

Councilor introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR MACTA EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE PUBLIC, EDUCATION, AND GOVERNMENT (PEG) PROGRAMMING/PUBLIC ACCESS FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, community television programming allows community members to stay connected and entertained through public, education, and government (PEG) programming; and

**WHEREAS**, public access television programming includes local community and nonprofit submissions, City Council and board and commission meetings, and community events; and

**WHEREAS**, public access television programming has primarily been funded through franchise fees which allow cable providers to utilize the public right-of-way for private use; and

**WHEREAS**, with the recent consumer trend of moving from traditional cable providers to digital/video streaming services, the funds available for public access television programming has decreased; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Association of Community Telecommunications Administrators (MACTA) is a statewide organization of municipal and nonprofit staff that advocates for cities and their residents: and

**WHEREAS**, MACTA is launching a campaign to create legislative changes at the state and federal level that will respond to consumer changes and allow current practices to modernize in response to these shifts; and

**WHEREAS**, MACTA is working with Minnesota cities to gain support for their legislative efforts.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA THAT:** The City Council offers their support to the Minnesota Associate of Community Telecommunications Administrators (MACTA) effort to modernize local access funding through legislative change.

Adopted by the City Council of Grand Rapids, Minnesota this 26th day of February, 2024.

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Tasha Connelly, Mayor

Attested:

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Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk

Councilor seconded the foregoing resolution and the following voted in favor thereof: ; and the following voted against same: None, whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.