



# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

## Minutes - Final - Final Public Utilities Commission

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Tuesday, September 29, 2020

8:00 AM

Conference Room of Public Utilities Service Center

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### CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, a Special Meeting of the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 8:00 AM in the conference room of the Public Works/Public Utilities Service Center at 500 SE 4th Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

**BE ADVISED:** Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021, Subdivision 1, some or all members may appear by telephone or other electronic means.

**COMMISSIONERS:** To access conference bridge: Dial in to 218-326-7680  
When prompted for conference #, enter 1, When prompted for PIN, enter 2468

### CALL OF ROLL

*President Tom Stanley announced the Roll Call, requesting members of the Commission present in the Meeting Room or participating by conference call to please indicate their presence by stating "here" as he called their names. Present in the meeting room were Commissioner Rick Blake, Commissioner Luke Francisco, and Commissioner Rick Smith. Present via telephone conference call were President Tom Stanley and Secretary Kathy Kooda.*

**Present** 5 - President Tom Stanley, Commissioner Rick Blake, Secretary Kathy Kooda, Commissioner Luke Francisco, and Commissioner Rick Smith

*Others Present in the meeting room: General Manager Kennedy, Wastewater/Wastewater Department Manager Mattson and Administrative/HR Assistant Flannigan.*

- 1      [20-1362](#)      Acknowledge the proper posting of the special meeting date, time, and purpose.

*President Tom Stanley acknowledged the proper posting of the special meeting/work session date, time and purpose, adding the meeting notice was correctly posted as 8:00 AM. A typographical error was noted in the meeting agenda header, with the correct time stated in the agenda first paragraph.*

- 2      [20-1367](#)      Consider approving the Mid-month Accounts Payable list for \$25,435.44.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Luke Francisco, seconded by Commissioner Rick Blake, to approve the Mid-month Accounts Payable list for \$25,435.44. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - President Tom Stanley, Commissioner Rick Blake, Secretary Kathy Kooda, Commissioner Luke Francisco, and Commissioner Rick Smith

- 3      [20-1370](#)      Consider a motion to approve the 2021-2023 Labor Agreement between AFSCME Local 3456 and the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission, as ratified by the Union on September 23, 2020.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rick Blake, seconded by Commissioner Luke Francisco, to approve the 2021-2023 Labor Agreement between AFSCME Local 3456 and the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission, as ratified by the Union on September 23, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - President Tom Stanley, Commissioner Rick Blake, Secretary Kathy Kooda, Commissioner Luke Francisco, and Commissioner Rick Smith

- 4      [20-1369](#)      Solar plus Storage Project Update.

*General Manager Julie Kennedy gave an update on the progress of the Solar Plus Battery Storage Project.*

- 5      [20-1368](#)      Governance discussion.

*General Manager Kennedy reviewed the internal vacancy postings and upcoming external interviews for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Commission has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Public Works/Public Utilities Service Center at 500 SE 4th Street.**

**The next Special Meeting/Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Public Works/Public Utilities Service Center at 500 SE 4th Street.**

*By call of the chair, the regular meeting was declared adjourned at 8:55 AM.*

*Respectfully submitted: Christine Flannigan, Administrative/HR Assistant.*