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**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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## **CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, November 25, 2024**

**4:00 PM**

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Tom Sutherland-arrived at 4:17 pm.

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Rob Mattei

### **BUSINESS:**

1. RAMS Legislative Priority Discussion ~ Paul Peltier

Paul Peltier presents information relative to RAMS and their legislative priorities for 2025. Mineral development in the region, capital investment and LGA, housing, school components, energy reform, etc.

City of Grand Rapids priorities are currently Central School, LGA, state sales tax bill.

2. Municipal Cannabis Dispensary Presentation

Patrick Hurley, Voyageur Cannabis Services, presented a possible business plan including information on projected sales through 2029, cannabis consumption trends, business & municipal goals, regulatory framework, operational plan, Marketing strategies, Implementation timeline. Council will continue to explore further options.

3. Discuss contracting with a lobbying firm

Mr. Pagel discusses past practice of utilizing a lobbyist to help the City with legislative work. The Council will hold a special meeting on December 2, 2024 at 6:45 PM to conduct interviews with prospective companies/individuals.

### **REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA:**

Upon review, no changes or additions are noted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kimberly Gibeau*  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk