



# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

## Minutes - Final - Final City Council Work Session

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Tuesday, August 7, 2018

5:00 PM

Conference Room 2A

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Special Meeting/Worksession of the Grand Rapids City Council was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Council Chambers, 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

**Others present:**

*Duane Schraw, Barb Sanderson, Rozanne Casey, Diane Larson, Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Rob Mattei, Scott Johnson, Steve Schaar, Bob Stein, Vic Moen, Barb Baird, Beth George*

### Discussion Items

Presentation and discussion of the Residential Rental Licensing and Inspection Ordinance Feasibility Study, prepared by the Council appointed taskforce.

*Rob Mattei, Community Development Director, presented completed feasibility study including background, process, purpose, characteristics, standards, budgeting and staffing. Mr. Mattei covered information that was gathered through outreach to other communities with similar ordinances and discussed the cost benefit and provided recommendations determined by the task force. The overall goal of the ordinance is to help both tenants and landlords.*

*Specific concerns are noted regarding the possible displacement of tenants, including children, that will have no other housing options should their current rental not meet minimum standards and there is no effort/ability to repair and upgrade. What resources will be made available to these families should homes be deemed uninhabitable. The social services system is already over-burdened and a solid plan should be in place prior to moving forward.*

*Beth George, city resident, speaks in support of the ordinance, citing issues with tenants that do not maintain property, many out of inexperience and lack of knowledge. Recommending that the Ordinance require landlords to provide a brochure with complete information to tenants outlining rules and regulations required within the City limits.*

*City Attorney, Chad Sterle, advises the Council that there are communities within the State of Minnesota that have pending litigation regarding similar ordinances. These*

*situations will be monitored and information provided to the Council as it becomes available.*

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.**

*Respectfully submitted:*

*Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk*