



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Minutes - Final - Final City Council

Monday, February 22, 2021

5:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

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

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Regular Meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council was held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL

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

Staff present:

Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Scott Johnson, Travis Cole, Rob Mattei, Eric Trast

MEETING PROTOCOL POLICY

PUBLIC FORUM - PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to address the Council under public forum, please call 218-327-8833 during the meeting.

None.

COUNCIL REPORTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approving Council minutes for Monday, February 8, 2021 Regular meeting and summary of closed meeting.

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

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS

Consider approving the verified claims for the period February 4, 2021 to February 15, 2021 in the amount of \$1,713,339.21.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider hiring a regular part-time employee at the IRA Civic Center.
Approved by consent roll call
2. Consider voiding lost Accounts Payable check #140985, issue new check and waiving bond requirements for check issued to Art House 47, LLC in the amount of \$1,400.00.
Approved by consent roll call
3. Consider entering into an agreement with the LMCIT for web-based training provided by NEOGOV.
Approved by consent roll call
4. Consider approving Full Time Seasonal employee Cody Alleman
Approved by consent roll call
5. Consider approving Golf Concession Contract Extension
Approved by consent roll call

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Rick Blake, to approve the Consent agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote

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

SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

6. Review and acknowledge minutes for boards and commissions.

Acknowledge Boards and Commissions

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

7. Police Department - Chief Scott Johnson

Chief Johnson provides background information on department calls, activities and community involvement. A full copy of the report is available to the public upon request.

Received and Filed

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8. Consider adopting a rental housing ordinance adding chapter 28 of the Grand Rapids Municipal Code.

Travis Cole presented background information for proposed ordinance. Discussed timeline for staffing and the opening of property registration for properties.

A motion was made by Councilor Rick Blake, second by Councilor Dale Adams, adopting City Ordinance 21-02-01, adding Chapter 28 - Grand Rapids Rental Housing Code to the Grand Rapids Municipal Code. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

9. Consider appointments to Boards & Commissions.

Mr. Pagel provides information regarding vacancies on Boards and Commissions.

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Rick Blake, to appoint Pat Pollard to the Golf Course Board through March 1, 2024, appoint Lea Friesen and Bernadine Jocelyn to the Human Rights Commission through March 1, 2024, appoint Betsy Johnson to the Planning Commission through March 1, 2025, appoint Rick Smith to the PUC through March 1, 2025, appoint Scott Cook and Courtney Kerns to the PCA Board through December 31, 2021, and appoint Dan Butterfield, Stephen Connolly and Jim Martinetto to the PCA Board through December 31, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

5:30 PM PUBLIC HEARINGS - PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to address the Council under public hearing, please call 218-327-8833 during the meeting.

10. Conduct a public hearing to consider the rezoning of a 0.60 acre parcel of land from LB (Limited Business) to GB (General Business).

Mayor Christy stated the reason for the public hearing, noting that all those who wished to be heard on the matter may call the number provided.

Mr. Mattei provided background information on variance request submitted by Mr. Kellin. Noted that the Planning Commission is recommending approval.

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, to open the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Adams, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, to close the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

11. Consider the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding adoption of an ordinance, amending the Official Zoning Map by rezoning a 0.60 acre parcel of land from LB (Limited Business) to GB (General Business).

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A motion was made by Councilor Rick Blake, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, adopting City Ordinance 21-02-02, approving rezone of .60 acre parcel from Limited Business to General Business. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk