



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

5:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Dan Mertes

STAFF: Kimberly Gibeau, Chad Sterle, Kevin Ott, Travis Cole, Dale Anderson, Erik Scott, Chery Pierzina, Dale Schneider, Jeremy Nelson

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Connelly read the Resolution establishing Indigenous People's Day for the City of Grand Rapids. Recognized section finals for various high school sports teams and acknowledged students participating.

PUBLIC FORUM:

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Blake discussed housing meeting he attended on October 8th in Hibbing and provided overview.

Mayor Connelly provided overview of City/County Co-Op meeting and Joint PUC meeting, including GRPUC rate study.

Councilor Sutherland noted that the City of Grand Rapids hosted national grouse hunt.

Councilor MacGregor shared that there will be a dedication ceremony for the new public art swing on Monday, October 20th at 4:00 PM at site of installation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve minutes for Monday, September 22, 2025 Worksession and Regular meetings.

Motion made by Councilor Mertes, Seconded by Councilor Sutherland to approve Council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period September 16, 2025 to October 6, 2025 in the total amount of \$2,629,301.52.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Seconded by Councilor Blake to approve the verified claims as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider adopting a resolution approving master lease with Huntington National Bank for Toro equipment for Pokegama Golf Course

Adopted Resolution 25-65

4. Consider entering into a Cleaning Services Agreement with Northwoods Cleaning Company at Yanmar Arena.
5. Adopt a Resolution Accepting a State Grant in the amount of \$35,566.00 for the Taxiway A South Reconstruction Project and the Taxiway A North Design Project at the Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute.

Adopted Resolution 25-66

6. Consider approving trade of retired squad car to Itasca County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement Pursuit Intervention training for Grand Rapids Police Officers.
7. Consider Voiding Lost Accounts Payable Checks and Issue Replacement Checks.
8. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$8,224 grant from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education for the Grand Rapids Fire Department.

Adopted Resolution 25-67

9. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$150,000 grant from the IRRR Development Partnership Grant Program for the GoMarti 2.0 Project

Adopted Resolution 25-68

10. Consider termination of Katie LaTourelle, probationary employee with Grand Rapids Police Department.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Seconded by Councilor Sutherland to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Seconded by Councilor Blake to approve the Regular agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

CIVIC CENTER & PARKS:

11. Consider accepting a proposal from Rapids Plumbing & Heating to replace a nonfunctioning water heater at Yanmar Arena.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Seconded by Councilor Mertes to accept proposal from Rapids Plumbing and Heating as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

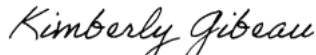
FIRE:

12. Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$250 donation from Members Cooperative Credit Union to the Grand Rapids Fire Department to purchase tools and safety equipment.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Seconded by Councilor Mertes to **adopt Resolution 25-69**, accepting donation as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk