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#### CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

## Minutes - Final - Final City Council

Monday, March 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, March 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall 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, Eric Trast Rob Mattei, Lasha Karels, Bob Cahill

#### **MEETING PROTOCOL POLICY**

**PUBLIC FORUM** 

None.

**COUNCIL REPORTS** 

None.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Consider approving Council minutes for Monday, March 8, 2021 Regular meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Adams, 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 March 2, 2021 to March 15, 2021 in the total amount of \$1,544,113.13 of which \$380,753.75 are debt service

payments.

A motion was made by Councilor Rick Blake, 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 entering into a Trade Agreement with Mediacom Minnesota LLC for cable and internet services at the IRA Civic Center.

#### Approved by consent roll call

**2.** Consider approving Seasonal Golf Employees

#### Approved by consent roll call

3. Consider request by the Fire Department to apply for a 2021 Enbridge Safe Community First Responder Grant.

#### Approved by consent roll call

**4.** Consider accepting the resignation from Bradley Timm, Part-time Hospital Security Officer.

#### Approved by consent roll call

**5.** Consider adopting a resolution accepting a donation of \$100.00 from Robert and Linda Stein of Grand Rapids to the Police Department.

#### Adopted Resolution 21-19 by consent roll call

**6.** Consider accepting the resignation of April Chance from the position of Public Services Clerk - Circulation.

#### Approved by consent roll call

7. Consider an agreement with Blandin Paper Company to utilize two parking lots during the Grand Rapids Riverfest event.

#### Approved by consent roll call

8. Consider an amendment to an agreement with ICS eliminating the civil engineering services and approve SLA No. 2021/P&R IRA Civic Center Improvements with SEH for civic engineering services on IRA Civic Center project.

#### Approved by consent roll call

**9.** Consider acknowledging notice of intent to amend City Council By-laws

#### Approved by consent roll call

#### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, 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 Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Rick Blake, to approve the Regular agenda as presented. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

**10.** Review and acknowledge minutes for Boards & Commissions

**Acknowledge Boards and Commissions** 

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

11. Community Development Department Report

Mr. Mattei presents semi-annual report on Community Development activities, including building permits, residential development, construction highlights, pandemic response activity, economic development, etc. A full report is on file and available to the public upon request.

Received and Filed

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

17. Conduct a public hearing to consider the vacation of platted street and alley right-of-way within Grand Rapids First Division.

Mayor Christy noted the reason for the public hearing and the City Clerk confirmed that all required notices have been made and there has been no correspondence received in the Clerk's office.

Mr. Mattei presents background information in reference to vacation petition submitted by Itasca County.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Adams, second by Councilor Tasha

Connelly, to open the public hearing. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

Brett Skyles, County Administrator, is present for any questions by the Council or public.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Adams, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, to close the public hearing. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**18.** Consider the adoption of a resolution either approving or denying the vacation of platted street and alley right-of-way within Grand Rapids First Division.

A motion was made by Councilor Rick Blake, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, to adopt Resolution 21-20, approving vacation as requested. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

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

19. Conduct a public hearing to consider the vacation of a public utility easement acquired by the City of Grand Rapids in July of 2002 through recorded document number 543974.

Mayor Christy states the reason for the public hearing. The City Clerk states that all required notices have been made and no correspondence has been received in the clerk's office.

Mr. Mattei provides background for the requested vacation.

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

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

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

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Consider the adoption of a resolution either approving or denying the vacation of a public utility easement acquired by the City of Grand Rapids in July of 2002 through recorded document number 543974.

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Adams, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, to adopt Resolution 21-21, approving vacation as requested. The motion carried by the following vote.

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Aye 5 - Mayor Dale Christy

Councilor Dale Adams

Councilor Rick Blake

Councilor Tasha Connelly

Councilor Michelle Toven

**21.** Consider approval work under Subproject 1 of a proposal from The Plum Catalyst.

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Rick Blake, approving work for Plum Catalyst. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Mayor Dale Christy

Councilor Dale Adams

Councilor Rick Blake

Councilor Tasha Connelly

Councilor Michelle Toven

#### **GOLF COURSE**

Recess at 5:35 PM

**12.** Consider adopting a Resolution to accept Gesme Golf Donation

A motion was made by Councilor Dale Adams, second by Councilor Rick Blake, to adopt Resolution 21-22, accepting donation from Mr. & Mrs. Gesme. 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 purchase of Golf Launch Monitor

A motion was made by Councilor Michelle Toven, second by Councilor Dale Adams, approving purchase of golf launch monitor. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye 5 - Mayor Dale Christy

Councilor Dale Adams

Councilor Rick Blake

Councilor Tasha Connelly

Councilor Michelle Toven

#### **LIBRARY**

**14.** Consider entering into an agreement with Mueller Studio LLC for functional public art at the Library.

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Dale Adams, to approve agreement with Mueller Studio for public art at library. 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**

**15.** Consider the appointment of Steve Anderson to the position of ROW Leadperson.

A motion was made by Councilor Rick Blake, second by Councilor Tasha Connelly, appointing Steve Anderson to the position of ROW Lead Person. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

**16.** Consider appointing Brielle Carlson to the Human Rights Commission.

A motion was made by Councilor Tasha Connelly, second by Councilor Michelle Toven, appointing Brielle Carlson to the Human Rights Commission with a term to expire March 1, 2024. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk