

Councilor introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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WHEREAS, the people of Minnesota have critical infrastructure needs, including the replacement and upgrade of aging drinking water systems, sewage treatment, roads, and bridges that cannot be delayed, and

WHEREAS, without additional funding through a bonding bill, cities will have to drastically raise water rates or taxes on residents and business to pay for necessary infrastructure projects made even more expensive due to inflation, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature failed to pass a bonding bill in the 2022 legislative session, and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids, due to inflationary costs requires an increase in the amount of local sales and use tax it can collect for the IRA Civic Center project, and

WHEREAS, Local Government Aid (LGA) is an essential aid program to Minnesota cities, helping to restrain local property taxes, and

WHEREAS, the LGA appropriation has not kept up with city needs and inflation, making it more difficult for cities to provide the public safety, core infrastructure, libraries, and other services without imposing significant property tax increases or service cuts, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature failed to pass a tax bill in the 2022 legislative session that would have increased the LGA appropriation, and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota has a multi-billion-dollar budget surplus, and

WHEREAS, additional funds are required to match millions of dollars in available federal funds;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Grand Rapids, Minnesota urges through this Resolution to Governor Walz to declare a special session and to its lawmakers to work in a bipartisan way to pass a bonding bill and a tax bill that includes an LGA increase; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to Representative Spencer Igo and Senator Justin Eichorn, Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman, Senate Majority Leader Jeremy Miller, House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, Senate Minority Leader Melissa López Franzen, and Governor Tim Walz.

Adopted by the Council this 8th day of August, 2022.

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Dale Christy, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_; whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.