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

**Monday, August 11, 2025**

**4:00 PM**

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

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

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Kimberly Gibeau, Chad Sterle, Matt Wegwerth, Rob Mattei

### **BUSINESS:**

1. A joint presentation of the MNDOT Hwy 2 & 169 Transportation Study and the GREDA Highway 2 Land Use and Economic Development Study

The City Council heard a joint presentation on the GREDA Highway 2 Land Use & Economic Development Study and the MnDOT Highway 2 & 169 Corridor Study. Together, the studies align infrastructure upgrades with redevelopment strategies to improve safety, accessibility, and economic vitality along Highway 2.

### **REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA:**

Council reviewed an added agenda item (12A) concerning the Pillars of Grand Rapids project. Rob explained that three agreements with Oppenheim Development—the Subdivision Agreement, Contract for Private Development, and Petition and Waiver Agreement—were executed before the project's closing and have since had all obligations fulfilled. To facilitate the developer's pending sale closing, the City is being asked to formally release these agreements, with the subdivision release limited to that parcel. The addition was made due to the time-sensitive nature of the request, and no council objections were raised. No other changes or additions are noted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kimberly Gibeau*  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk