



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
IT'S IN MINNESOTA'S NATURE

CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 24, 2024

4:00 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland. ABSENT: Councilor Rick Blake.

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Lance Kuschel, Will Richter, Travis Cole, Barb Baird.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT:

1. Yanmar Arena, Parks & Recreation - Dale Anderson

Dale Anderson updated the Council on arena activities, including current status of the remodel. Currently working on the acoustic issues to correct problems with sound. Meeting conference space in the upper lobby area being utilized for many gatherings included parties, team events and weddings. Update on current parks and improvements, including funding.

BUSINESS:

2. Annual Update Visit Grand Rapids - Megan Christianson

Megan Christiansen, Visit Grand Rapids, provided an annual update on activities relative to tourism. Specifically addressed travel trends, lodging tax, marketing campaigns, etc.

3. Grand Rapids Fire Relief Association request to join State Volunteer Firefighter (SVF) fund with management from the Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA).

Fire Chief Travel Cole, along with Fire Fighters Will Richter and Lance Kuschel, present overview of SVF PERA and request to join. This will be added to the Consent agenda as 10a.

REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA:

Addition of item #10a is noted. Upon review, no other additions or changes are noted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk