



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 12, 2026

5:00 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:12 PM.

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

STAFF: Kimberly Gibeau, Chad Sterle, Carl Babich, Chery Pierzina, Jeremy Nelson

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Connelly noted that the GRHS Marching Band took 7th place overall in State.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor MacGregor discussed Indigenous Peoples Day events at MN North College.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve minutes for Monday, September 28, 2026 Worksession and Regular meetings.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Seconded by Councilor Mertes to approve Council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Mertes

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period September 22, 2026 to October 5, 2026 in the total amount of \$606,630.53.

Motion made by Councilor Mertes, Seconded by Councilor MacGregor to approve the verified claims as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Mertes

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider renewing the Memorandum of Understanding between Minnesota North College, Itasca and the Grand Rapids Police Department.

4. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a 2026-2027 Toward Zero Death (TZD) grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety- Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$23,500.00.

Adopted Resolution 26-78

5. Consider rehiring Jackson Horn as Seasonal Arena Attendant II at Yanmar Arena.
6. Consider Voiding Lost Accounts Payable Check and Issue Replacement Check.
7. Consider awarding a quote to Joy's Greenhouse for the 2027 downtown flowers
8. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing a grant application to the IRRR Public Works Grant Program for the Block 19 Improvements project

Adopted Resolution 26-79

9. Consider updates to seasonal employment.
10. Adopt a resolution accepting a State Airport Fund Grant for the Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute.

Adopted Resolution 26-80

11. Consider Voiding Lost Accounts Payable Check and Issue Replacement Check.
12. Consider entering into a Cleaning Services Agreement with Northwoods Cleaning Company at Yanmar Arena.
13. Consider entering into an Advertising Agreement with a business at Yanmar Arena.
14. Consider approval of installing epoxy flooring in the Police Department squad room.
15. Consider approving the continuation of general liability insurance through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust for calendar year 2027.
16. Consider authorizing staff to develop an RFP for design and engineering services for the Blandin Beach improvement project.

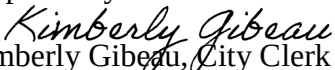
Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Seconded by Councilor Mertes to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Mertes

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

No agenda items to approve.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk