



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 28, 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: Tom Pagel, Aurimy Groom, Chad Sterle, Laura Pfeifer, Chery Pierzina, Rob Mattei, Tom Beaudry, Andy Morgan

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. National Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day Proclamation

Mayor Connelly read the proclamation for National Walk, Bike, & Roll to School Day.

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Connelly commended the local DARE Program for taking local students to the Twins game.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Blake reported on the RAMS meeting he attended.

Councilor MacGregor attended the ARDC meeting and had given information to City Administrator Pagel and Community Development Director Mattei regarding grants that are available.

Mayor Connelly had met with the Range Mayors Coalition and reminded voters of the Special Election.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Approve Council minutes for Monday, April 14, 2025 Worksession and Regular meetings.

Motion by Councilor MacGregor, second by Councilor to approve the minutes from the Monday, April 14, 2025 Worksession and Regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Mertes, Mayor Connelly. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

3. Approve the verified claims for the period April 8, 2025 to April 21, 2025 in the total amount of \$668,032.90.

Motion by Councilor Mertes, second by Councilor Sutherland to approve claims in the amount of \$668,032.90. The following voted in favor thereof: Councilor Blake, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Mertes, Councilor MacGregor, Mayor Connelly.

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Acknowledged minutes for:

4. ~ November 21, 2024 PCA Board
~ February 6, 2025 Planning Commission
~ March 4, 2025 Arts & Culture Commission
~ March 11, 2025 Golf Board
~ March 12, 2025 Library Board
~ March 13 & 27, 2025 GREDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Consider adopting a resolution approving a stormwater agreement with KTJ 435, LLC

Adopted resolution 25-29

6. Consider authorizing staff to solicit quotes for the TH 169 South, Phase 3 Lighting Project
7. Consider rehiring and hiring seasonal staff for Public Works for the 2025 Spring/Summer Maintenance Season, and Employee Transfer.
8. Consider request to appoint a Summer Business Intern at City Hall.
9. Consider adopting a resolution approving a cooperative construction agreement with the State of Minnesota for SP 3104-61

Adopted resolution 25-30

10. Consider approving on-sale liquor license renewal for Grand Rapids Speedway.
11. Consider approving OPG-3 Scope of Work for workflows with Oracle NetSuite for Government.
12. Consider approving seasonal golf contractors
13. Consider approval of hazard stakes for golf course
14. Consider approval of agreement with Noteefy for 2025
15. Consider approval of tree trimming and removal work for 2025

16. Consider approval of two-way radio purchase for the golf course

16a. Consider extension of employment for Civic Center employee.

Motion by Councilor MacGregor, second by Councilor Blake to approve the consent agenda with the addition of item 16a. The following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Mertes. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

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

ADMINISTRATION:

17. Consider retirement of Cindy Phillips, Payroll Clerk/HR Technician.

Motion by Councilor MacGregor, second by Councilor Mertes to accept the retirement of Cindy Phillips, Payroll Clerk/HR Technician. The following voted in favor thereof: Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Mertes, Mayor Connelly.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

18. Consider adopting a resolution approving an amendment to the tax abatement agreement between the City and Yanmar Compact Equipment North America.

Motion by Councilor Blake, second by Councilor Mertes to adopt **Resolution 25-31** approving an amendment to the tax abatement agreement between the City and Yanmar Compact Equipment North America. The following voted in favor thereof: Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Mertes, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Mayor Connelly.

GOLF:

19. Consider signing lease agreement for golf course equipment

Motion by Councilor Sutherland, second by Councilor Blake to approve entering into a lease agreement for golf course equipment. The following voted in favor thereof: Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes, Councilor MacGregor, Mayor Connelly.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Aurimy Groom, Administrative Assistant