



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Minutes - Final - Final City Council

Monday, January 23, 2017

5:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

5:00 PM **CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Regular Meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council was held on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL

Present 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
 Mayor Dale Adams
 Councilor Bill Zeige
 Councilor Rick Blake
 Councilor Tasha Connelly

Staff present:

Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Barb Baird, Travis Cole, Scott Johnson, Lynn DeGrio, Lisa Flaherty, Michele Palkki, Matt Wegworth, Rob Mattei, Sue Johnson, Dale Anderson, Marcia Anderson

5:01 PM **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

Presentation of Award to Susan Johnson - Mayor Adams

Mayor Adams presented Sue Johnson with a plaque in appreciation of her 37 years of service to the City of Grand Rapids upon her retirement.

MEETING PROTOCOL POLICY

5:05 PM **PUBLIC FORUM**

Travis Cole, Captain with the Grand Rapids Fire Department, announces that the Fire Dept. is seeking applicants for firefighter. All who are interested are encouraged to apply. Application deadline is January 31, 2017.

5:10 PM **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Adams announces that several City Boards & Commissions are seeking applicants. Anyone interested can inquire at City Hall in Administration or by calling.

Councilor Christy provides update on RAMS board, ongoing topics and upcoming meetings.

**5:12 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
PM**

Consider approving Council minutes for Monday, January 9, 2017 Workession & Regular Meetings.

A motion was made by Councilor Rick Blake, seconded by Councilor Bill Zeige, to approve Council minutes as presented. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

**5:13 CONSENT AGENDA
PM**

1. Consider adopting a resolution approving an operating transfer from the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund to the Grand Rapids Public Library in the amount of \$4,142.00 as of December 31, 2016.
Adopted City Resolution 17-06 by consent roll call
2. Consider voiding Lost Accounts Payable check #123888, issue a new check, and waiving bond requirements for check issued to MN Energy Resources in the amount of \$133,538.86.
Approved by consent roll call
3. Consider authorizing the Police Department to apply for a child safety car seat grant.
Approved by consent roll call
4. Consider a resolution accepting and approving additional donations and sponsorships for the IRA Civic Center Multi-Use Pavilion received and/or pledged in the year 2016.
Adopted City Resolution 17-07 by consent roll call
5. Consider approving a resolution accepting donations of \$250 from Grand Rapids Arts, \$250 from Northern Community Radio and \$250 from MacRostie Art Center for the Grand Rapids Arts & Culture Commission Riverfront Venue Feasibility Study.
Approved City Resolution 17-08 by consent roll call
6. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$130.00 donation for the Shop with a Hero program
Adopted City Resolution 17-09 by consent roll call
7. Consider authorizing the Grand Rapids Police Department to sell two (2) Glock .40 caliber handguns.
Approved by consent roll call
8. Consider approving a 1 - 4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Grand Itasca

Foundation, event scheduled for March 16, 2017.

Approved by consent roll call

9. Consider approving temporary liquor licenses for five (5) separate events from February - June, 2017.

Approved by consent roll call

10. Consider adopting a resolution approving a loan to the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund in the amount of \$454,285 for a term of five years with an interest rate for 2017 of .50% and adjusting the annual interest rate by adding .25% to the City's previous year's average interest rate on investments.

Adopted City Resolution 17-10 by consent roll call

11. Authorize the Grand Rapids Police Department to apply for a State Homeland Security Program Grant

Approved by consent roll call

12. Consider approving the request to solicit quotes utilizing the Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture for the purchase of the Budgeted 2017 Snow Plow Truck.

Approved by consent roll call

13. Consider approving the request to solicit quotes for three pick-up purchases that are approved in the 2017 CIP.

Approved by consent roll call

14. Consider authorizaing Public Works to solicit quotes for the purchase of a new 2017 snow blower, utilizing the State of Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture.

Approved by consent roll call

15. Consider approving the hiring of a part-time employee at the Grand Rapids Park and Recreation Department, IRA Civic Center and the Grand Rapids Sports Complex.

Approved by consent roll call

16. Consider accepting notice of Retirement from Susan Johnson.

Approved by consent roll call

17. Consider accepting the resignation of Donnie Wilson from the Grand Rapids Fire Department.

Approved by consent roll call

18. Consider the appointment of Jacob Beach as an Intern in the Grand Rapids Police Department.

Approved by consent roll call

- 18a. Consider appointing a Council representative to the Active Living Center Advisory Board.
- Approved appointing Councilor Zeige as Council representative by consent roll call**

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Christy, seconded by Councilor Connelly, to approve the Consent agenda with the addition of item #18a, moved from Regular agenda item #26. The motion carried by the following vote

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Bill Zeige
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly

5:15 PM SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Bill Zeige, seconded by Councilor Tasha Connelly, to approve the Regular agenda as amended. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

19. Acknowledge minutes for Boards & Commissions.
- 11/9/16, 11/16/16, 12/14/16 - Library Board minutes
12/14/16 - PUC minutes*
- Acknowledge Boards and Commissions**

5:17 PM DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

20. Engineering ~ Matt Wegwerth
- Engineer Wegwerth provides information on department activities, GIS projects and software programs, staff, CIP projects from 2016, 2017 projects, Street light improvements, Grant applications, road construction projects, etc.*

5:27 PM CIVIC CENTER, PARKS & RECREATION

21. Consider naming the Community Multi-Use Pavilion.
- Dale Anderson addresses the Council, citing support provided to the City and community at large, by the Miner family over the years and stating that Jerry & Shirley Miner recently donated \$50,000 toward the Multi-Use Pavilion project, which will benefit the entire community.*
- A motion was made by Councilor Blake, seconded by Councilor Zeige, officially naming the new multi-use pavilion constructed at the Civic Center, the Jerry & Shirley Miner Family Multi-Use Pavilion. The motion carried by the following vote.**

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Bill Zeige
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly

22. Consider purchasing a scoreboard for the Multi-Use Pavilion

Mr. Anderson presents request to purchase new scoreboard for the M.U.P. The specified vendor has provided quality product and excellent customer service in the past and staff believes this will continue.

A motion was made by Councilor Christy, seconded by Councilor Zeige, to approve the purchase of a scoreboard for the Multi-Use Pavilion as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Bill Zeige
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly

5:30 PM PUBLIC HEARINGS

23. Consider conducting the Public Hearing for CP 2009-1, the 2017 Infrastructure Improvements Project.

Mayor Adams states the reason for the public hearing, advising this is the time and place for all to be heard regarding this project. Clerk Gibeau states that all required notices have been made and the Clerk's office received one email correspondence, sent via email to Engineer Matt Wegwerth, from Mr. & Mrs. Peder Gaalaas, in support of the project. The complete correspondence is included here.

Hi Matt,

Thank you for taking my calls recently to discuss the infrastructure improvements planned for 4th Ave NW in Grand Rapids. My wife, Maren, and I may not be able to attend the January 23 public hearing so we wanted to give you a summary of our thoughts on the project.

We support the project and look forward to the planned improvements. As noted in your 1-11-17 correspondence, safety is a concern in our neighborhood. Controlling the speed of traffic on 4th Ave NW is a primary goal on this relatively busy road and school bus route.

We would like to add the following ideas to the discussion as suggestions that may lower the risk of injury and improve the overall safety surrounding 4th Ave NW.

-Maintain the existing 40' width of 4th Ave NW.

This would avoid the increased risk that may come by putting all of the vehicle and pedestrian traffic in a smaller space, especially in the winter months when snow banks narrow the road further, and ice/snow create more dangerous walking and driving conditions.

-Add stop signs on 4th Ave NW at the intersections of 10th and 12th Streets.

This would create an enforceable slowing of traffic, and not rely on the assumption that all traffic will automatically slow down in a narrowed roadway.

-Add speed humps in two locations along 4th Ave NW between 9th and 13th St. (just north of 10th St and south of 12th Street ?)

This would create a physical reminder, which should effectively slow traffic and may encourage some traffic to take alternate routes.

Thank you for considering these options as you look at ways to make our neighborhood a safer place with infrastructure improvements.

*Sincerely,
Peder & Maren Gaalaas
1007 NW 4th Ave
Grand Rapids, MN 55744*

City Engineer, Matt Wegwerth, provides background information regarding the proposed project.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Christy, seconded by Councilor Bill Zeige, to open the public hearing. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

Marcia Anderson, 1010 NW 4th Ave, notes that this is a bike and pedestrian route, with various uses and events using 4th Ave as pedestrian group walkway. Other roads in area used as overflow parking for Civic Center. Priority would be to slow traffic, encourage stopping at stop signs, public art on 4th Avenue, protect Hale Lake, protect boulevard trees.

Roger Rolston, 1115 4th Ave, concerned about narrowing street. Measured street and with winter snow buildup, the street is already narrowed. Not all homes have alley access in this area. Would prefer the street at 40'.

Sheryl Hannasch, 315 NE 9th Street, concerns regarding sidewalks, slope in front of houses and concerned about need to build retaining wall and who is responsible. Engineering advises that grading into yards will bring more level so no need for wall.

Glenna Olson, 1201 NW 4th Avenue, 12th Street was dug up in 2002 and would like to know what was done and why new work is required. Administrator Pagel explains that work at that time was due to storm sewer.

John Clark, 311 NE 9th Street, rental property. Sidewalk concern, steep driveway and is concerned that the driveway will be much more steep at completion of project. Concerns over large pine tree that may be affected by construction.

Jennifer Vail Storrs, 1106 NW 4th Avenue, has questions regarding the arts and culture cost. These funds are dependent upon Council approval of Arts & Culture Plan. Residents should have a say in the art projects.

Jerry Pulkrabek, 414 Hale Lake Lane, questions regarding possible median, stating opposition to median. Concerned about narrowing the avenue further, stating it should remain at 40'.

Ross Williams, 1010 NW 4th Avenue, strongly support narrowing the street. States this will slow traffic down and make for a safer roadway.

No one else wished to speak, therefore the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Councilor Bill Zeige, seconded by Councilor Rick Blake, to close the public hearing. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

ENGINEERING

24. Consider adopting a resolution ordering CP 2009-1, the 2017 Infrastructure Improvements Project and the plans and specifications for the Project to be completed.
- Councilmembers ask questions to address concerns from residents presented during public hearing portion of the meeting. Engineer Wegwerth is available to talk with residents about concerns.*
- A motion was made by Councilor Zeige, seconded by Councilor Christy, to adopt City Resolution 17-11, ordering CP 2009-1, 2017 Infrastructure Improvements Project and plans & specs for project to be completed. The motion carried by the following vote.**
- Aye** 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Bill Zeige
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
25. Consider approving SLA 2009-1 with SEH for construction engineering services related to CP 2009-1, 2017 Infrastructure Improvements Project.
- A motion was made by Councilor Christy, seconded by Councilor Blake, to approve the SLA 2009-1 with SEH as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.**
- Aye** 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Bill Zeige
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly

5:50 ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT PM

Item #26 moved to Consent as item #18a.

5:55 VERIFIED CLAIMS PM

27. Consider approving the verified claims for the period January 4, 2017 to January 23, 2017 in the total amount of \$3,298,871.63 of which \$2,550,936.26 are bond payments.
- A motion was made by Councilor Blake, seconded by Councilor Zeige, to approve the verified claims as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.**

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Bill Zeige
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly

6:00 PM ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, seconded by Councilor Bill Zeige, to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk