



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
IT'S IN MINNESOTA'S NATURE

CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

Monday, February 23, 2026

4:30 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland

ABSENT

Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Dan Mertes

STAFF

City Administrator Tom Pagel, City Attorney Chad Sterle, Chery Pierzina, Aurimy Groom.

BUSINESS:

1. Human Rights Commission Update

Angella Erickson, Chair of the Human Rights Commission (HRC) and Janet Miller, Commission Member highlighted the progress made in 2025 as well as reviewing the current priorities. Some of the activities on the 2026 Work Plan include community presentations, fair housing education, support Juneteenth, Indigenous Peoples Day and Pride. The HRC have also drafted a letter to the City Council which address the need for providing accessibility to buildings and public spaces for people with disabilities. They thanked the Council for their continued support and are excited to educate members of the community about the HRC.

REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA:

Upon review there were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Aurimy Groom, Administrative Assistant