

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into this 29th day of December 2023 between the City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, (City) and the Grand Rapids Public Utilities (GRPU).

This MOU establishes the framework for collaboration between the City and GRPU to benefit their property taxpayers and utility ratepayers. This MOU intends to outline the various areas of collaboration as they may change over time. The Parties agree to quarterly invoicing, an annual review of the MOU, and a six-month written notice of anticipated changes. Updates and changes will be recognized in a subsequent MOU on or before December 31 of each year. This original MOU shall become effective on January 1, 2024. Either party may terminate the MOU with a one-year written notice. In the absence of such notification, the latest documented revision of this MOU will remain in effect.

Now, therefore, the parties agree to the various areas of collaboration as follows:

Information Systems (IS) Services

Key Contacts:

City: Matt Wegwerth Public Works Director/City Engineer mwegwerth@grandrapidsmn.gov 218.326.7625	GRPU: Julie Kennedy GRPU General Manager jakennedy@grpuc.org 218.326.7687
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Employees in the IS Department shall be GRPU employees. The Parties agree to share costs associated with IS staff and software applications. The cost-sharing shall follow the spreadsheet template developed annually by the Key Contacts which details the proposed IS projects and system maintenance, software licenses, and utility locating services breakdown.

Information Technology (IT) Services

Key Contacts:

City: Lasha Karels Assistant IT Director lkarels@grandrapidsmn.gov 218.326.7620	GRPU: Julie Kennedy GRPU General Manager jakennedy@grpuc.org 218.326.7687
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Employees in the IT Department shall be City employees. The ERP Special Project Coordinator employee shall be a GRPU employee. Cost sharing shall be split 50/50 based on the actual cost of the department and ERP Project employee, less expenditures that only benefit one Party.

Human Resources

Key Contacts:

City: Tom Pagel City Administrator tpagel@grandrapidsmn.gov 218.326.7626	GRPU: Julie Kennedy GRPU General Manager jakennedy@grpuc.org 218.326.7687
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The Human Resource Officer shall be a City employee. Generally, the HR Officer will spend two days at the GRPU and three days at City Hall. Correspondingly, the cost-sharing shall be split 40/60.

Fleet Maintenance

Key Contacts:

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The Public Works Fleet Maintenance employees shall be City employees. Public Works will perform maintenance on GRPU fleet vehicles, as requested. Work performed will be billed on an hourly basis and for those specific products used on GRPU vehicles. General shop product expenditures will be cost-shared based on the spreadsheet developed by the Key Contacts which details the number of vehicles serviced for each department.

Street Light Maintenance

Key Contacts:

City: Matt Wegwerth Public Works Director/City Engineer mwegwerth@grandrapidsmn.gov 218.326.7625	GRPU: Chad Troumbly GRPU Electric Manager cmtroumbly@grpuc.org 218.326.7182
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The journey electric lineworkers shall be GRPU employees. GRPU will perform maintenance on City streetlights, as requested. Work performed will be billed on an hourly basis.

PW/PU Shared Facility

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GRPU Electric and Water Departments and the City Public Works Department run operations from the Public Works / Public Utilities Combined Service Center (CSC). GRPU will manage the CSC buildings and bill rent based on the actual costs of building upkeep, which includes capital maintenance building projects. The City will manage the groundskeeping of the CSC property and bill based on hours worked and 50/50 split of actual product expenditures.

Storm Water Utility (SWU) Billing

Key Contacts:

City: Matt Wegwerth
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218.326.7625

GRPU: Jean Lane
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GRPU will invoice customers monthly and collect payment for the City’s Stormwater Utility. GRPU will provide quarterly deposits of the SWU revenue collected to the City. Annually, any uncollectible accounts will be returned to the City for special assessment consideration. The cost shall be based on the actual cost of providing the billing and payment collection service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and GRPU have caused this MOU to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers.

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES

By: 
Tasha Connelly (Feb 13, 2024 14:19 CST)

By: 

Name: Tasha Connelly

Name: Julie Kennedy

Title: Mayor

Title: GRPU General Manager

Date: 12/29/2023

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MOU HISTORY:

Original: 12/29/2023

Revised: