



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Minutes - Final - Final City Council Work Session

Monday, October 23, 2017

4:00 PM

Conference Room 2A

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Special Meeting/Worksession of the Grand Rapids City Council was held on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 2A, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL: On a call of roll, the following members were present:

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

Staff present:

Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Rob Mattei, Barb Baird, Steve Schaar, Matt Wegwerth, Marcia Anderson

Discussion Items

1. TIF Abatement Presentation

Postponed

2. Estimated Market Values, Tax Capacity and Fiscal Disparities Presentation - Itasca County Assessor and Auditor/Treasurer

Amber Peratalo, Itasca County Assessor, provided background information on the process used to determine valuation and market value of properties and finding the taxable value. In 2023, a complete assessment of the entire city will be done every five years, as opposed to the current process of assessing 20% of City each year for five years.

Ms. Peratalo noted that although the County has seen a decrease in value in the last six year period, the City has seen an increase. Specifically noted was the large increase in 2015 due to new construction. The overall trend shows growth as there is an upturn in the economy.

Jeff Walker, County Auditor/Treasurer, discussed Minnesota tax in comparison to other states. Reveiwed process of determinig tax relief distribution for fiscal disparities. The City has approximately \$7.6 million in tax levy with an 8% tax rate. Abatements apply to specific development/parcels.

Best way to have positive impact is to continue to educate the public.

Received and Filed

3. Review 5:00 PM Regular Meeting

Upon review, the following changes were made to the Council agenda:

- 1. Moved item #13 from regular agenda to #8a on Consent.*
- 2. Added request to enter agreement with Minnesota Energy Resources Corp. in reference to natural gas service at the IRA Civic Center as item #8b to Consent*
- 3. Moved item #12 from regular agenda to #8c on Consent.*

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk