

City Commission
November 21, 2016

Mayor Mark Warba called the regular meeting of the City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Lynn Anderson, Tom Hogenson, Lorraine James, and Dan Rothstein; Mayor Mark J. Warba; City Attorney Eric D. Williams; and City Treasurer Aaron Kuhn.

Absent: None

There were 12 people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hogenson moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson that the Special minutes of November 7, 2016 meeting be accepted.

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein, Warba

Nays: None

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Hogenson that the minutes of November 7, 2016 regular meeting be accepted.

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein, Warba

Nays: None

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

STUDY SESSION - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PUBLIC HEARING – None

RESOLUTION NO. 16-119

Commissioner Rothstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS FOR
EQUIPMENT RENTAL FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Big Rapids, Department of Public Works, maintains the roads within the Big Rapids City limits for which funds are appropriated yearly to assist in snow removal operations, and

WHEREAS, necessary snow removal service funds have been appropriated in the FY 2016-2017 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Big Rapids City Commission hereby accepts the following snow removal bids and directs Mark Gifford, Director of Public Works, to use the following dump trucks and loaders for snow removal purposes on an as-needed basis.

Trucks

Contractor	Size	Hourly Rate Old	Hourly Rate New	# Available
Lawrence Morningstar Enterprises, Inc.	25 cy	\$ 90.00	\$100.00	2
Fenstermacher Asphalt Paving, LLC	45 cy	\$100.00	\$200.00	5
Lawrence Morningstar Enterprises, Inc.	45 cy	\$100.00	\$150.00	3

Front End Loader

Contractor	Size	Hourly Rate Old	Hourly Rate New	# Available
Lawrence Morningstar Enterprises, Inc.	3.25 cy	\$ 90.00	\$100.00	2
Fenstermacher Asphalt Paving, LLC	5 cy	\$90.00	\$125.00	1
Lawrence Morningstar Enterprises, Inc.	5 cy	\$ 100.00	\$100.00	2
Lawrence Morningstar Enterprises, Inc.	7 cy	\$100.00	\$100.00	1
Lawrence Morningstar Enterprises, Inc. Loader with Snow Pusher 16' – 18'		\$125.00	\$125.00	2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said removal service shall be expensed from the following accounts:

- 202-497-801.700 - \$5,000 State Highway M-20 Contracted Services
- 203-478-801.000 - \$1,000 Local Street Contracted Services
- 202-478-801.000 - \$7,800 Major Streets Contracted Services
- 101-443-803.000 - \$2,000 Parking Contracted Snow Removal

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein, Warba

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

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Mr. Kuhn presented the 2017 employer contribution for full time employee health care. The State of Michigan's hard cap limits reflect the 3.3 percent increase for 2017 that the State of Michigan adopted on September 20, 2016. Ms. Hauger explained that this year the Employee Health Care Committee decided not to use the iSelect portal, but instead go directly through Priority Health for enrollment. This will give the employees three

choices for health care instead of the previous nine choices. All of the available plans are a Health Savings Account with high deductibles.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-120

Commissioner James moved, seconded by Commissioner Hogenson, the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE
IN EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION FOR FULL TIME
EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE**

WHEREAS, the City of Big Rapids has been contributing the amount established by the State of Michigan hard cap, and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has increased the hard cap according to the medical care component of the United States consumers price index for the most recent twelve-month period, and

WHEREAS, the hard cap limits have been adjusted to reflect the 3.3 percent increase for 2017 that the State of Michigan adopted September 20, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission authorizes the State of Michigan hard cap increase for employer contribution of 3.3 percent.

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein, Warba

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

Date: November 21, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 16-121

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner James, the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS- QUARTER 1 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Big Rapids adopted FY 2016/2017 General Appropriations on June 6, 2016 per Resolution No. 16-52, and

WHEREAS, each year adjustments are made to revenue and expenditure accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Rapids City Commission hereby approves the following budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 for Quarter 1.

INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE				
Account Number	Account Description	Current Budget	Change	Amended Budget
405-728-970.014	CONSTRUCTION:IND PK INFSTR	\$308,800	\$160,000	\$468,800
405-000-390.000	FUND BALANCE		-\$160,000	
Leftover Expenditures on Baldwin Street Bridge Project				

ACT 345 RETIREMENT SYSTEM				
Account Number	Account Description	Current Budget	Change	Amended Budget
732-297-801.000	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$18,000
732-000-391.000	FUND BALANCE		-\$10,000	
GASB 67/68 Reporting				

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to amend the FY 2016/2017 City of Big Rapids Budget accordingly.

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein, Warba

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

Date: November 21, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 16-122

Commissioner Rothstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION REFERRING A REQUEST TO RAISE CHICKENS IN THE CITY LIMITS TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Matt Nikkari, 604 Linden, Big Rapids, is interested in raising chickens in the City limits, and

WHEREAS, Matt Nikkari is requesting that the City look at changing Chapter 91 Section 91.02 of the Code of Ordinance to allow for the raising of Chickens in the City limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission hereby directs the City Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing on the potential for raising chickens in the City limits and review of the Code of Ordinance text and to provide the Commission with a recommendation for action.

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein, Warba
Nays: None
The Mayor declared the resolution adopted.
Date: November 21, 2016

ORDINANCE NO. 701-11-16

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SANITATION RATES
IN TITLE V SECTION 50.12 TO PROCESS RECYCLABLES**

Commissioner Rothstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Hogenson, the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Republic Services has a contract with the City of Big Rapids for sanitation services, and

WHEREAS, section 23 (Unusual Changes or Costs) and section 24 (Change in Cost of Doing Business) of the sanitation contract provide for a surcharge for unforeseen increases, and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted the contracted rates for sanitation services in Title V Section 50.12 of the Code of Ordinances, and

WHEREAS, Republic Services has partnered with Kent County for all single stream recycling materials collected to be processed, and

WHEREAS, Kent County is implementing a \$40.00 per ton surcharge to process recyclables, and

WHEREAS, the \$40.00 per ton surcharge calculates to an increase of 55 cents per month in customer rates for recycle services.

THE CITY OF BIG RAPIDS ORDAINS:

Section 1. The portion of Title V, Section 50.12 of the SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY SANITATION RATES that sets the rates for recycle services effective July 1, 2016, is amended to read as follows, with these rates effective January 1, 2017 and all other text and provisions of Section 50.12 remaining the same.

	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
COMMERCIAL		
Recycle- 1 Time Week	\$10.72	\$11.27 (per cart)
RESIDENTIAL		
Curbside Recycle	\$2.93	\$3.48 (per cart)

Section 2. The portion of Title V, Section 50.12 of the SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY SANITATION RATES that sets the rates for recycle services effective July 1, 2017, is amended to read as follows, with these rates effective July 1, 2017 and all other text and provisions of Section 50.12 remaining the same.

	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
COMMERCIAL Recycle- 1 Time Week	\$10.93	\$11.48 (per cart)
RESIDENTIAL Curbside Recycle	\$2.99	\$3.54 (per cart)

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to publish this ordinance in the Pioneer.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective 20 days after publication.

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James, Rothstein, Warba

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted.

Date: November 21, 2016

Published: November 29, 2016

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

- Commissioner Hogenson stated that the Chamber of Commerce and the Mecosta County Conventions & Visitors Bureau are still raising funds for the new Welcome Center.
- Commissioner James asked if the Department of Public Works were behind in picking up leaves this year. Mr. Gifford stated that they are because the leaves were late in falling this year. Commissioner James also commented how beautiful the Baldwin Street Bridge is at night with all of the Christmas lights.
- Commissioner Anderson stated that Senator Debbie Stabenow was in Big Rapids last Saturday and visited Great Lakes Book and Supply, Old Pioneer and Emporium and Schuberg's.
- The Santa Parade was very nice this year with a lot of great entries.
- Mr. Williams will be absent at the December 5, 2016 City Commission meeting.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Mayor Mark J. Warba

Tamyra K. Gillis, City Clerk