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GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 08, 2024
5:00 PM

Mayor Pro-tem Adams called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PRESENT: Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland. **ABSENT:** Mayor Dale Christy

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Barb Baird, Travis Cole, Lance Kuschel, Shawn Graeber, John Linder, Rob Mattei, Matt Wegwerth, Kevin Ott, Jeremy Nelson

CITY COUNCIL:

1. Consider accepting the resignation of Dale Christy as Mayor of Grand Rapids

Mr. Pagel reviews the resignation of Mayor Christy from the City Council, provides information regarding standard process for filling the vacancy and process for filling an open Council seat through application process.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Seconded by Councilor Adams to accept the resignation of Mayor Dale Christy, appoint Councilor Tasha Connelly as Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids through December 31, 2024, authorize staff to begin the process of filling the Council position and set January 29, 2025 Special Council meeting to interview candidates and select a Council member to complete the vacated term through December 31, 2024. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

2. Designate an official newspaper for the City of Grand Rapids for 2024.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Sutherland to appoint the Grand Rapids Herald Review as the official newspaper for the City of Grand Rapids. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

3. Designate a Councilmember to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2024

Tabled

4. Appoint Council representatives to Boards and Commissions

Tabled

5. Appoint Council representatives to selected agencies

Tabled

6. Consider approving the official meeting calendar for 2024.
Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve the official meeting calendar for 2024. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland
7. Consider appointing the following financial institutions as depository designations for 2024, and delegate the Finance Director or Finance Director's Designee authorization for electronic funds transfers.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Sutherland to appoint financial institutions as depository designations for 2024. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

8. Fire Captain Pinning Ceremony

Mayor Connelly conducted swearing in of Fire Captain Lance Kuschel and presided over pinning.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Adams attended meeting at Mesaba Metallics. Plan is to be producing pellets by 2026.

Councilor Sutherland provided update of status on Yanmar arena and outside rinks are ready and being utilized.

Mayor Connelly provided overview of recent GREDA meeting, indicating that the Downtown Plan study is moving forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

9. Approve Council minutes for Monday, December 18, 2023 Worksession and Regular meetings and accept summary of closed meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve the Council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

10. Approve the verified claims for the period December 12, 2023 to January 2, 2024 in the total amount of \$1,264,134.08.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve verified claims as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

CONSENT AGENDA:

11. Consider authorizing the Police Department to enter into contract with service provider Steven E. Breitbarth, M. Div., LMFT.
12. Consider authorizing the Police Department to enter into contract with service provider Jean Kummerow, Ph.D., LP.
13. Consider authorizing the Police Department to sell one (1) city owned Community Service Officer squad through Mid State Auto online auction.
14. Consider approving a Supplemental Letter Agreement with SEH for Miscellaneous Services
15. Consider extending the current Lease Agreement between the City of Grand Rapids and Ray's Sport and Marine.
16. Consider approving the Workers Compensation coverage through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust
17. Consider adopting a resolution approving an operating transfer from the Capital Projects fund-2023 Infrastructure Bonds, and the Capital Fund PIR to the Capital Projects Fund-Grand Rapids Arts & Culture Projects.

Adopted Resolution 24-01

18. Consider approving the 2024-2026 Grand Rapids Police Security contract with Fairview Health Services.
19. Consider approving computer maintenance agreements for 2024 with Harris Computer Systems for \$30,027.46.
20. Consider accepting a proposal for design services related to the Highway 169 South Lighting Project, Phase 2
21. Consider adopting a resolution approving a loan to the Component Unit-Economic Development Authority.

Adopted Resolution 24-02

22. Consider approval of Pierringer Release with Hector Ismael Bello Ruiz
23. Approve hiring of PT Seasonal Warming House Attendant
24. Consider accepting the resignation of Seth Jetland from his position as GIS Technician and resignation of Michael LeClaire from his position as GIS Coordinator.
25. Consider approving the final payment for the Grand Rapids Library Façade Repair project in the amount of \$239,808.60 and Balancing Change Order 1.
26. Consider approving changes to Social Media Policy
27. Consider acknowledging notice of intent to amend City Council By-Laws
28. Consider an agreement with MacRostie Art for assistance with the Arts & Culture Commission
29. Consider approving change orders for Yanmar Arena Project

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve the Regular agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

30. Consider adopting a resolution approving the conveyance of property to the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to **adopt Resolution 24-03**, approving conveyance of property to GREDA as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

31. Consider the adoption of a resolution approving assignment and assumption of the Contract for Private Development in connection with Lakewood Apartments of Grand Rapids, LLC.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Sutherland to **adopt Resolution 24-04**, approving assignment and assumption of contract for private development in connection with Lakewood Apartments of Grand Rapids, LLC. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

ENGINEERING PUBLIC WORKS:

32. Consider accepting feasibility report and ordering plans and specifications for CP 2010-1, 3rd Ave/7th St NE Project

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor Adams to approve feasibility report and order plans and specs for CP 2010-1 as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

33. Consider approving a Supplemental Letter Agreement with SEH related to CP 2010-1

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor approving a supplemental letter agreement with SEH related to CP 2010-1 as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

34. Consider adopting a resolution approving reimbursement of expenditures for CP 2010-1, 3rd Avenue/7th Street NE Project.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor Adams to **adopt Resolution 24-05**, approving reimbursement of expenditures for CP 2010-1 as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

35. Consider the purchase of Snow Plow Truck Equipment for the Public Works Department

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve purchase of snow plow truck equipment as requested. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

36. Consider entering into a purchase agreement with McKeon Roberts

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor approving purchase agreement with McKeon Roberts. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

POLICE:


37. Consider adopting a resolution to accept a \$150 donation to the Grand Rapids Police Reserve Unit from Kona Ice.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor Adams to **adopt Resolution 24-06**, accepting donation from Kona Ice for the Grand Rapids Police Reserve Unit. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk