAGER		\$ 3,426.17
Dept 209 ASSESSOR				
101-209-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 87.79
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Dept 210 CITY ATTORNEY				
101-210-7080.00	CONTRACTUAL WAGES	BLOOM SLUGGETT, PC	CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$ 2,116.50
		Total For Dept 210 CITY ATTORNEY		\$ 2,116.50

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101-260-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL SERVICE/DEVICES	\$ 37.60
101-260-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	CORPORATE TECHNOLOGIES LL	PROTECT SERVER BACKUP SVC	\$ 650.00
101-260-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	EVERSTREAM SOLUTIONS LLC	PRIMARY INTERNET SVC	\$ 600.00
101-260-9320.00	COMPUTER REPAIR	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	PC HD UPGRADES	\$ 176.22
		Total For Dept 260 FINANCE		\$ 1,725.95
Dept 265 CITY BUILDINGS				
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101-265-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	GREAT LAKES ACE	PAINT SUPPLIES	\$ 10.99
101-265-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	LOWE'S	MICROWAVE DPW	\$ 264.10
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101-265-7400.06	OFFICE SUPPLIES	STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 37.43
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101-265-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 40.70
101-265-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 49.84
101-265-8010.35	GENERAL BUILDING/COM CENTER/LIB/	GR ELECTRIC INC	ELECTRICAL/WATER-STORAGE BLDG	\$ 1,620.00
101-265-8010.35	GENERAL BUILDING/COM CENTER/LIB/	GR ELECTRIC INC	OUTLET REPAIR	\$ 233.75
101-265-8010.35	GENERAL BUILDING/COM CENTER/LIB/	GRAND RAPIDS TECH	SECURITY CAMERA INTERNET	\$ 103.00
101-265-8010.35	GENERAL BUILDING/COM CENTER/LIB/	ELEVATOR SERVICE	ELEVATOR REPAIR	\$ 852.00
101-265-8010.48	FIRE MONITORING AND LOCK SYSTEMS	EVERON	FIRE MONITORING/DOOR ACCESS	\$ 45.51
101-265-8010.48	FIRE MONITORING AND LOCK SYSTEMS	EVERON	FIRE MONITORING/DOOR ACCESS	\$ 277.59
101-265-8010.48	FIRE MONITORING AND LOCK SYSTEMS	EVERON	FIRE MONITORING/DOOR ACCESS	\$ 330.90
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101-265-9700.00	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	CUSTER WORKPLACE INTERIORS	FURNITURE/PARKS	\$ 8,910.01
101-265-9700.00	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	CUSTER WORKPLACE INTERIORS	CREDIT FOR INV 433078/KDL STUDY RM	\$ (1,500.85)
101-265-9701.00	SMALL CAPITAL	GLOBAL EQUIPMENT CO	FLOORING CLEANER MACHINE	\$ 2,471.37
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Dept 345 PUBLIC SAFETY				
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101-345-7400.01	UNIFORMS	ON DUTY GEAR LLC	PATROL HATS	\$ 494.88
101-345-7400.01	UNIFORMS	ON DUTY GEAR LLC	UNIFORM ACCESSORY	\$ 20.99
101-345-7400.01	UNIFORMS	ON DUTY GEAR LLC	UNIFORMS	\$ 154.98
101-345-7400.07	MISC. OPERATING	GREAT LAKES ACE	BATTERY CHARGER	\$ 46.99
101-345-7400.07	MISC. OPERATING	GREAT LAKES ACE	OFFICE SUPPLIES & COFFEE	\$ 203.98
101-345-7400.07	MISC. OPERATING	GREAT LAKES ACE	PROPANE	\$ 15.30
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101-345-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	VITAL RECORDS CONTROL	OFFSITE STORAGE-FEB	\$ 88.09
101-345-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	SHELDON CLEANERS INC	PUBLIC SAFETY DRY CLEANING-JAN	\$ 105.25
101-345-9300.00	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	WEST SHORE SERVICES INC	SIREN REPAIR	\$ 462.50
101-345-9570.00	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	OTTAWA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS A	FIRE INSTRUCTOR COURSE/WALLACE	\$ 50.00
		Total For Dept 345 PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ 8,217.50
Dept 371 ZONING ADMINISTRATION				
101-371-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 131.68
101-371-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	PLB PLANNING GROUP LLC	PLANNING SERVICES	\$ 2,879.02
		Total For Dept 371 ZONING ADMINISTRATION		\$ 3,010.70

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Dept 485 GASLIGHT VILLAGE BUSINESS DISTRICT				
101-485-8010.36	REC/GROUND MAINT	GRAPIDS IRRIGATION	GASLIGHT HOLIDAY LIGHTS	\$ 12,188.00
		Total For Dept 485 GASLIGHT VILLAGE BUSINESS DISTRICT		\$ 12,188.00
Dept 528 YARD WASTE COLLECTION/REFUSE/COMPOST				
101-528-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 724.24
		Total For Dept 528 YARD WASTE COLLECTION/REFUSE/COMPOST		\$ 724.24
Dept 601 RECREATION REVENUE				
101-601-6110.00	RECREATION PROGRAMMING FEES	KATHRYN EARDLEY	REFUND/PARKS CREDIT	\$ 39.00
		Total For Dept 601 RECREATION REVENUE		\$ 39.00
Dept 751 RECREATION				
101-751-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 87.79
101-751-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	KIRA CHRISTOFFERSEN	REIMB/ART & OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 12.99
101-751-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	ACCURATE EMPLOYMENT SCREE	PRE EMPL BACKGROUND CK	\$ 76.47
101-751-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	CIVICPLUS	REC 1 SOFTWARE FEES	\$ 532.36
		Total For Dept 751 RECREATION		\$ 709.61
Dept 756 POOL PROGRAMS				
101-756-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 153.63
		Total For Dept 756 POOL PROGRAMS		\$ 153.63
Dept 771 TREE MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL				
101-771-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 197.52
		Total For Dept 771 TREE MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL		\$ 197.52
Dept 775 SPECIAL EVENTS				

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101-775-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 21.95
		Total For Dept 775 SPECIAL EVENTS		\$ 21.95
Dept 777 RECREATION PROGRAMMING				
101-777-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 219.47
101-777-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	KIRA CHRISTOFFERSEN	REIMB/ART & OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 15.55
		Total For Dept 777 RECREATION PROGRAMMING		\$ 235.02
Dept 778 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE				
101-778-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 373.09
101-778-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/GROUNDS	\$ 11.88
101-778-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/GROUNDS	\$ 11.88
101-778-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 0.01
101-778-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/GROUNDS	\$ 11.88
101-778-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/GROUNDS	\$ 11.88
101-778-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/GROUNDS	\$ 11.88
101-778-9300.00	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	GREAT LAKES ACE	GENERAL MAINT	\$ 5.16
		Total For Dept 778 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE		\$ 437.66
Dept 779 RECREATION SPORTS				
101-779-7080.00	CONTRACTUAL WAGES	BENJAMIN S IVY	BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	\$ 160.00
101-779-7080.00	CONTRACTUAL WAGES	KARL L MARSHALL	BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	\$ 160.00
101-779-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 153.63
101-779-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	MICHAEL TERHORST	EBC BASKETBALL TOURN	\$ 190.00
		Total For Dept 779 RECREATION SPORTS		\$ 663.63
Dept 781 MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS				
101-781-7080.00	CONTRACTUAL WAGES	MELISSA KOON	BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	\$ 232.00
101-781-7080.00	CONTRACTUAL WAGES	STEVEN D LEE	BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	\$ 232.00

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101-781-7080.00	CONTRACTUAL WAGES	GLENN INGRAM	BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	\$ 116.00
101-781-7080.00	CONTRACTUAL WAGES	MELISSA KOON	BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	\$ 116.00
101-781-7080.00	CONTRACTUAL WAGES	STEVEN D LEE	BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	\$ 116.00
101-781-7080.00	CONTRACTUAL WAGES	AMANTE' LUCAS	BASKETBALL OFFICIAL	\$ 116.00
101-781-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 131.68
		Total For Dept 781 MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS		\$ 1,059.68
Dept 783 AQUATIC CLUB (WAVES)				
101-783-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 43.89
		Total For Dept 783 AQUATIC CLUB (WAVES)		\$ 43.89
		Total For Fund 101 GENERAL FUND		\$ 106,769.08
Fund 202 MAJOR STREET FUND				
Dept 447 CITY ENGINEERING				
202-447-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 231.38
202-447-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL SERVICE/DEVICES	\$ 27.02
202-447-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	PREIN & NEWHOF	TRANSMISSION MAIN DES/EGLE	\$ 644.37
202-447-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	PREIN & NEWHOF	TRANSMISSION MAIN DESIGN	\$ 1,017.00
202-447-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	PROGRESSIVE AE INC	HALL/LAKE SIGNAL PROJ	\$ 4,874.00
202-447-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	PROGRESSIVE AE INC	PLYMOUTH RD/ALL WAY STUDY	\$ 1,925.00
		Total For Dept 447 CITY ENGINEERING		\$ 8,718.77
Dept 463 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE				
202-463-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 287.82
202-463-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 37.07
202-463-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 49.84
202-463-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 38.92
202-463-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 40.69

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202-463-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 49.85
		Total For Dept 463 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE		\$ 504.19
Dept 474 TRAFFIC SERVICES				
202-474-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 14.11
		Total For Dept 474 TRAFFIC SERVICES		\$ 14.11
Dept 478 WINTER MAINTENANCE				
202-478-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 564.35
202-478-7400.16	ROAD SALT	COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	ROAD SALT	\$ 13,946.66
202-478-7400.16	ROAD SALT	COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	ROAD SALT	\$ 11,765.84
202-478-7400.17	UNDERBODY & PLOW BLADES	PROSOURCE METALWORKS LLC	BLADES FOR SIDEWALK PLOWS	\$ 377.28
202-478-7400.28	MISC PARTS/SUPPLIES	GREAT LAKES ACE	ICE MELT	\$ 196.68
		Total For Dept 478 WINTER MAINTENANCE		\$ 26,850.81
Dept 483 STREET ADMINISTRATION				
202-483-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 31.04
		Total For Dept 483 STREET ADMINISTRATION		\$ 31.04
		Total For Fund 202 MAJOR STREET FUND		\$ 36,118.92
Fund 203 LOCAL STREET FUND				
Dept 447 CITY ENGINEERING				
203-447-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 231.38
203-447-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL SERVICE/DEVICES	\$ 27.01
203-447-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	HALVERSON ENGINEERING LLC	ENGINEERING SVC PER PSA	\$ 6,321.00
		Total For Dept 447 CITY ENGINEERING		\$ 6,579.39
Dept 463 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE				

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203-463-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 287.82
203-463-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 37.07
203-463-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 49.84
203-463-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 38.92
203-463-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 40.69
203-463-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 49.85
		Total For Dept 463 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE		\$ 504.19
Dept 474 TRAFFIC SERVICES				
203-474-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 14.11
		Total For Dept 474 TRAFFIC SERVICES		\$ 14.11
Dept 478 WINTER MAINTENANCE				
203-478-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 564.35
203-478-7400.16	ROAD SALT	COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	ROAD SALT	\$ 9,277.77
203-478-7400.16	ROAD SALT	COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	ROAD SALT	\$ 7,843.89
203-478-7400.17	UNDERBODY & PLOW BLADES	PROSOURCE METALWORKS LLC	BLADES FOR SIDEWALK PLOWS	\$ 377.28
203-478-7400.28	MISC PARTS/SUPPLIES	GREAT LAKES ACE	ICE MELT	\$ 131.13
		Total For Dept 478 WINTER MAINTENANCE		\$ 18,194.42
Dept 483 STREET ADMINISTRATION				
203-483-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 31.04
		Total For Dept 483 STREET ADMINISTRATION		\$ 31.04
		Total For Fund 203 LOCAL STREET FUND		\$ 25,323.15
Fund 204 MUNICIPAL STREET FUND				
Dept 444 SIDEWALKS				
204-444-9350.04	SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM	PREIN & NEWHOF	CASCADE/ROBINSON PROJ	\$ 1,522.50

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204-444-9350.04	SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM	PREIN & NEWHOF	SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL	\$ 24,986.50
		Total For Dept 444 SIDEWALKS		\$ 26,509.00
		Total For Fund 204 MUNICIPAL STREET FUND		\$ 26,509.00
Fund 308 PARKS MILLAGE DEBT SERVICE				
Dept 905 DEBT SERVICE				
308-905-9910.00	DEBT PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	US BANK	PARKS/MILLAGE DEBT PROG	\$ 220,000.00
308-905-9920.00	INTEREST ON NOTES	US BANK	PARKS/MILLAGE DEBT PROG	\$ 70,500.00
		Total For Dept 905 DEBT SERVICE		\$ 290,500.00
		Total For Fund 308 PARKS MILLAGE DEBT SERVICE		\$ 290,500.00
Fund 372 MUNICIPAL COMPLEX DEBT SERVICE				
Dept 905 DEBT SERVICE				
372-905-9910.00	DEBT PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	US BANK	CC BOND PAYMENT	\$ 495,000.00
372-905-9920.00	INTEREST ON NOTES	US BANK	CC BOND PAYMENT	\$ 68,175.00
		Total For Dept 905 DEBT SERVICE		\$ 563,175.00
		Total For Fund 372 MUNICIPAL COMPLEX DEBT SERVICE		\$ 563,175.00
Fund 592 WATER & SEWER FUND				
Dept 000				
592-000-0180.00	Water, Residential	CREE UNIT PROPERTIES LLC	UB refund for account: ELAW-001560-0000-	\$ 63.10
		Total For Dept 000		\$ 63.10
Dept 447 CITY ENGINEERING				
592-447-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 28.22
		Total For Dept 447 CITY ENGINEERING		\$ 28.22

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Dept 542 MAINS AND HYDRANTS				
592-542-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 713.90
592-542-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL SERVICE/DEVICES	\$ 27.00
592-542-7400.18	WATER MAIN MTRL AND ACCES	LOWE'S	WATER/SEWER PARTS	\$ 202.39
592-542-7400.23	STAKING, SAMPLES, SMALL EQUIP, MIS	PREIN & NEWHOF	WATER SAMPLES	\$ 630.00
592-542-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	KISM, LLC	SCADA SYS/SEWER LIFT & WATER TOWER	\$ 576.00
592-542-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL SERVICE/DEVICES	\$ 194.84
592-542-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	PREIN & NEWHOF	TRANSMISSION MAIN DES/EGLE	\$ 644.38
592-542-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	PREIN & NEWHOF	TRANSMISSION MAIN DESIGN	\$ 1,017.00
592-542-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 37.06
592-542-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 49.86
592-542-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 38.92
592-542-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 40.69
592-542-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 49.85
592-542-9570.00	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	DANIEL NORDHOF	2026 WATER EXPO/MILEAGE	\$ 75.40
592-542-9570.00	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	KEN WILEY	WATER EXPO TRAINING/WILEY	\$ 30.00
592-542-9700.00	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	HALVERSON ENGINEERING LLC	ENGINEERING SVC PER PSA	\$ 2,677.50
		Total For Dept 542 MAINS AND HYDRANTS		\$ 7,004.79
Dept 543 METERS				
592-543-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 62.08
		Total For Dept 543 METERS		\$ 62.08
Dept 545 METER READING AND COLLECTING				
592-545-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 16.93
592-545-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	BADGER METER	CELLULAR METER UNITS	\$ 47.00
592-545-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	HALVERSON ENGINEERING LLC	METER READING	\$ 5,055.70
		Total For Dept 545 METER READING AND COLLECTING		\$ 5,119.63

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Dept 550 SEWER EXPENDITURES				
592-550-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 307.57
592-550-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	GREAT LAKES ACE	SEWER SUPPLIES	\$ 98.69
592-550-7400.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	LOWE'S	SEWER MISC ITEMS	\$ 114.31
592-550-7400.25	SEWER MAIN MTRL & ACCESS	LOWE'S	WATER/SEWER PARTS	\$ 202.38
592-550-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	KISM, LLC	SCADA SYS/SEWER LIFT & WATER TOWER	\$ 3,456.00
592-550-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	KISM, LLC	SCADA SYS/SEWER LIFT	\$ 1,152.00
592-550-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL SERVICE/DEVICES	\$ 221.81
592-550-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 37.06
592-550-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 49.86
592-550-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 38.95
592-550-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 40.69
592-550-8010.02	UNIFORMS	MODEL COVERALL SERVICE INC	UNIFORM RENTAL/DPW	\$ 49.85
		Total For Dept 550 SEWER EXPENDITURES		\$ 5,769.17
		Total For Fund 592 WATER & SEWER FUND		\$ 18,046.99
Fund 677 HEALTH CARE FUND				
Dept 852 HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION				
677-852-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	MICHIGAN PLANNERS INC	1095 ACA FORMS/ANNUAL	\$ 1,440.02
677-852-8010.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	FIRST STOP HEALTH	TELEHEALTH/MAR	\$ 747.60
		Total For Dept 852 HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION		\$ 2,187.62
		Total For Fund 677 HEALTH CARE FUND		\$ 2,187.62
Fund 692 MOTOR EQUIPMENT REVOLVING FUND				
Dept 570 MOTOR EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES				
692-570-7160.00	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INS	MML WORKERS COMP FUND	WORKER'S COMP/QTRLY	\$ 376.20

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692-570-7510.00	OP. SUP - TIRES	ALMA TIRE SVC INC	#153 TIRES	\$ 544.00
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	BORGMAN FORD SALES INC	UNIT #118	\$ 693.37
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	CARLETON EQUIPMENT COMPAN	STOCK INVENTORY	\$ 861.62
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	CARLETON EQUIPMENT COMPAN	STOCK PARTS	\$ 348.21
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	UNIT #102	\$ 41.36
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	CREDIT/CORES	\$ (1,380.00)
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	UNIT #140	\$ 169.32
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	UNIT #140 PARTS	\$ 6,995.63
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	UNIT #140	\$ 2,120.94
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	#140 PARTS	\$ 258.52
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	#140 PARTS	\$ 58.70
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	#140 PARTS	\$ 79.95
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	#140 PARTS	\$ 72.01
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	CREDIT/#141 PARTS	\$ (230.00)
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	#140 PARTS	\$ 51.09
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	#140	\$ 5,899.73
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	WEST MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL	UNIT #140	\$ 27.32
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	NAPA AUTO PARTS	#118 PARTS	\$ 16.86
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	NAPA AUTO PARTS	#118 PARTS	\$ 581.76
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS FOR INVENTORY	\$ 70.26
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	NAPA AUTO PARTS	INVENTORY PARTS	\$ 63.54
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	NAPA AUTO PARTS	#303 PART	\$ 86.22
692-570-7540.00	OP. SUP - PARTS	NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT #203 PARTS	\$ 456.00
692-570-7560.00	OP. SUP - SM. TOOLS	NAPA AUTO PARTS	MECH TOOLS	\$ 335.98
692-570-7590.00	OP. SUP - GARAGE	GREAT LAKES ACE	INV# 70124633/ICE MELT	\$ 655.62
692-570-7590.00	OP. SUP - GARAGE	GREAT LAKES ACE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 30.93
692-570-7590.00	OP. SUP - GARAGE	GREAT LAKES ACE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 39.98
692-570-7590.00	OP. SUP - GARAGE	GREAT LAKES ACE	GARAGE SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$ 53.98
692-570-7590.00	OP. SUP - GARAGE	LOWE'S	MISC GARAGE SUPPLIES	\$ 253.54

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692-570-7590.00	OP. SUP - GARAGE	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	MISC GARAGE SUPPLIES	\$ 282.06
692-570-7590.00	OP. SUP - GARAGE	NAPA AUTO PARTS	TOOL CART	\$ 604.99
692-570-7590.00	OP. SUP - GARAGE	NAPA AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 54.99
692-570-7590.00	OP. SUP - GARAGE	NAPA AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 42.88
692-570-7590.00	OP. SUP - GARAGE	NAPA AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 33.72
692-570-7590.00	OP. SUP - GARAGE	MICHAEL REAMES	CDL LICENSE RENEW	\$ 61.02
692-570-7620.00	OP. SUP - UL GAS	FLYERS ENERGY LLC	FUEL PURCHASE/PS	\$ 88.34
692-570-7620.00	OP. SUP - UL GAS	VMJH, LLC	FUEL/CITY VEHICLES	\$ 628.73
692-570-7620.00	OP. SUP - UL GAS	VMJH, LLC	FUEL/CITY VEHICLES	\$ 47.50
692-570-7620.00	OP. SUP - UL GAS	VMJH, LLC	FUEL/CITY VEHICLES	\$ 1,187.63
692-570-7630.00	OP. SUP - DIESEL FUEL	VMJH, LLC	FUEL/CITY VEHICLES	\$ 2,020.99
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692-570-7630.00	OP. SUP - DIESEL FUEL	VMJH, LLC	FUEL/CITY VEHICLES	\$ 823.21
692-570-9300.00	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	KLEYN MOLBILE REPAIR LLC	ENGINE 21 REPAIRS	\$ 13,112.28
692-570-9300.00	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	KLEYN MOLBILE REPAIR LLC	#287 ENGINE 21 REPAIRS	\$ 983.10
692-570-9700.21	VEHICLES	FREDRICKSON SUPPLY LLC	#168/2026 INTL HV607 SEWER TRUCK	\$ 567,091.49
		Total For Dept 570 MOTOR EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES		\$ 606,743.07
		Total For Fund 692 MOTOR EQUIPMENT REVOLVING FUND		\$ 606,743.07
Fund 701 TAX FUND				
Dept 000				
701-000-2181.00	DUE TO SET	KENT COUNTY TREASURER	CUR TAX 2.1.26-2.15.26	\$ 6,417.05
701-000-2183.00	TAX PENALTIES DUE TO SET	KENT COUNTY TREASURER	CUR TAX 2.1.26-2.15.26	\$ 255.60
701-000-2191.00	DUE TO ITP	INTERURBAN TRANSIT PARTNERS	CUR TAX 2.1.26-2.15.26	\$ 1,477.73
701-000-2193.00	TAX PENALTIES DUE TO ITP	INTERURBAN TRANSIT PARTNERS	CUR TAX 2.1.26-2.15.26	\$ 58.86
701-000-2221.00	DUE TO COUNTY	KENT COUNTY TREASURER	CUR TAX 2.1.26-2.15.26	\$ 420,946.77
701-000-2223.00	TAX PENALTIES DUE TO COUNTY	KENT COUNTY TREASURER	CUR TAX 2.1.26-2.15.26	\$ 172.98
701-000-2231.00	DUE TO KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY	KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY	CUR TAX 2.1.26-2.15.26	\$ 232,234.63

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GL Number	Invoice Line Desc	Vendor	Invoice Description	Amount
701-000-2251.00	DUE TO EGR PUBLIC SCHOOLS	EGR PUBLIC SCHOOLS	CUR TAX 2.1.26-2.15.26	\$ 13,770.08
701-000-2253.00	TAX PENALTIES DUE TO EGRPS	EGR PUBLIC SCHOOLS	CUR TAX 2.1.26-2.15.26	\$ 502.18
701-000-2341.00	DUE TO KISD	KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DI	CUR TAX 2.1.26-2.15.26	\$ 5,723.47
701-000-2343.00	TAX PENALTIES DUE TO KISD	KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DI	CUR TAX 2.1.26-2.15.26	\$ 227.99
701-000-2351.00	DUE TO GRCC	GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY CO	CUR TAX 2.1.26-2.15.26	\$ 1,796.00
701-000-2353.00	TAX PENALTIES DUE TO GRCC	GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY CO	CUR TAX 2.1.26-2.15.26	\$ 71.55
701-000-2750.00	DUE TO TAXPAYERS	STEVEN THOMAS	41-14-33-279-018 TAX REFUND	\$ 74.72
		Total For Dept 000		\$ 683,729.61
		Total For Fund 701 TAX FUND		\$ 683,729.61
		Fund Totals:		
			Fund 101 GENERAL FUND	\$ 106,769.08
			Fund 202 MAJOR STREET FUND	\$ 36,118.92
			Fund 203 LOCAL STREET FUND	\$ 25,323.15
			Fund 204 MUNICIPAL STREET FUND	\$ 26,509.00
			Fund 308 PARKS MILLAGE DEBT SERVICE	\$ 290,500.00
			Fund 372 MUNICIPAL COMPLEX DEBT SERVICE	\$ 563,175.00
			Fund 592 WATER & SEWER FUND	\$ 18,046.99
			Fund 677 HEALTH CARE FUND	\$ 2,187.62
			Fund 692 MOTOR EQUIPMENT REVOLVING FUND	\$ 606,743.07
			Fund 701 TAX FUND	\$ 683,729.61
			Total For All Funds:	\$ 2,359,102.44

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Finance Cmte Date	Commission Member	Voucher Total	Approval Signatures:
3/2/2026	Laura Schwartz	\$2,359,102.44	
	Brad Hunter		
	Ryan Burdick		
Alternate:			
Alternate:			

**EAST GRAND RAPIDS
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
EGR COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM
Monday, January 26, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Commission Chambers in the East Grand Rapids Community Center.

Patrick Parkes called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Present in Person: Paul Bratt, Michelle Brown, Ryan Burdick, Lauren Jacoby, Steve Krogman, Ben Smith, Lan Le and Patrick Parkes

Absent: Larry Fisher

Also Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Derek Melville and Sara Coffey

Guests: None.

Public Comment:

None

Report of Commissioners:

Ben Smith – Is the new representative from the School Board, replacing Layla Kuhl. He is excited to be here and is excited that the school construction project will begin this year.

Paul Bratt – Participated in the Resolution Run for the first time. Traffic control should be addressed, especially during the kids’ run.

Director Melville – Will make this a point of emphasis with the organization in the post event meeting.

Ryan Burdick – Applauded the DPW, EGR roads are the best around!

Lauren Jacoby, Patrick Parkes, Michelle Brown, Steve Krogman and Lan Le – Nothing.

Review of minutes:

Minutes of November 24, 2025, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION to approve: Jacoby

SUPPORT: Burdick

YES: Bratt, Brown, Burdick, Jacoby, Krogman, Le, Parkes and Smith (8)

NO: (0)

MINUTES APPROVED

Special Event Calendar – FYI

Consider request to approve Special Events Permits:

a. 2026 Gobble Wobble 5K:

Director Melville presented this Special Event request. This is the 21st annual event that uses an out and back course which starts and finishes at the Middle School. This run benefits the Kids Food Basket. This is a well-run event. Volunteers are stationed at roads and event coordinators are required to connect with residents impacted by the event.

No questions or comments.

MOTION to approve: Jacoby

SUPPORT: Bratt

YES: Bratt, Brown, Burdick, Jacoby, Krogman, Le, Parkes and Smith (8)

NO: (0)

2026 Gobble Wobble 5K Approved

b. 2026 Revive 5K

Revive and Thrive is a local non-profit that provides free meals to individuals who have certain illnesses. Through this event they are hoping to raise funds to help more people. The current Special Event policy allows 2 events (with road closures) each month, there are currently 6 events with road closures outside of Gaslight Village.

Director Melville has suggested they use the same out and back as the Reeds Lake Run and the Gobble Wobble, which starts and ends at the Community Center. Spring is very busy in EGR, with events such as soccer at Manhattan Park and the Middle School. The pools are always busy as well. Coordination between School events and Parks and Recreation to lessen the impact on the community.

Jacoby – Noted that parking and bussing can be even more of a challenge.

Burdick: Voiced concerns about lack of graphics submitted with the application. Asked how confident Director Melville is that this organization will follow through with the event.

Melville: They have had a slow start with the application. This is just the beginning stages and Director Melville is willing to work with them. They will be meeting with the Public Safety team. Efforts are being

made to help this event be successful. Residents on the racecourse will be notified by door hangers and/or postcards.

Burdick: Requested best practices regarding recycling and portable restrooms will be shared with them.

Jacoby: Asked Commissioner Burdick if he had an idea of how the residents in the racecourse felt?

Burdick: Good communication and flexibility is important; neighbors understand that road closures for races are part of the community.

Parkes: Noted that this is a first-time event.

Bratt: Stated that the date of the event is the week after the River Bank Run, so that might hurt attendance.

Parkes: How many attendees are anticipated?

Melville: The goal for their first year is 400.

Smith: Their lack of experience is noted, maybe they can get connected with the Kids Food Basket for guidance.

MOTION to approve: Brown

SUPPORT: Le

YES: Bratt, Brown, Burdick, Jacoby, Krogman, Le, Parkes and Smith (8)

NO: (0)

2026 Revive 5K Approved

Fred Bunn Trails Maintenance and Improvement Projects: The multi-use trails were added to Manhattan Park in 2023/24 in collaboration with West Michigan Mountain Biking Alliance (WMMBA), where they provide maintenance and expertise to the city. This group has extensive experience and provides a high level of support. During the 2025 water main project, Manhattan Park the upper loop near Manhattan Park was disrupted. While the area was restored well, they are not trail experts. Because of this the trail needs a more detailed level of restoration by the original trail builder. The cost of the restoration will be covered by money set aside for the water main project.

Trailside enhancements, the area west of the sledding hill are on a steep grade, segments of the trail are susceptible to erosion. This area is not used as much as the outer loop, suggested amenities are rock armor for the steep slopes, which are stones covering parts of the trail to reduce washouts. Adding small jumps, basic jumps, not like a skills course and tabletops, rollers are intended to be built into the side of the trail. These can be bypassed by bikers, walkers and hikers. These amenities provide more variety of use for the trails. The contractor could do the restoration and amenities at the same time.

Brown: What is the timeline for this?

Melville: Not sure yet but hoping to get on the schedule late spring or early summer. The timeline is also dependent on the vote of the Commission. The restoration project should only take a few days. The current fix is not sustainable.

Burdick: Many invasive species were removed, which is great, but can more be removed with the trail maintenance?

Melville: There is not a specific plan of attack and will coordinate with Kent County Conservations District.

Brown: Rock armoring can get mossy, personally would like to see gritty stones be used, not smooth. The tabletop features already out there are great. The main trail should be the straight shot, and someone should veer off for any special biking experiences. Voiced concerns about jumps, young people might not use them properly.

Smith: The Interurban Trails have jumps that are on the side. Noted that quite a bit of visibility is needed.

Brown: Feels that jumps don't fit the appetite for the multi-use trails.

Parke: Asked if adding rock armoring could cause more injury from falls?

Melville: The rock armoring is intended only for the steeper areas. Injury can happen. Algae will make it slippery, clay is the same. Trails should be avoided when they are wet and slippery.

Le: Is this a win-win with WMMBA doing the improvements?

Melville: Rock armoring is a preventive measure, which might be needed in the future. WMMBA is willing to cover the cost of the extras. The restoration from the water main is being paid for by the city.

Brown: Would like to avoid any wooden features because they rot, Suggests the use of stones and natural materials.

Melville: Believes these amenities are dirt but will clarify.

Waterfront Park Phase II Grant Award: Director Melville applied for 3 DNR Grants and East Grand Rapids was awarded the biggest grant of \$500,000. The conceptual design is approximately 15 years old. A Request for Proposal "RFP" is needed for a landscape architect. Similar to the Manhattan Park construction, the architect will help coordinate and hold community engagement and collect feedback.

The former owner of the property clearcut and filled in some wetlands with the intent to build condos. The city purchased the property with a DNR Acquisition Grant and would like to return the property to what it was before.

Some areas of interest include:

- Potential parking lot expansion
- Native tree planning
- Restoring wetlands
- Construct sustainable trails and boardwalks
- Overlook decks
- Possible fishing opportunities
- Possible outdoor learning area
- Educational signage for species and wetland information
- Bike racks and trash cans

There is quite a bit of paperwork required. The DNR should send the project agreement around July. The Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy “EGLE” will need to issue a permit because wetlands are protected, before the grant is finalized. Contact has already been made with EGLE. The final design is estimated to be completed later this summer. Timeline to go out for bid is late 2026 or early 2027, which is subject to change. Hopefully 2027 will be the construction year. Parks and Recreation Commission will have approval opportunities as they arise.

Parkes: Which comes first, the architectural firm or the community engagement?

Melville: Community engagement is the first step. Based on what the community wants will determine if the EGLE permits are needed. Preliminary designs from the consultant will be obtained and EGLE will be involved in that process.

Steps:

1. Community engagement
2. Conceptual Designs redone
3. Updated wetland delineations
4. Final designs (Where are trails and wetlands located? How long are boardwalks?)

Bratt: EGLE Like to see restoration of wetlands. Congratulations on receiving this grant!

Burdick: Stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission made a hard decision to allow this grant to happen. Thank you for the hard work done here and thank you to the commission for the hard decisions.

Brown: Thank you! This was an investment to submit the application.

Melville: Our grant scored in the top 10 of all the awards this year.

Brown: Is this grant strictly Waterfront Park or is Remington Park included?

Melville: Property deeds were submitted as part of the application. This property parcel was already designated as parkland and perpetuity. The east part of the park received a grant in the past. Work cannot extend into Hodenpyl.

Brown: Could some of these grants help deal with invasive species at Waterfront Park?

Melville: A map was provided and nothing on the east side was proposed, but we can look into it.

Brown: Previously a playground at Waterfront Park was proposed, is this off the table?

Melville: It's not off the table. The playground was part of the other two grants we applied for. If the community wants a playground for younger children at that park, it could be added at the city's expense. No grant money (or match) can be used for a playground.

Smith: Is excited for the outdoor classroom, it would be the closest wetland learning area to several schools.

Report of Director:

- There is a Middle Schol basketball game this evening and a cashless option is being piloted. Fees for services such as GoFan were high, so we are using Square. This will give another, much needed, option to pay and reduces the need for cash and change.
- Parks and Recreation have been granted permission to use the gym at Woodcliff, which is great for the younger kids.
- The East Basketball Tournament was this past weekend and 3 of the teams from East won! The club was started as part of vertical alignment and has 12 teams, 5 girls and 7 boys.

Burdick: Could middle school students get in for free to games? Kids just want to see their friends play.

Melville: We can look into that.

Smith: A student's season ticket could be a shirt purchased for \$10, they could be students only and be a fun color.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

Next Meeting: February 23, 2026

FW: Proposed Resolution 2026-1

From Katie Favale <kfavale@eastgrmi.gov>
Date Mon 2/16/2026 1:06 PM
To Lori Parmenter <lparmenter@eastgrmi.gov>

From: Jon Thoits <[REDACTED]>
Date: Friday, February 13, 2026 at 5:39 PM
To: Ryan Burdick <rburdick@eastgrmi.gov>, Abbie Groff-Blaszak <agroff-
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Subject: Proposed Resolution 2026-1

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To Commissioners-

The proposed Resolution has no basis in the authority granted the Commission to oversee the governance of the City. Nor does it promote or improve the interests of the City's residents.

The Resolution purports to establish a commitment to protecting "the dignity, welfare and safety" of the City's residents and visitors. However, that commitment is already established. See, EGR Public Safety Dept, Mission, Vision and Values Policy which requires our Public Safety officers and personnel to "treat all people, communities and cultures with compassion, courtesy, dignity and respect". See, also, EGR Public Safety Department, Fair & Impartial Policing Policy, which provides that all Department personnel "treat all people in a fair and impartial manner" and "in accordance with" federal and state civil rights laws.

The Resolution provides that "immigration status" is to be included as a named "protected class" in the Department's Fair & Impartial Policing Policy. However, that Policy does not name any protected classes. Indeed, the term "protected class" is not included anywhere in that Policy.

Despite the Resolution acknowledging that EGR's City government "has no role nor jurisdiction" in the enforcement of federal immigration laws, the Resolution prohibits Public Safety personnel from "participating in federal immigration enforcement activities."

Finally, the Resolution purports to "call on" a law enforcement department (Kent County Sheriff) controlled by a different governing body (Kent County) to change its policy regarding cooperating with federal law enforcement. A call which the Kent County Sheriff's Department has already and unsurprisingly confirmed will not "dictate policy or operations at the Kent County Sheriff's Office."

Thus, this Resolution is - as it was reasonably characterized at the February 6 town hall -- no more than a political statement. A political statement which Commissioner Groff-Blaszak stated at the town hall is meant to "pressure" the Kent County Sheriff to change its policies.

Where in the EGR City Charter or the governing ordinances is the Commission authorized to make political statements about the policies enacted by a different governing body? Political statements made in the Commission's official capacity and thus, ostensibly made on behalf of the residents of the City?

Consistent with the Commission's specific and limited role acting as representatives of the City's residents, I suggest that this Resolution be rejected and that going forward the Commission avoid getting involved in extraneous political issues.

Jon Thoits
Floral Ave SE

Re: a letter for Mayor Favale and the EGR City Commissioners

From Cindy Lanning Burch <[REDACTED]>

Date Tue 2/17/2026 10:03 AM

To Lori Parmenter <lparmenter@eastgrmi.gov>

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Dear Mayor Favale and EGR City Commissioners,

My name is Cindy Burch and for the past 26 years I've lived at 1578 Robinson Rd SE. My husband and I live on the dividing line between Grand Rapids and East Grand Rapids. We regularly bike, shop, recreate and enjoy EGR - a beautiful, peaceful and safe place.

I'm writing to express my gratitude to the commissioners who introduced the safety policy proposals and to urge you to pass Resolution 2026-1. Thanks to what happened in Minneapolis, we don't need to imagine what our cities would look like with a heavy ICE presence; we were shown. Minneapolis, its neighborhoods and schools, will be years recovering from the damage done by ICE. Protesters and residents were not at fault. An ill-trained, well-armed group of men caused that violence. ICE agents behaved abysmally and wreaked chaos and havoc where there previously was none.

Our federal government would have us believe that ICE is keeping us safe from "the disgusting monsters including pedophiles, murderers and fraudsters who live in American neighborhoods" yet actual data tells a different story. "Of those arrested by ICE in Michigan last year, nearly three-quarters did not have criminal convictions." GR Press, Sunday, January 25, 22026 Instead the majority of people being picked up and sent away are long-term residents who have jobs, go to school and have families. They are husbands, fathers, mothers and students. Many have spent years trying to obtain legal permanent status.

Yesterday NPR did a piece where the principal of a school in Minneapolis talked about the affects ICE presence has had on her students and teachers. She said the worst time of the day comes at 3:00 when the children leave school and where ICE agents continue to wait outside the building. Many of the students of color now feel the need to carry their passports to and from school. Or have just stopped attending altogether.

That is not the America I want to live in. Thank you for being proactive and for adopting these polices that will actually keep EGR residents safe. Those of us who live in GR will continue our struggle to do the same.

Cindy Burch
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