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**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, February 27, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

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

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

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Andy Morgan, Rob Mattei, Laura Pfeifer, Chery Pierzina

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

No one from the public wished to speak.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilor Adams reported on the current issues addressed by RAMS.

Mayor Christy and City Staff met with IRRR representatives with a focus on how to move the area forward, with an emphasis on housing.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, February 13, 2023 Worksession and Regular meetings, summary for Monday, February 13, 2023 Closed meeting and Tuesday, February 21, 2023 Special meeting.

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

### **VERIFIED CLAIMS:**

2. Approve the verified claims for the period February 7, 2023 to February 21, 2023 in the total amount of \$849,765.57.

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

### **ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

3. Reviewed and acknowledge the following minutes:

- ~ January 3, 2023 Arts & Culture meeting
- ~ January 20, 2023 Golf Board meeting
- ~ January 25, 2023 PUC meeting
- ~ January 25, 2023 Human Rights meeting
- ~ January 26, 2023 GREDA meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider entering into a Fireworks Display Agreement with J&M Displays for a Fireworks Show to take place on July 4, 2023.
5. Consider approving amendment 5 to the cemetery sexton agreement with the City of Cohasset
6. Consider entering into Advertising Agreements with businesses at the IRA Civic Center.
7. Consider adopting a resolution approving budgeted transfers from the General Fund to Special Revenue Funds-Domestic Animal Control Facility and Central School.

**Adopted Resolution 23-11**

8. Consider adoption of a resolution authorizing an application to the IRRR Development Infrastructure Grant program for the Forest Lake Redevelopment Project

**Adopted Resolution 23-12**

9. Consider adopting a resolution to authorize an operating transfer from the Capital Project Fund-Permanent Improvement Revolving Fund to the Capital Project Fund-General Capital Improvement Projects.

**Adopted Resolution 23-13**

10. Consider depositing the sum of \$3,623 of unclaimed currency that was originally turned into Grand Rapids Police Department.
11. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing an operating transfer.

**Adopted Resolution 23-14**

12. Consider change orders for the IRA Civic Center Improvement Project
13. Consider adopting a resolution setting a public hearing on the proposed vacation of an alley and public easement.

**Adopted Resolution 23-15**

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve the Consent agenda as amended to include Planning Commission applicant for appointment consideration. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor Sutherland

## SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

## ADMINISTRATION:

14. Consider retirement of Chief of Police Steve Schaar and direct staff to initiate interviews for the position of Chief of Police

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Second by Councilor Adams accepting notice of retirement from Police Chief Steve Schaar, authorized staff to begin the process for filling the vacancy and appointed Mayor Christy and Councilor Sutherland as representatives in selection process. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor Sutherland

## CITY COUNCIL:

15. Consider appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Adams made the following appointments to Boards and Commissions:

Golf Board - Rick McDonald - term expiring March 1, 2026  
Human Rights - Angella Erickson - term expiring March 1, 2026  
Human Rights - Joan Gunderman - term expiring March 1, 2026  
Planning Commission - Pat Goggin - term expiring March 1, 2027  
Planning Commission - Ted Hubbes - term expiring March 1, 2027  
Planning Commission - Rick Blake - term expiring March 1, 2025  
Planning Commission - Paul Bignall - term expiring March 1, 2024  
Public Utilities Commission - Luke Francisco - term expiring March 1, 2027

Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Connelly, Councilor Sutherland

## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk