



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 15, 2025

4:00 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

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

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Carl Babich, Kimberly Gibeau, Matt Wegwerth, Dale Anderson, Chery Pierzina, Rob Mattei, Jon Peterson, Erik Scott, Andy Morgan

ENGINEERING PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Adopt a Resolution Accepting an FAA Grant in the amount of \$1,351,511 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.

Motion made by Councilor Mertes, Seconded by Councilor Blake to **adopt Resolution 25-61**, accepting FAA grant for \$1,351,511 as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

2. Consider adopting a resolution approving LG230 Application for Off-Site Gambling for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Seconded by Councilor Mertes to **adopt Resolution 25-62**, approving LG230 Application for Off-site gambling as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

3. Review 2026 Proposed Budget

City Administrator Pagel reviews proposed budget with predictive percentage increase. Once final information is received from Itasca County, the City will be able to determine actual levy to be adopted in December.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk