



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Minutes - Final - Final City Council

Monday, October 28, 2019

5:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Regular Meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council was held on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 5:00 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:

Chad Sterle, Eric Trast, Rob Mattei, Dom Deguisseppi, Barb Barid, Will Richter, Matt Wegwerth, Scott Johnson, Lynn DeGrio

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

National Homelessness & Hunger Awareness

Proclaimed and filed.

MEETING PROTOCOL POLICY

PUBLIC FORUM

Beth George, 819 NE 4th Street, on behalf of ICTV, invites the Council to the strategic planning stakeholder meetings being held on November 12th, in City Hall Council Chambers and November 13th at the Grand Rapids Area Library. These meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Christy notes that the annual RAMS meeting has been scheduled for December 19, 2019 at 5:00 pm at Mt. Iron Community Center. All Council members are invited. If you plan to attend, RSVP to City Clerk Gibeau.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approving Council minutes for Monday, October 14, 2019 Worksession and

Regular meetings.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS

Consider approving the verified claims for the period October 8, 2019 to October 21, 2019 in the total amount of \$546,952.32.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Christy, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, 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 adoption of City of Grand Rapids Personnel Policy Manual.

Adopted by consent roll call
2. Consider adopting a resolution approving the plans and specifications and ordering the advertisement for bids for CP 2014-2, the 2019 Street Improvements Project - 2nd Avenue NE.

Adopted Resolution 19-93 by consent roll call
4. Consider the attached list for part-time winter maintenance employment for the Public Works Department.

Approved by consent roll call
5. Consider approving Final Payment for BR 31514 Horn Bridge Maintenance.

Approved by consent roll call
6. Consider extending Seasonal Golf Employment

Approved by consent roll call
7. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$7,146.00 grant from the MN Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (IRRR) Residential Redevelopment Grant Program.

Adopted Resolution 19-94 by consent roll call
8. Consider approving amendments to Hazmat Response Contract with State of

Minnesota to now be supervised by the State Fire Marshal Division.

Approved by consent roll call

9. Adopt a Resolution to Accept a \$150 Donation to the Fire Department

Adopted Resolution 19-95 by consent roll call

10. Consider adopting a resolution approving assignments of TIF in connection with River Hills Apartments and authorizing execution of consent to such assignments

Adopted Resolution 19-96 by consent roll call

11. Consider approving the hiring of a regular part-time employee at the IRA Civic Center / Parks and Recreation Department.

Approved by consent roll call

- 11a. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a 50/50 matching grant from the the MN DNR.

Adopted Resolution 19-97 by consent roll call

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, approving the Consent agenda as amended. 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 Dale Christy, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, approving the Regular agenda as amended. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

ACKNOWLEDGE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

12. Review and acknowledge minutes for Boards and Commissions.

Human Rights - July 31, 2019
Library - September 11, 2019
Golf - September 17, 2019
PUC - September 11 & 24, 2019

Acknowledged

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

13. Engineering / Public Works Department Head Report - Matt Wegwerth, Public Works Director/City Engineer
- Matt Wegwerth highlights Engineering and Public Works departments activities including:*
- Staffing, Office locations and specific days at each
 - GIS Projects with new website, citizen reporter application, stormwater permits, etc.
 - CIP Projects including new school site, pedestrian bridge completed
 - Right of Way and Stormwater permit overview
 - Airport projects including master plan under FAA review, apron reconstruction completed, noting that runway reconstruction is next
 - New staffing structure of Public Works department
 - Assistance provided for public art projects & downtown beautification
 - Reminder of winter parking ordinance & upcoming plow season

Received and Filed

- 13a. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a bench donation from the family of Bernie Gothard.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Christy, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, adopting Resolution 19-98, accepting bench donation in memory of Bernie Gothard. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

14. Consider the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding approval of a request for a fourth amendment to the approved Conditional Use Permit granted to Wal-Mart Stores Inc., for the construction of a Wal-Mart Supercenter located on Lot 1, Block 1, Plat of Wal-Mart Grand Rapids.

Mr. Mattei provides overview of CUP and requested amendment for Walmart stores.

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Dale Christy, adopting Resolution 19-99, approving amendment to CUP for Walmart as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

15. Consider approval of a Purchase Agreement with Blandin Foundation for the sale of the western portion of City property identified as Parcel Number 91-410-4010.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Christy, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, approving purchase agreement with Blandin Foundation for sale of City property as identified. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

16. Consider approval of an Ingress and Egress Easement to the Blandin Foundation over City property, Parcel Number 91-410-2620.

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, approving Ingress and Egress Easement to Blandin Foundation over City property, 91-410-2620. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

17. Consider approval of a Purchase Agreement with Blandin Foundation for the purchase of Blandin Foundation property (Mississippi River Park), Parcel Numbers: 91-410-4510, 91-410-4520, 91-410-4530, 91-410-4540 and 91-410-4550

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, approving purchase agreement with Blandin Foundation for purchase of Blandin Foundation property as identified. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

18. Consider approval of a resolution accepting a grant from the Blandin Foundation and authorize the Mayor to execute the grant agreement.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Christy, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, adopting Resolution 19-100, accepting grant from Blandin Foundation. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

19. Consider appointing Rebecca Sutherland to the position of part-time Records Technician/Transcriptionist with the Grand Rapids Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Dale Christy, appointing Rebecca Sutherland to the position of part-time Records Technician/Transcriptionist for the Police Department, contingent on satisfactory employment requirements. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk