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**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**  
**Monday, January 29, 2024**  
**5:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, a Special meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 5:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

**ROLL CALL:**

**BUSINESS:**

1. Consider adopting a resolution sponsoring a Safe Routes to School application for ISD 318
2. Consider appointing election judges for 2024.
3. Conduct interviews and appoint City Councilmember for open seat.

**ADJOURN:**

Attest: Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk



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## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** January 29, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider adopting a resolution sponsoring a Safe Routes to School application for ISD 318

**PREPARED BY:** Matt Wegwerth

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### **BACKGROUND:**

ISD 318 has been selected to submit an application to the Safe Routes to School program for improvements a Robert J. Elkington Middle School. School districts must have a State-Aid City or County sponsor the program.

As sponsor, the City will aid in plan development and construction administration, ensuring the project complies with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. This is an ISD 318 funded project and no City dollars will be used.

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion adopting a resolution sponsoring a Safe Routes to School application for ISD 318

Council member \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO.24-\_\_

**A RESOLUTION INTENDING TO SPONSER AN APPLICATION TO MNDOT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT ROBERT J. ELKINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Safe Routes to School Program assists schools and communities by making it safer for children to walk and bike to school; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT Safe Routes to School Program solicits applications to enable schools and communities to implement Safe Route to School infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, Independent School District 318 has determined there are perceived and evident safety issues relating to traffic at Robert J Elkington Middle School; and

WHEREAS, School Districts must have a State-Aid City or County sponsor for the Safe Routes to School Program; and

WHEREAS, all funding for non-SRTS eligible work items including engineering and right-of-way acquisition has been secured for this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Rapids supports the submittal of an application for the Safe Routes to School Program funding for the improvements at Robert J. Elkington Middle School in Grand Rapids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Grand Rapids agrees to act as the sponsoring agent for Independent School District 318 for the Safe Routes to School Program and ensure that the project complies with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Adopted by the Council this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tasha Connelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Johnson-Gibeau, City Clerk

Council member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the foregoing resolution and the following voted in favor thereof: \_\_\_\_\_ ; and the following voted against same: \_\_\_\_\_ ; whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.



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### **BACKGROUND:**

Statute requires appointments of election judges be completed at least 25 days before the election. In order to ensure that polling places within the City of Grand Rapids have adequate coverage, staff is requesting the appointment of Tami Bourman, Rebecca Maunu and Angie Storlie to serve as a election judges.

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion to appoint Tami Bourman, Rebecca Maunu and Angie Storlie as election judges for polling places within the City of Grand Rapids.