



# GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** October 30, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** Local Utility Preservation Resolution

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## **BACKGROUND:**

Last October, at the joint Council/Commission meeting, we introduced the concept of local utility preservation. This statewide initiative champions the principle that residents and customers should have a voice in the potential dissolution of their locally owned municipal utility. In April, at the joint meeting, we highlighted the legal requirement for a voter referendum to establish a municipal utility. Aligned with this, our Commission endorses the state municipal utilities association's position that a referendum should similarly be required for any dissolution.

To affirm and safeguard the rights of our voters regarding their utility services, we presented a draft resolution. GRPUC requests that the Council consider adopting this resolution to address these important concerns. Attached, you will find the memos and draft resolution from our prior meetings for your review. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns the Council may have regarding this proposed resolution.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

GRPUC recommends the City Council consider adopting the Local Utility Preservation resolution.