



CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 27, 2023

4:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, a Worksession (or Special) meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council will be held on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 4:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Mayor Christy called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Mayor Dale Christy

Councilor Dale Adams

Councilor Tasha Connelly

Councilor Molly MacGregor

ABSENT

Councilor Tom Sutherland

STAFF: Chad Sterle, Barb Baird, Chery Pierzina, Will Richter, Andy Morgan

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT:

1. Community Development Department Report

Community Development Director Rob Mattei gave his Year-End Statistics for 2022. In his presentation he compared Permitted Construction from 2005 to 2022 which showed them trending upward. He showed Building Permit totals, comparisons of Commercial/Residential and Government Valuation, New Housing Statistics, 2022 Permit Construction and noted that Building Official Jon Peterson was now certified in State Inspections.

Director Mattei also discussed the Updates to the Economic Development Authority's Downtown Plan replacing the Plan from 2006, Housing Development Activities, housing demands and barriers and current development sites underway.

Commissioner Connelly inquired as to the timeline of filling Eric Trast's position. Director Mattei stated that they are still working with Human Resources on the job description and will be seeking Council approval possibly in April.

REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA:

Upon review, no changes or additions are noted.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Lyman

Cynthia Lyman, Administrative Assistant