



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Minutes - Final - Final City Council Work Session

Monday, April 26, 2021

4:00 PM

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 Special Meeting/Worksession of the Grand Rapids City Council was held on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL: On a call of roll, the following members were present:

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

Staff present:

Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Barb Baird, Erik Scott, Laura Pfeifer, Travis Cole, Rob Mattei, Julie Kennedy

Discussion Items

1. Financial Statement Presentation by David J. Mol, Partner, Redpath & Company, Ltd.

Mr. Mol reviewed City financials including financial statements, compliance and communications. The final report is currently in draft form pending audit of Public Utilities Commission.

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2. Discuss proposed change to City Council By-laws

Mr. Pagel reviews proposed changes to Council By-laws. Majority of these draft changes are in reference to boards and commissions. Recommended addition of Council representatives to Arts & Culture and Greenway Park & Recreation Board. Changes in appointment process, such as giving preference to resident, vacancy advertisement, residency requirement reference, residency requirements for EDA, PCA Board, term expiration notification. Application for boards & commissions discussed, i.e. concerns of conflict of interest. Add: Are you related to any City employee or elected official? If you, to whom and how are you related? This would not be disqualifying, but would provide necessary information to avoid conflict of interest or appearance of favoritism. Recommended addition to applications regarding residency, business ownership, and requirement to obtain a city issued email.

Notice received from Beth George, city resident, expressed concerns for having

non-residents increased on Boards & Commissions.

Draft changes to by-laws are on the Consent agenda for consideration at the Regular meeting.

Received and Filed

3. Review Regular Meeting Agenda

Upon review, no changes or additions are noted.

ADJOURN

Attest: Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk