



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** 1-8-24

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider accepting the resignation of Dale Christy as Mayor of Grand Rapids

**PREPARED BY:** Tom Pagel, City Administrator

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### BACKGROUND:

With Mayor Dale Christy's change in employment at ISD 318 to Activities Director, he has recognized that he does not have the time available to effectively serve as the Mayor of Grand Rapids. Attached is his letter of resignation, effective January 2, 2024.

Because there is less than one year remaining on his term as Mayor, the City Council can appoint a person to serve the remainder of the term. To minimize the cost of a special election, I am recommending that you appoint either Tasha Connelly or Dale Adams, who also have less than one year remaining on their term as councilmembers. If you select one of them, you will not have to have a special election to fill their council seat.

Assuming the council appoints either Councilmember Connelly or Adams, I am recommending that you direct city staff to advertise and take applications for the open council seat until January 25, 2024, at 4:30 pm. We would then hold a special council meeting to interview candidates and select a replacement, on Monday, January 29, 2024. The candidates' first council meeting would be on Monday, February 12, 2024.

### REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to: 1) Accept Mayor Christy's letter of resignation effective January 2, 2024; 2) Appoint Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ to the position of Mayor; 3) Direct city staff to advertise and take applications for the open council seat until Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 4:30 pm; and 4) Establish a special council meeting on Monday, January 29, to interview candidates and select a new council person.