



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Minutes - Final - Final City Council

Monday, March 8, 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, March 8, 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, Rob Mattei, Lynn DeGrio

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

Councilor Adams provides update from recent RAMS meeting.

Councilor Toven shares information regarding a new group identified as 'Cities Climate Caucus,' with a primary focus on environmental issues.

Councilor Connelly reviewed 'Colored Lines' film previewed by the Human Rights Commission. This is also offered through community education.

Mayor Christy, makes note of recent announcements regarding the next round of federal Cares Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approving Council minutes for Monday, February 22, 2021 Regular meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Dale Adams, 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 16, 2021 to March 1, 2021 in the total amount of \$816,462.65.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Adams, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, to approve the verified claims and approving payment of \$16,252.17 to Itasca County Auditor/Treasure for 2020 Elections. 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 adopting a resolution accepting \$8,125.00 for a TZD Speed and Aggressive Driving Enforcement Grant for 2021.

Adopted Resolution 21-13 by consent roll call

2. Consider approving TNT Construction Group, LLC Phase 2 Work Scope 8 Police Evidence Change Order #001 in the amount of \$5421.34.

Approved by consent roll call

3. Adopt a resolution to approve a Court Data Services Subscriber agreement to CJDN Subscriber Agreement with the Minnesota State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA)

Adopted Resolution 21-14 by consent roll call

4. Consider approving McDowell Companies New Fire Hall phase 1, work scope 3, change order 002 in the amount of \$4400 and Northern Industrial Erectors phase 1, work scope 2, change order 001 in the amount of \$4420.

Approved by consent roll call

5. Consider entering into an Agreement for Consulting Services for GASB 67 & 68 Actuarial Valuation with USI Consulting Group, Incorporated. (formerly Hildi Inc.)

Approved by consent roll call

6. Consider adopting a resolution requesting the revocation of portions of the MSA Street System and the designation of new MSAS routes.
Adopted Resolution 21-15 by consent roll call
7. Consider approving a professional services agreement with SEH Inc. for services related to the Ramp Lighting Project at the GPZ Airport.
Approved by consent roll call
8. Consider adopting a resolution approving the plans and specifications and ordering the advertisement for bids for CP 2021-2, 5th Street SW Reconstruction Project.
Adopted Resolution 21-16 by consent roll call
9. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation of \$100.00 from Norma Long of Grand Rapids, MN to the Police Department.
Adopted Resolution 21-17 by consent roll call
- 9a. Consider entering into an Agreement with Pyrotechnic Display, Inc. to provide fireworks on July 4th, 2021.
Approved by consent roll call

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, seconded by Councilor Tasha Connelly, to Approve the Consent Calendar. 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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

10. Consider adopting a resolution supporting Minnesota Senate File 1163 and Minnesota House File 1486 establishing an incentive for the production of wood pellets.

Mr. Mattei presents background information regarding interest in wood pellets production in the community.

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Rick Blake, adopting Resolution 21-18, supporting establishment of incentive for wood pellet production. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

11. Consider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bird Rides, Inc.

Mr. Mattei provides overview of Bird Rides, Inc. including type of business, service and interest in Grand Rapids.

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, approving MOU with Bird Rides, Inc. 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

12. Consider establishing an eligibility list for Public Works Maintenance I and appoint Robert Kubeckzko to the current vacancy.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Adams, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, establishing eligibility list and appointing Robert Kubeckzko to current vacancy. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

13. Consider appointments to Housing and Redevelopment Authority

The City will continue to maintain a board and appoint members until such time as the merger is completed.

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Dale Adams, to appoint Chris Henrichsen and Marilyn Rossman to the HRA with terms to expire March 1, 2026 and appoint Councilor Michelle Toven as Council Representative. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

14. Consider approving an agreement between the City of Grand Rapids, Reif Center, KAXE and Visit Grand Rapids to create and manage a music festival on Block 19 in Grand Rapids.

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Rick Blake, approving agreement with KAXE, Reif Center and Visit Grand Rapids in reference to Rapids Riverfest. 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 5:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk