



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 10, 2025

5:00 PM

Mayor Pro-Tem Blake called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

CALL OF ROLL:

PRESENT: Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland, Councilor Rick Blake

ABSENT: Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Dan Mertes

STAFF: Kimberly Gibeau, Andy Morgan, Chery Pierzina, Amy Dettmer

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Pro-tem Blake acknowledged efforts by community groups to assist families in need during the government shutdown, acknowledged sports team accomplishment, and stated that the CGMC Conference will take place at Timberlake this week.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor MacGregor provided update on the Human Rights Commission.

Councilor Sutherland acknowledged Veterans Day, thanking all those that served.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, October 27, 2025 Worksession and Regular meetings.

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

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period October 21, 2025 to November 3, 2025 in the total amount of \$1,994,331.85.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider approving airport land lease with Civil Air Patrol
4. Consider approving the final pay request for CP 2025-1, 7th Avenue SE Mill & Overlay in the amount of \$25,874.87 and balancing change order 3.
5. Consider a MOU with Library Union
6. Consider entering into a Fireworks Display Agreement with J&M Displays for a Fireworks Show to take place on July 4, 2026.
7. Consider approving a Supplemental Letter Agreement with SEH to provide services for our MN DNR Regional Grant application.
8. Consider approving Airport Emergency Plan
9. Consider authorizing the Joint Powers Agreement and Court Services Amendment with State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety to allow Micheles Law continued access to the criminal justice data communications network.

Adopted Resolution 25-72

10. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing and accepting a Minnesota Chiefs of Police Foundation Community Partnerships Grant.

Adopted Resolution 25-73

11. Consider waiving the 3% retainage on total Franchise Fee for cable television
12. Consider appointing four applicants to the position of Firefighter Trainee with the Grand Rapids Fire Department and approve creating an eligibility roster for Firefighter Trainee.
13. Consider adopting the Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) Policy.

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

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

POLICE:

14. Consider approving donation from Itasca County K-9 Fundraiser

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Seconded by Councilor Sutherland to **adopted Resolution 25-74** accepting K-9 Program donation as presented. Voting Yea: Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk