



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 09, 2023

5:00 PM

Mayor Christy called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

CALL OF ROLL:

PRESENT: Mayor Dale Christy, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Julie Kennedy, Erik Scott, Lasha Karels, Matt Wegwerth, Rob Mattei, Chery Pierzina, Will Richter, Kevin Ott, Andy Morgan

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

1. Consider appointing the following financial institutions as depository designations for 2023, and delegate the Finance Director or Finance Director's Designee authorization for electronic funds transfers.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Adams to approve depositories as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

2. Adopt updated City Council By-Laws for 2023

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Adams to adopt the City Council By-laws as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

3. Designate a Councilmember to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2023

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Sutherland to designate Councilor Dale Adams to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for calendar year 2023. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

4. Designate the Herald Review as official newspaper for the City of Grand Rapids

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor designating the Grand Rapids Herald Review as the official newspaper for the City of Grand Rapids for 2023. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

5. Appoint Council representatives to Boards and Commissions

Mayor Christy recommends appointments to boards and commissions as follows:

Councilor Sutherland to Grand Rapids Civic Center Board and the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority.

Councilor Connelly to Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority and Human Rights Commission.

Councilor Adams to Public Utilities Commission and serve as alternate representative to the Grand Rapids Area Cable Commission.

Councilor McGregor to Grand Rapids Area Cable Commission.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve representative appointments to boards and commissions as recommended. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

6. Appoint Council representatives to selected agencies

Mayor Christy designates Council representatives for agencies as follows:

1. Mayor Christy to City/County Co-operative Committee, Range Mayors Assoc., Joint Power Gas Board, Fire Relief Association and serve as alternate representative to the RAMS Board.
2. Councilor MacGregor to City/County Co-operative Committee, WMMPB, and CGMC.
3. Councilor Adams to RAMS Board, Joint Powers Gas Board and ARDC.
4. Councilor Sutherland to WMMPB, and Greenway Joint Recreation Board.
5. Councilor Connelly to League of MN Cities.
6. Finance Director Barb Baird to serve as staff representative to Fire Relief Association.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve appointments as designated by Mayor Christy. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Adams commends the Public Works department for continued efforts in snow removal.

Mayor Christy welcomes new Council members MacGregor and Sutherland and clarifies purpose of council reports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

7. Approve Council minutes for Monday, December 19, 2022 Regular meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve Council minutes for December 19, 2022. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

8. Approve the verified claims for the period December 13, 2022 to January 3, 2023 in the total amount of \$1,125,525.10.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve the verified claims as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

9. Acknowledged the following minutes for Boards & Commissions:

November 5, 2022 Golf Board meeting
November 15, 2022 Library Board meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:

10. Consider adopting a resolution approving a Delegated Contract Process Agreement between the State of Minnesota and the City of Grand Rapids.

Resolution 23-01

11. Consider approving final payment in the amount of \$74,984.50 for AP 2021-2, Beacon Relocation Project.
12. Consider approving a contract with SEH for design services at the GPZ Airport for the North Taxilane Reconstruction.
13. Consider approving a contract with SEH for design and construction services at the GPZ Airport for the South Taxilane Crack Seal Project
14. Consider approving a contract with SEH for design and construction services at the GPZ Airport for the Hangar Development Utility Extension project
15. Consider adopting a resolution and approving a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) for the Hangar Development Project at the GPZ Airport

Resolution 23-02

16. Consider change orders related to the IRA Civic Center Improvement Project.
17. Consider approving the Workers Compensation coverage through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust

18. Consider a request by the police department to apply for a matching grant through AKC Reunite Adopt a K-9 Cop sponsored by the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA).
19. Consider approving Network Technician job description and authorization to post the position
20. Consider approving computer agreements for 2023 with Harris Computer Systems for \$27,804.29.
21. Consider approval of special assessment lien releases.
 - 21a. Consider adopting a resolution requesting authorization from the state to impose a local sales and use tax in the City of Grand Rapids.

Resolution 23-03

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve the Consent agenda as amended, adding item 21a. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Request to Include appointment of new Commissioner to the Grand Rapids Planning Commission in item #26.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the regular agenda as amended, adding Planning Commission appointment to item #26. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

ADMINISTRATION:

22. Consider hiring Paul Martinetto as Building Inspector

Chery Pierzina, Human Resources Officer, provided background on changes in staffing, search committee process and made a recommendation to appoint Paul Martinetto as the new Building Inspector.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Sutherland to appoint Paul Martinetto as the new Building Inspector. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

ENGINEERING PUBLIC WORKS:

23. Consider accepting feasibility report and ordering plans and specifications for CP 2015-1, Sylvan Bay Overlays and Utilities.

Engineer Wegwerth presents summary of feasibility report for Sylvan Bay project.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Connelly to accept feasibility report and order plans and specs as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams,

Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

24. Consider approving a Supplemental Letter Agreement with SEH related to CP 2015-1

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Adams to approve SLA with SEH related to CP2015-1. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

25. Consider adopting a resolution approving reimbursement of expenditures for CP 2015-1, Sylvan Bay Overlays and Utilities

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Connelly to adopt **Resolution 23-04**, reimbursement of expenditures for CP 2015-1, Sylvan Bay Overlays and Utilities. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

CITY COUNCIL:

26. Consider appointing Amanda Lamppa to the Arts & Culture Commission for a three year term to expire December 31, 2025.

Mayor Christy presents recommendation to appoint Amanda Lamppa to Arts & Culture Commission, term to expire December 31, 2025.

Councilor MacGregor recommends appointment of Bill Schnell to Planning Commission, term to expire March 1, 2027.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Connelly to appoint Amanda Lamppa to the Arts & Culture Commission and Bill Schnell to the Planning Commission as recommended. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk