



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 27, 2025

5:00 PM

Mayor Pro-Tem Blake called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PRESENT: Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Dan Mertes. **ABSENT:** Mayor Tasha Connelly

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Laura Pfeifer, Kevin Ott, Chery Pierzina

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Councilor Blake noted that each Friday there is a radio broadcast on KAXE called the Sports Page.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor MacGregor provided overview of ARDC meeting.

Councilor Blake reviewed recent MN Chamber of Commerce session priorities event and provided overview of recent RAMS Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting and January 13, 2025 Closed Meeting summary.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period of January 7, 2025 to January 21, 2025 in the total amount of \$3,433,461.81 of which \$2,468,926.25 are debt service payments.

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

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

3. Acknowledged minutes for:
 - ~ November 21, 2024 PCA Board meeting
 - ~ November 27, 2024 PUC Meeting
 - ~ December 3, 2024 Arts & Culture meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider approving the final pay estimate for CP 2023-1, N Taxilane Reconstruction in the amount of \$19,928.03, change order 2 and balancing change order 3.
5. Consider Voiding Lost Accounts Payable Check and Issue a Replacement Check.
6. Consider 2025 Pay and Classification Change for Non-Represented Part-Time and Trainee Hospital Security Officers.
7. Consider authorizing staff to seek proposals for a City Prosecutor.
8. Consider approving revised job descriptions for positions at Public Works.
9. Consider Employee Status Change for a Hospital Security Officer from part-time to full-time.
10. Consider approving the purchase of an ASV broom from Yanmar CE
11. Consider approving a resolution calling for a public hearing relating to the issuance of street reconstruction bonds.

Adopted Resolution 24-09

12. Consider authorizing the Police Department to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with 1,000 Lakes SWAT.
13. Consider approving an invoice from Hart Electric for electric heating mats and controls under slab on north end of Yanmar Arena.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Mertes to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

14. Consider appointment of Kiara Rantala to the position of Police Officer with the Grand Rapids Police Department.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor Mertes to appoint Kiara Rantala to the position of Police Officer, contingent upon satisfactory completion of noted requirements. Voting Yea: Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk