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**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 27, 2021**  
**4:00 PM**

Mayor Christy called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mayor Dale Christy, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Michelle Toven, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Tasha Connelly. Absent: None.

Staff: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Will Richter, Julie Kennedy, Erik Scott, Mark Greiner, Jeff Carlson, Matt O'Rourke, Steve Schaar, Travis Cole, Barb Baird

**BUSINESS:**

1. Itasca Trails Study & Strategic Planning for Future Trail Development and Marketing presentation - Megan Christianson

Megan Christianson, Visit Grand Rapids and Sarah Carling, Community and Economic Development Associates, presented request for support for trail development and tourism grant.

2. Fire Relief Proposal

Mark Greiner and Travis Cole discuss fire relief proposal and request for \$1500 increase.

3. Consider Purchase of Body/Car Cameras and Tasers

Steve Schaar, Matt O'Rourke and Jeff Carlson review information for proposal of body and car cameras as well as tasers. Sergeant Carlson provides history of cameras used by the PD. This request will be brought to the next regular meeting on Monday, October 11, 2021 for consideration.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT:**

4. Public Utilities Commission - Julie Kennedy, General Manager

Julie Kennedy, General Manager, provided overview of PUC operations including staff changes, system updates, recent storm damage and clean up as well as plans for future projects. A full report is on file in the Administration office for review upon request.

REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA:

Upon review, item #24a is added to the Consent agenda. No other changes or additions are noted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 5:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kim Gibeau*

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk