



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Minutes - Final - Final City Council Work Session

Monday, October 28, 2019

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 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 2B, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

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

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

Staff present:

Chad Sterle, Matt Wegwerth, Scott Johnson, Barb Baird

Discussion Items

1. Discuss CP 2014-2, 2019 Street Improvements Project

Mr. Wegwerth reviews original bidding that came in significantly higher than planned and the decision to table the project at that time. The project was re-evaluated and recommendations are made to delay a portion of the original project, complete work on 2nd Avenue NE, 7th and 9th Street NE with the addition of sidewalk from 10th to 11th Street NE. Alley work has already been completed as a local project. As this still falls within the required time frame, there is no need to hold another public hearing. If Council approves moving forward, affected residents will receive a letter with the updated plans.
2. Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Framework

Mr. Tim Scherkenbach presented information regarding climate changes in the United States, noting that Minnesota is one of the most vulnerable states, particularly in the northern areas of the state. He is recommending the Council consider preparing a draft vulnerability assessment. As to the question of cost, Mr. Wegwerth states that this would be done in house by City staff, working directly with the environmental group, therefore there would not be any direct cost with the exception of staff time. Consensus is for staff to move forward and return to Council if funding becomes a necessity.
3. Review 5:00 PM Regular Meeting

Upon review, item #11a, adopting a resolution accepting a matching grant for the Fire

Department, is added to consent and item #3 is moved from Consent to the Regular agenda as item #13a. Councilor Christy noted that Advanced Civics students at Grand Rapids High School wrote letters to the City Council on the topic of vaping. Letters are divided between Council members for review and response.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk