



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

**Monday, October 09, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

Councilor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

### **CALL OF ROLL:**

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

**STAFF:** Barb Baird, Chad Sterle, Glen Hodgson, Jeremy Nelson, Will Richter, Chery Pierzina, Kevin Ott, Justin Edmundson, K9 Murphy, Matt O'Rourke, Sean Smallen, Andy Mrogan, Dale Anderson, Rob Mattei

### **PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

Reading of Indigenous People's Day Resolution.

1. Officer Sean Smallen Oath of Office

Councilor Tasha Connelly conducted swearing in of Police Officer Sean Smallen.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

No one from the public wished to speak.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilor MacGregor attended Indigenous People's Day event and noted the speakers were very good and events were well done.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

2. Approve minutes for Monday, September 25, 2023 Worksession and Regular meetings and acknowledge summary for Monday, September 25, 2023 Closed meeting.

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

### **VERIFIED CLAIMS:**

3. Approve the verified claims for the period September 19, 2023 to October 2, 2023 in the total amount of \$1,128,024.90.

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

#### ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

4. Acknowledged the following:

June 7, 2023 PUC Meeting  
June 28, 2023 Human Rights Commission Meeting  
July 5, 2023 Arts & Culture Commission Meeting  
July 6, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting  
July 12, 2023 PUC Meeting  
July 20, 2023 Police Community Advisory Board  
August 9, 2023 Library Board Meeting  
August 10, 2023 GREDA Meeting  
August 15, 2023 Golf Board Meeting  
August 16, 2023 PUC Meeting  
August 24, 2023 GREDA Meeting  
August 30, 2023 Human Rights Commission Meeting

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Consider updating the State Plan of Operations agreement and addendum between the State of Minnesota and the Grand Rapids Police Department
6. Consider adopting a resolution approving 2023 budget amendments for the Civic Center salary adjustments.

#### **Adopted Resolution 23-71**

7. Consider accepting resignation of Mark Gothard from the Planning Commission and authorize filling the vacancy.
8. Consider the renewal of the Group Vision Care Plan through Avesis.
9. Consider approving temporary liquor license for Itasca Curling Association
10. Consider adopting a resolution establishing the official polling places for Grand Rapids Precincts One, Two, Three and Four

#### **Adopted Resolution 23-72**

11. Consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing an application to the MN Dept. of IRRR Development Partnership Grant Program for the Workforce Housing Pre-development Project.

#### **Adopted Resolution 23-73**

12. Consider approving a donation agreement with Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital
13. Consider the adoption of a resolution issuing an order to raze or remove structures upon property located at 3321 River Road, Grand Rapids, MN

**Adopted Resolution 23-74**

14. Consider the adoption of a resolution issuing an order to raze or remove structures upon property located at 914 Clover Lane, Grand Rapids, MN

**Adopted Resolution 23-75**

15. Consider entering into a service agreement with ESC to monitor the new fire alarm panel at the IRA Civic Center.
16. Consider awarding contracts to Casper Construction for the Fairgrounds Pond and TNT Construction for the Eagles Pond revitalization.
17. Consider approving change orders for Civic Center Project.
18. Consider accepting a quote from Gartner Controls for Civic Center door access.
19. Make a motion to authorize Grand Rapids Police Department to apply for and accept \$723.50 from the 2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof vest Program and to adopt a resolution accepting the same.

**Adopted Resolution 23-76**

20. Consider approval of subordination agreements in favor of National Bank of Commerce, Hibbing Branch.
21. Consider hiring Civic Center Maintenance employee.

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

**SET REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

**CIVIC CENTER & PARKS:**

22. Consider passing a resolution accepting a donation from Thunder Fastpitch to cover the cost of installing an outfield fence at the Grand Rapids Sports Complex.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Sutherland **adopted Resolution 23-77**, accepting a donation from Thunder Fastpitch. Voting Yea: Councilor Connelly,

Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

23. Consider approving an Arena Host Letter of Understanding with Minnesota Hockey to host the State AA Bantam Tournament in March 15 – 17, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the Arena Host Letter of Understanding. Voting Yea: Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

24. Consider entering into an Interim Naming Rights Agreement with Yanmar Compact Equipment North America (CENA), effective Nov. 1, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Sutherland approve the Interim Naming Rights Agreement with Yanmar for naming rights of the IRC Civic Center. Voting Yea: Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

POLICE:

25. Consider authorizing the police department to apply for a donation from ‘Spike’s K9,’ for a K9 ballistic vest for K9 “Murphy,” and adopt a resolution to accept the same.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor MacGregor to **adopt Resolution 23-78**, to accept a donation of K9 ballistic vest for K9 Murphy. Voting Yea: Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor MacGregor to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 PM. Voting Yea: Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

Respectfully submitted:

*Kimberly Gibeau*  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk