



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 09, 2026
5:00 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Dan Mertes

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Kimberly Gibeau, Chad Sterle, Kevin Ott, Carl Babich

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Connelly recognizes services provided by Public Works, thanking them for their efforts in snow and ice removal. Despite challenging freeze-thaw conditions, the walkways have been kept as clear and safe as possible.

Councilor Sutherland noted that the Grand Rapids girls' hockey team is going to a section final game on Thursday, February 12th at Fogerty Rink against Andover.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Connelly informs the public about a recent meeting of the Range Gateway 169 Coalition regarding the planned expansion of Highway 169 from two lanes to four between Pengilly and Gilbert.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, January 26, 2026 Worksession and Regular meetings.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Seconded by Councilor MacGregor to approve Council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period January 21, 2026 to February 2, 2026 in the total amount of \$252,815.28.

Motion made by Councilor Mertes, Seconded by Councilor Blake to approve the Verified claims as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider adopting a resolution to approve a BCA Flock Interconnection Security Agreement
No resolution required. Error in title request.
4. Consider approving equipment purchases for Public Works
5. Consider authorizing the Police Department to host “Leadership and Wellness” seminar.
6. Consider approving temporary liquor license for Klockow Brewing Company event for March 7, 2026.
7. Consider authorizing the Library Director to apply for a Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota grant.
8. Consider entering into a support agreement with Marco Technologies

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Seconded by Councilor MacGregor to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Seconded by Councilor Sutherland to approve the Regular Agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

CITY COUNCIL:

9. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign RAMS letter of support of legislative priorities.

Mayor Connelly discusses the city’s legislative priorities, noting that the Council met with state senator and representative to review and develop these priorities. A drafted letter outlining the priorities is presented with a request for endorsement, to be shared with local and regional government leaders. The Mayor expresses support for the proposal and requests approval to send letters endorsing these priorities.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Seconded by Councilor Mertes to approve letter of support for legislative priorities and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of Council. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk