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

**Monday, June 26, 2023**

**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, Andy Morgan, Brian Mattson, Chery Pierzina, Will Richter, Chris Rima-Carlson, Sam Grigsby, Kevin Ott

### **PRESENTATION:**

Police Chief Andy Morgan noted that Mr. Lazo has submitted his notice of retirement from the Grand Rapids Police Reserves for which he has served more than 40 years. Mr. Lazo was presented with a plaque and certificate of appreciation.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

No one from the public wished to speak.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

No Council reports provided.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Approve minutes for Monday, June 12, 2023 City Council Worksession and Regular meetings.

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

### **VERIFIED CLAIMS:**

2. Approve the verified claims for the period June 6, 2023 to June 19, 2023 in the total amount of \$3,497,640.87.

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

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

3. Acknowledged minutes Board & Commission meetings:

- ~ Arts & Culture Meeting: February 7th, & April 4th, 2023
- ~ PUC Meetings: January 11th, February 8th, February 22nd, March 8th, March 22nd, & April 26th, 2023
- ~ Civic Center Advisory Board Meeting: May 8th, 2023
- ~ GREDA Meeting: April 13th, 2023
- ~ Planning Commission Meeting: April 6th, 2023
- ~ Human Rights Commission Meeting: April 26th, 2023
- ~ Library Board Meeting: May 10th, 2023
- ~ Golf Board Meeting: May 16th, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider approval of an agreement with LHB for safety inspections on the Horn Bridge.
5. Consider approving renewal for Office 365 services through Zix.
6. Consider approving the final pay request for CP 2003-18, 21st Street SW Extension in the amount of \$21,767.00 and balancing change order #2.
7. Consider accepting the notice of retirement of Juan Lazo from the Grand Rapids Police Reserves.
8. Consider approving cost increases for GPZ Garage Door replacement
- 8a. Consider approving change orders related to the Civic Center project.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the Consent agenda as amended with the addition of item #8a. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

9. Consider authorizing Human Resources to begin the process of advertising and hiring for the open position of Police Officer

Ms. Pierzina provided background including changes in staffing at the Police Department beginning with retirement of Chief Schaar.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Sutherland to approve advertising and hiring process for Police Officer. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

ENGINEERING PUBLIC WORKS:

10. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a bench donation in memory of Dee Huffer Warren.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Connelly adopting **Resolution 23-42**, accepting a bench donation from Dee Huffer Warren family. Voting Yea: Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kimberly Gibeau*  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk