



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Minutes - Final - Final City Council

Monday, May 11, 2020

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, May 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL

Present 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Adams recognizes Anne Marie Meany Huntley, upon her passing, as a former City Councilor for Grand Rapids and acknowledges her many contributions to the community.

MEETING PROTOCOL POLICY

PUBLIC FORUM

COUNCIL REPORTS

- * Mayor Adams states that the National Guard will do a Flyover in recognition of front line workers scheduled for May 13th at 11:45 am.*
- * Councilor Connelly provides update on Economic Development Authority business loans.*
- * Councilor Blake addressed concerns by some community members regarding the wearing of masks in local stores. He also expressed his appreciation to the MN Legislature for moving forward with the bonding bill, however, noting disappointment in recent actions taken by the MN House Tax Committee.*

VERIFIED CLAIMS

Consider approving the verified claims for the period April 21, 2020 to May 4, 2020 in the total amount of \$330,493.55.

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, to approve the verified claims as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider renewing the Transitional Work Program Contract Agreement with Occupational Development Center, Inc (ODC).
Approved by consent roll call
2. Consider making a motion authorizing the Public Works Department to hire from the PW Part-Time Eligibility List for the 2020 Spring/Summer Maintenance Season.
Approved by consent roll call
3. Consider making a motion authorizing the removal of inactive employees from the City of Grand Rapids payroll.
Approved by consent roll call
4. Consider adopting a resolution accepting an \$86,175.00 Commercial Redevelopment Grant from Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) for the demolition of the VFW and Rose buildings
Adopted Resolution 20-29 by consent roll call
5. Consider entering into agreements with area businesses for advertising at the IRA Civic Center.
Approved by consent roll call
6. Consider entering into a lease agreement with Itasca Community College for the use of City sports fields.
Approved by consent roll call
7. Rescind the notice of retirement from Lisa Flaherty, Accounting Technician/Accounts Payable.
Approved by consent roll call
8. Approve Seasonal Golf Employee
Approved by consent roll call

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Dale Christy, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Rick Blake, to approve the Regular agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

Recessed meeting at 5:12 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Reconvened meeting at 5:30 PM.

9. Conduct a public hearing to consider a modification to the Development Program for Development District No. 1, the proposed establishment of Tax Increment District 1-13 (Unique Opportunities) therein and the proposed adoption of a Tax Increment Financing Plan therefor.

Following review of the proposed modification, the Council moved into the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Christy, second by Councilor Rick Blake, to open the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

Mayor Adams states that this is the time to address the Council with questions, concerns or support as it relates to this matter. Residents may be heard by calling 218-327-8833. It is noted that all required notices have been made.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Rick Blake, to close the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

10. Consider adoption of a resolution approving a modification to the Development Program for Municipal Development District No. 1 and the establishment of Tax Increment financing District No. 1-13: Unique Opportunities and a Tax Increment Financing Plan therefor

A motion was made by Councilor Rick Blake, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, adopting Resolution 20-30, modifying Development Program for Municipal Development District No. 1 and establishing TIF District No. 1-13 for Unique Opportunities and TIF Plan. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

11. Consider adoption of a resolution approving the conveyance of real property, approving a Purchase and Development Agreement, and awarding the sale of, and providing the form, terms, covenants and directions for the issuance of its tax increment revenue note to Unique Opportunities, LLC.

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, adopting Resolution 20-31, conveying real property, approving purchase and development agreement, awarding sale. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Councilor Dale Christy
Mayor Dale Adams
Councilor Rick Blake
Councilor Tasha Connelly
Councilor Michelle Toven

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn DeGrio, Director of Human Resources