



CITY OF  
**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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## **CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, January 27, 2025**

**4:00 PM**

Mayor Pro-Tem Blake called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

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

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Chad Sterle, Matt Wegwerth, Tom Beaudry, Laura Pfeifer, Chery Pierzina

1. Legislative Update - Momentum Advocacy

Momentum staff discussed plans to seek Legacy Funds for Central School. Seeking dedicated funds in the amount of \$3.8M. Senator Eichorn is leading and has indicated this is his #1 priority. The overall project need is \$7.6M and the City will begin discussions with other local shareholders.

2. Review Columbarium at Itasca Calvary Cemetery

Matt Wegwerth, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, provides overview on proposed Columbarium project for Itasca Calvary, including area proposed for placement and types of structures. Mr. Wegwerth provided information regarding cost and funding, including quotes received from two separate vendors.

3. Pokegama Golf Course Annual Report

Tom Beaudry, Director of Golf, provides annual report on Pokegama Golf Course activities, updates and plans for the future. A full report is available in Administration upon request.

~ 2024 Accomplishments

~ Revenue

~ Junior Golf Program

~ 2024 Learning Moments

~ 2025 Goals

~ Marketing & Strategy Imperatives

~ Survey Results

Upon review, no changes or additions to the Regular agenda are noted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kimberly Gibeau*  
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk