



# **GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

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**AGENDA DATE:** October 30, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider a motion to ratify the procurement contract with Katama Technologies Inc (KTI) for professional services for technology planning services for \$24,750.

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## **BACKGROUND:**

City staff informed me of their intent to discontinue providing IT services to GRPU effective May 2025. As discussed at our past work session, though there has not yet been Council action on this termination of collaborative services, GRPU is actively moving forward with the transition to begin managing our own IT services.

To start, we reached out to APPA's affiliate Hometown Connections to connect us with a consultant who specializes in technology planning for municipal utilities such as GRPU. As a result, we contracted with Katama Technologies, Inc (KTI) to assist us with designing our transition plan for IT services. In early September, KTI staff were on site to review our current technology and operating processes, including a meeting with City IT staff, to ensure we have an effective plan to manage the upcoming transitional activities. We received KTI's report in mid-September and requested a meeting with City IT staff to review the recommendations and establish a successful transition plan. The meeting has been scheduled for next week.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Ratify the procurement contract with Katama Technologies Inc (KTI) for professional services for technology planning services for \$24,750.