



CITY OF  
**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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## **CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, March 23, 2026**

**4:30 PM**

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

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

STAFF: Kimberly Gibeau, Chad Sterle, Rob Mattei, Andy Morgan

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT:

#### 1. Community Development Department Head Report

Rob Mattei, Director of Community Development, acknowledged department staff and provided annual overview of department activities including:

- ~ Building permits, including 2025 values
- ~ Housing statistics
- ~ Major construction highlights
- ~ Building safety activity
- ~ Planning Commission activities
- ~ Economic Development
- ~ Blandin Foundation support
- ~ Downtown plan initiatives and new downtown business openings

A full presentation can be reviewed in the Administration Department or on ICTV.

### REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA:

Upon review, no changes or additions are noted.

### ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kimberly Gibeau*  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk