



# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

## Minutes - Final - Final City Council

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Monday, July 8, 2019

5:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Regular Meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council was held on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 5:01 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

### CALL OF ROLL

**Present** 4 - Councilor Dale Christy  
Councilor Rick Blake  
Councilor Tasha Connelly  
Councilor Michelle Toven  
**Absent** 1 - Mayor Dale Adams

### Staff present:

*Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Scott Johnson, Steve Schaar, Lynn DeGrio, Rob Mattei, Barb Baird*

### MEETING PROTOCOL POLICY

### PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Consider adopting a resolution supporting a plastic free day challenge.

*Beau Garfield, 1913 Strader Drive, presents background information regarding the effects of plastic on our environment, the need for more recycling, and increase in need for reusable wares in place of disposable plastic.*

**A motion was made by Councilor Christy, second by Councilor Connelly to adopt Resolution 19-55, supporting a plastic free day challenge in the City of Grand Rapids. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye** 4 - Councilor Dale Christy  
Councilor Rick Blake  
Councilor Tasha Connelly  
Councilor Michelle Toven

### PUBLIC FORUM

*None.*

### COUNCIL REPORTS

*None.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Consider approving Council minutes for Monday, June 24, 2019.

**A motion was made by Councilor Toven, seconded by Councilor Connelly to approve Council minutes as presented. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.**

**VERIFIED CLAIMS**

Consider approving the verified claims for the period June 18, 2019 to July 1, 2019 in the total amount of \$1,110,791.07.

**A motion was made by Councilor Christy, seconded by Councilor Toven to approve the Verified claims as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye** 4 - Councilor Dale Christy  
Councilor Rick Blake  
Councilor Tasha Connelly  
Councilor Michelle Toven

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consider accepting the 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the Report on Internal Controls, and the Report on Compliance with Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Code.

**Approved by consent roll call**

2. Consider approving Change Order 3 related to CP 2019-1, Golf Course Road Utility Extension-Great River Acres

**Approved by consent roll call**

3. Consider approving Chamber Directory Contract

**Approved by consent roll call**

4. Consider payment of \$4,000 to Milligan Studio.

**Approved by consent roll call**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilor Connelly, seconded by Councilor Christy, to approve the Consent agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote**

**Aye** 4 - Councilor Dale Christy  
Councilor Rick Blake  
Councilor Tasha Connelly  
Councilor Michelle Toven

## SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA

**A motion was made by Councilor Toven, seconded by Councilor Christy to approve the Regular agenda as presented. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.**

## ACKNOWLEDGE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

5. Review and acknowledge minutes for Boards & Commissions.

*Human Rights Commission - May 29, 2019*

*Arts & Culture Commission - June 4, 2019*

**Acknowledge Boards and Commissions**

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6. Consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority (GREDA) conveying City parcels in the plat of Great River Acres.

*Director of CD, Rob Mattei, presents background information, addressing the City comprehensive plan and positives associated with Great River Acres development.*

**A motion was made by Councilor Connelly, seconded by Councilor Toven to approve MOU with GREDA conveying City parcels in Great River Acres final plat. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye** 4 - Councilor Dale Christy  
Councilor Rick Blake  
Councilor Tasha Connelly  
Councilor Michelle Toven

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

7. Appointment of Nathan Morlan to the position of Building Official/Building Maintenance Manager.

**A motion was made by Councilor Toven, seconded by Councilor Connelly appointing Nathan Morlan to the position of Building Official/Building Maintenance Manager. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.**

8. Consider an agreement with Aaron Squadroni for the creation of a public sculpture.

*Pagel provides overview of sculpture and grant provided.*

**A motion was made by Councilor Christy, seconded by Councilor Connelly, approving agreement with Aaron Squadroni for public art sculpture. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9. Conduct a Public Hearing for proposed Property Tax Abatement.

*Finance Director Baird and Rebecca Kurtz, Ehlers, present background information.*

*Mayor Pro-tem Blake states the reason for the public hearing and that all those wishing to be heard should come forward. City Clerk Gibeau confirms that all required notices have been made and the Clerk's office has not received correspondence regarding this matter.*

**A motion was made by Councilor Connelly, seconded by Councilor Toven, to open the public hearing. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.**

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

**A motion was made by Councilor Christy, second by Councilor Connelly, to close the public hearing. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.**

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

10. Consider adopting a resolution approving Property Tax Abatement related to Public Improvements in the City of Grand Rapids.

**A motion was made by Councilor Toven, second by Councilor Christy, adopting Resolution 19-56, approving Property Tax Abatement for Public Improvements in the City of Grand Rapids. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye** 4 - Councilor Dale Christy  
Councilor Rick Blake  
Councilor Tasha Connelly  
Councilor Michelle Toven

11. Consider adopting a resolution providing for the Sale of \$1,585,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019A.

**A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, adopting Resolution 19-57, providing for sale of GO Bonds. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye** 4 - Councilor Dale Christy  
Councilor Rick Blake  
Councilor Tasha Connelly  
Councilor Michelle Toven

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Budget meeting scheduled for August 29, 2019 at 4pm.*

**A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.**

*Respectfully submitted: Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk*