



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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JOINT CITY COUNCIL / PUC MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, April 18, 2024
4:00 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Rick Blake
ABSENT: Councilor Tom Sutherland

PUC MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Stanley, Nancy Saxhaug, Luke Francisco, Dale Adams

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Julie Kennedy, Matt Wegwerth, Chery Pierzina, Barb Baird, Mike LeClaire, Rob Mattei

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Review Local Utility Preservation Resolution

Ms. Kennedy provides background on local utility preservation, clarifying responsibilities and powers of Minnesota Public Utilities Commission vs. Grand Rapids PUC as well as powers of the City Council relative to the proposed resolution. Recommending that the Council Consider at a future meeting. There is no action pending at this time.

2. Discuss Capital Infrastructure Project Funding

Mr. Pagel provided information regarding the idea behind the suggested franchise fees. Mr. Wegwerth provides presentation including:

- ~ Funding Options
- ~ Annual Debt Service
- ~ Implementation

Preference is to not wait, but revisit soon. Mr. Wegwerth will do more research to bring back to Council with plans for outreach, education, etc.

3. Legionella and Drinking Water Update

Ms. Kennedy updated on current status of Legionella in Grand Rapids, steps being taken for mitigation and assisting and educating the public. PUC will begin chlorinating, likely in June, and ensure that proper notification for residents is made.

The City Council and PUC will plan a follow up meeting in October 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk