

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
City Commission  
OF THE  
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
Regular Session, Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Commission was called to order by Mayor LaGrand at 2:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Second Ward Commissioner Knight, Third Ward Commissioner Perdue, First Ward Commissioner Robbins, Second Ward Commissioner Ysasi, Mayor LaGrand, First Ward Commissioner Belchak, Third Ward Commissioner Kilgore

**Absent:** None.

The roll was called by the City Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On the motion of Com. Robbins, supported by Com. Kilgore, the reading of the minutes of the regular session of January 28, 2025 was waived and said minutes were accepted as presented. Carried.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**94301 Result: Referred to Committee on Appointments.**

Communication Received from Kyle Kimble regarding his resignation from the Board of Review.

**94302 Result: Received and Filed**

Communications (1551) received urging the City Commission to vote to make Grand Rapids a sanctuary city.

**94303 Result: Received and Filed**

Communication received including a community statement of resistance to mass deportation.

**94304 Result: Received and Filed**

Communications (17) received expressing opposition to making the City of Grand Rapids a sanctuary city.

**94305 Result: Received and Filed**

Communication received from Tim Kelly, President and CEO of Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc., regarding 427 Market Avenue option agreement.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS****94306 Result: Received and Filed**

Comptroller's Warrant Report for the period of January 14, 2025 through January 27, 2025 in the amount of \$33,719,544.42 and Monthly Travel Report.

**94307 Result: Received and Filed**

Treasurer's Report for Period of January 10, 2025, through January 27, 2025.

**CONSENT AGENDA****A. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL****94308 Result: Adopted**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

Adoption of the following items under the consent agenda.

**B. COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS****94309 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

RESOLVED that Commissioner Belchak's appointment of Andrew Feikema to the Public Safety Committee for the remainder of a one-year term ending December 31, 2025, be recognized.

**94310 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

RESOLVED that Mayor LaGrand's appointment of Joseph Kuilema to the Housing Appeal Board for a three-year term ending January 3, 2028 be confirmed.

**94311 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

RESOLVED that Mayor LaGrand's appointment of Andrew Smith to the Housing Appeal Board for the remainder of a three-year term ending January 4, 2027, be confirmed.

**94312 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

RESOLVED that the City Commission's appointment of Commissioner AliciaMarie Belchak to the Area Community Services and Employment Training Council (ACSET)/West Michigan Works! Governing Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2025, be approved.

**94313 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

RESOLVED that the City Commission's appointment of Commissioner Kelsey Perdue to the Area Community Services and Employment Training Council (ACSET)/West Michigan Works! Governing Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2025, be approved.

**94314 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

RESOLVED that Mayor LaGrand's appointment of Matias Martinez-Roca to the Board of Review for the remainder of a five-year term ending February 1, 2026, be confirmed.

**94315 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

RESOLVED that Mayor LaGrand's appointment of Vanessa Corvers to the Board of Review for a five-year term ending February 1, 2030, be confirmed.

**C. FISCAL COMMITTEE****94316 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

RESOLVED:

1. That a one-year pledge agreement with The Right Place in an amount of \$75,000 for fiscal year 2026 with two 1-year renewal options (\$75,000 per year) for a total amount "not-to-exceed" \$225,000 to continue their longstanding economic development partnership with the City be approved; and
2. That, upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the City.

**94317 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

## RESOLVED:

1. That the City Commission authorizes the acceptance of a grant award for the benefit of the Grand Rapids Police Department Mental Health Co-Response team in the amount of \$250,000; and
2. That the awarded Grant GRMENTALHEALTH25 between the City of Grand Rapids and the State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity be approved, and the Mayor, or Mayor's designee, is authorized to execute said agreement and related documents upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**94318 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

## RESOLVED:

1. That the City Commission authorizes acceptance of a grant award to expand community-based violence intervention and prevention in the amount of \$2,000,000; and
2. That a grant agreement between the City of Grand Rapids and the United States Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs (OJP) be approved, and the Mayor is authorized to execute said agreement and related documents upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**94319 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

## WHEREAS:

1. On March 24, 2015 (Proceeding No. 84428), the City of Grand Rapids entered into cooperative agreement with CGI, Inc., Michigan Municipal Services Authority, and the State of Michigan to implement Advantage 360; and
2. The five-year agreement with CGI, Inc. is due to expire in March 2025; and
3. During the implementation of Oracle Fusion, the City has determined that with the change of the go-live date to April 2025, the support of CGI, Inc Advantage 360 be extended for six months beyond the term of the current contract; therefore

## RESOLVED:

1. That the City Commission authorizes an agreement with CGI, Inc. to extend cloud support services to September 2025 and read-only access through December 2026 for an amount "not-to-exceed" \$1,630,000; and
2. That the Mayor is authorized to execute said agreement upon approval as to form by the City Attorney; and
3. That the City is hereby authorized and directed to pay invoices consistent with this resolution.

**94320 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

## RESOLVED:

1. That the City Commission authorizes an agreement between the City of Grand Rapids and N. Harris Computer Corporation for Fiscal Year 2025, "not-to-exceed" \$185,000; and
2. That upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the City; and
3. That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be, and the same are, rescinded.

**94321 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

## RESOLVED:

That City of Grand Rapids invoices (158) billed by various departments totaling \$301,173.32 are to be written off as uncollectible.

**94322 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

## RESOLVED:

1. That the City Treasurer be authorized to have the Kent County Treasurers Association file proceedings and take such court action as shall be necessary to strike from the City and Schools and County tax rolls uncollectible personal property taxes for the year 2019; and
2. That the City Clerk is authorized to execute the waiver for the notice of the hearing and the entry of the judgment on the petition to strike the 2019 personal property taxes from the City, Schools, and County tax rolls in a form approved by the City Attorney.

**94323 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Committee has considered the attached bids; therefore

RESOLVED that contracts be prepared between the City and the following vendors, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the contracts on behalf of the City, as follows, in a form to be approved by the City Attorney:

**1. Vigh Landscape Management****Shawn Sremba**

One-year term contracts with two, one-year renewal options for landscape maintenance services for the Facilities Management, Environmental Services, Parks & Recreation, Impound Lot and Fire Departments from Shawn Sremba (dba Natural Landscapes) for an annual "not-to-exceed" amount of \$130,000.00 (estimated three-year total amount of \$390,000.00); and for landscape maintenance services for Mobile GR from Vigh Landscape Management for an annual "not-to-exceed" amount of \$70,000.00 (estimated three-year total amount of \$210,000.00).

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to proceed with awards to the following vendors:

**2. MacAllister Machinery**

O.E.M. Caterpillar generator replacement and installation services for the Lake Filtration Plant from MacAllister Machinery (dba Michigan CAT) for the "not-to-exceed" amount of \$146,312.31 as follows:

Plant Generator 1	\$48,530.07
Plant Generator 2	\$48,307.54
Plant Generator 3	\$49,474.70

**3. Truck & Trailer Specialties**

Cooperative purchase through the State of Michigan MiDEAL Contract #200000000034 for the purchase and installation of Original Equipment Manufacturer (O.E.M.) Crysteel 201 stainless steel dump bodies and O.E.M. Monroe V-Box Salters for the Fleet Management Department from Truck & Trailer Specialties for the total amount of \$572,880.00 as follows:

3 Each	Crysteel 14' dump body	\$144,314.00 each
3 Each	Monroe V-Box salter units	\$139,938.00 each

**D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE****94324 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.****RESOLVED:**

1. Approval of an agreement between the City of Grand Rapids and the Michigan Department of Transportation to install and maintain a mural on MDOT infrastructure on the retaining wall on Belknap Hill; and
2. Approval of a sub-agreement between the City of Grand Rapids and the Neighbors of Belknap Lookout to install and maintain a mural on MDOT infrastructure on the retaining wall on Belknap Hill; and
3. That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the agreements upon approval by the City Attorney as to form.

**94325 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve a Construction Agreement for the construction of public water main and public street improvements in connection with Water Main Replacement in Market Avenue from Ney Avenue to Williams Street and Improvements in Market Avenue from Goodrich Street to 125' North of Cherry Street (Acrisure Amphitheater); therefore

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the aforesaid Construction Agreement between the City of Grand Rapids, and Grand Action Foundation 2.0 (Developer) be approved and that, upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City.

**94326 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.****WHEREAS:**

1. It is necessary to enter into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation and to authorize expenditures in connection with the following project:  
  
Rotomill/Resurfacing of Cherry Street from Sheldon Avenue to LaGrave Avenue and from Prospect Avenue to 100' west of Madison Avenue  
(MDOT Contract No. 24-5549)  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); therefore

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the City enter into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Project and that, upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City.
2. That expenditures for the local share of costs for the Project be authorized in an amount "not-to-exceed" \$661,970, which includes the costs of the construction contract, previously authorized design phase services by P&N, construction phase services including inspection by P&N, Public Information Program, Traffic Signals and Signs Force Account Work, Street Lighting Force Account Work, administration, and contingencies. Said amount of \$661,970 to be charged to the applicable codes currently defined as follows: \$470,785 to the applicable Vital Streets Fund Code, \$64,260 to the applicable Sewer System Fund Code, and \$126,925 to the applicable Capital Improvement Fund (Street Lighting) Code.
3. That the City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to make payment, in amounts and to said payees, as the City Engineer or his designee requests in connection with the Project.

**94327 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

WHEREAS, bids were received on January 16, 2025 for the following project:

Improvements to Canal Park  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project")

and Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. (O-A-K) submitted a bid of \$7,558,843 for which the engineer's estimate, prepared by Site Design Solutions, LLC dba Viridis Design Group (Viridis), is \$6,726,222; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the bid of O-A-K be accepted and that, upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents for the Project on behalf of the City.
2. That total expenditures for the Project be authorized in an amount "not-to-exceed" \$9,980,000 which includes the costs of the construction contract, previously authorized design phase services by Viridis, construction phase services including inspection by Viridis, administration, custom playground and contingencies. Said amount of \$9,980,000 to be charged to the applicable codes currently defined as follows: \$5,755,000 to Code No. 4081-751-9000-9880-408124088, \$3,000,000 to Code No. 2470-741-2000-9880-



1022, \$750,000 to code 4080-751-9000-9880-408024088G and \$475,000 to the applicable Parks Capital Fund code.

3. That the City hereby approves the authorization of Downtown Development Authority funds for its share of costs for the Project as referenced in Paragraph 2.
4. That the City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to make payment, in amounts and to said payees, as the City Engineer or his designee requests in connection with the Project.
5. That the City of Grand Rapids, pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, declares its intent to reimburse itself the costs of the Project and other related costs in an amount "not-to-exceed" \$5,755,000 (Park Bond Fund) through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds.
6. That a copy of this resolution be available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

**94328 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

WHEREAS, bids were received on January 21, 2025 for the following project:

Systematic Sidewalk Repairs at Various Locations - 2025-1  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project")

and Epic Excavating, Inc. (Epic) submitted a bid of \$1,292,650 for which the engineer's estimate is \$1,325,250; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the bid of Epic Excavating, Inc. be accepted and that, upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract documents for the Project on behalf of the City.
2. That total expenditures for the Project be authorized in an amount "not-to-exceed" \$1,400,000 which includes the costs of the construction contract, testing, and contingencies. Said amount of \$1,400,000 to be charged to the applicable codes currently defined as Code No. 2460-447-8000-8010.
3. That the City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to make payment, in amounts and to said payees, as the City Engineer or his designee requests in connection with the Project.

**94329 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

WHEREAS, bids were received on January 21, 2025 for the following project:

Reconstruction of Boston Street from Fuller Avenue to Plymouth Avenue  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project")

and Wyoming Excavators, Inc. (Wyoming) submitted a bid of \$4,995,761 for which the engineer's estimate, prepared by Land and Resource Engineering (LRE), is \$5,138,965; therefore

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the City tentatively awards the construction contract for the Project to Wyoming, contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the Michigan Finance Authority (MFA) through the State Revolving Fund Program.
2. That the Bid of Wyoming be accepted and that, upon completion of financing with MFA and upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Wyoming in the amount of \$4,995,761 for the Project on behalf of the City, which execution shall constitute the award of the contract.
3. That total expenditures for the Project be authorized in an amount "not-to-exceed" \$6,254,890 which includes the costs of the construction contract, previously authorized design phase services by Land and Resource Engineering (LRE), construction phase services by LRE, public information program, street lighting force account, engineering administration, and an approximate twelve percent allowance for contingencies. Said amount of \$6,254,890 to be charged to the applicable codes currently defined as follows: \$3,564,769 to the applicable Water System Fund Codes and \$2,690,121 to the applicable Vital Streets Fund Codes.
4. That the City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to make payment, in amounts and to said payees, as the City Engineer or his designee requests in connection with the Project.
5. That the City of Grand Rapids, pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, declares its intent to reimburse itself the costs of the Project and other related costs in an amount "not-to-exceed" \$3,564,769 (Water System Fund) through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds.

6. That a copy of this resolution be available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

**94330 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

RESOLVED:

1. That a public hearing be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, on the 9th Floor of City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue NW, in the City of Grand Rapids to consider the request of Laura Chivis-Scott to establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for property located at 1032 Martin Luther King Jr. Street SE, as permitted by PA 146 of 2000, for which the application describing the district remains on file for inspection by the public in the Economic Development Department; and
2. That written notice be mailed to property owners within the proposed district and that the City Clerk shall publish said notice.

**94331 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

RESOLVED:

1. That the application for Laura Chivis-Scott for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for property located at 1032 Martin Luther King Jr. Street SE, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, shall remain on file for inspection by the public in the Economic Development Department; and
2. That a public hearing be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, on the 9th Floor of City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue NW, in the City of Grand Rapids, to consider a twelve-year Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for property located at 1032 Martin Luther King Jr. Street SE (PPN 41-14-32-327-001), pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, at which time and place the City Commission shall afford the applicant, the City Assessor, and a representative of each of the taxing units an opportunity to be heard; and
3. That the City Clerk shall notify in writing the City Assessor and the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of the receipt of the application and the date, time, and location at which the City Commission shall afford the applicant, the Assessor, and a representative of each affected taxing unit an opportunity for a hearing.

**E. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE****94332 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

RESOLVED that the following Commissioner travel for professional development and conference attendance is approved:

The Michigan Municipal League's 2025 Elected Officials Academy Spring Advanced Summit in Bay City, MI, from May 16-17, 2025, for Commissioner Kilgore.

The Michigan Municipal League's Capital Conference ("CapCon") 2025 in Lansing, MI, from March 18-19, 2025, for Commissioner Belchak, Commissioner Knight, Commissioner Perdue, and Commissioner Ysasi.

**94333 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.****WHEREAS:**

1. Increasing the availability of outdoor dining space will help increase the vibrancy of downtown and neighborhood business districts; and
2. Public Act 124 of 2020 as amended empowers the City Commission to designate Social Districts with Commons Areas where purchasers may consume alcoholic beverages sold by multiple qualified Michigan Liquor Control Commission licensees who obtain Social District Permits; and
3. The City Commission has designated Social Districts containing Commons Areas within the City of Grand Rapids; and
4. The City Commission has received a request from a qualified licensee to recommend approval of their Social District Permit application by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; and
5. The licensed premises of the licensee is contiguous to the Commons Areas within the designated Social District; and
6. The City Commission desires to recommend approval of the Social District Permit application; therefore

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Social District Permit application from the following licensee is recommended by the City Commission for consideration and approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission:

- Silva GR, LLC; 975 Ottawa Ave NW; and

2. That the City Clerk is authorized and directed to provide the applicants with a certification of this action in the form specified by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

**94334 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

WHEREAS, consistent with City plans for the downtown and Market Avenue corridor, including River for All and GR Forward, the City desires to make its property at 427 Market Avenue SW available for development for affordable housing; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the Option Agreement between the City and PS Equities be approved; and
2. That upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said Option Agreement on behalf of the City.

**94335 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

WHEREAS:

1. The City Commission approved a Brownfield Plan (the "Plan") for the City of Grand Rapids Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") on December 22, 1998, pursuant to the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1996, as amended, MCL 125.2651 et seq. ("Act 381"); and
2. The Board of the Authority has recommended an amendment to the Plan for Abode West Fulton Redevelopment Project (the "Project") described therein (the "Amendment"); and
3. The City Commission has held a public hearing on the Amendment after notice in accordance with the requirements of Act 381; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the Amendment constitutes a public purpose under Act 381; and
2. That the Amendment meets all the requirements of Section 13(1) of Act 381; and
3. That the proposed method of financing the costs of the eligible activities, as identified in the Amendment and defined in Act 381, is feasible and the Authority has the authority to arrange the financing; and
4. That the costs of the eligible activities proposed in the Amendment are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of Act 381; and

5. That the amount of captured taxable value estimated to result from the adoption of the Amendment is reasonable; and
6. That the Amendment in the form presented is approved; and
7. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

**94336 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

WHEREAS:

1. Designation of the 617 W FULTON Neighborhood Enterprise Zone is in accordance with the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, Act 147 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1992, as amended; and
2. The City Commission on January 30, 2018 approved Resolution No. 87390 and adopted an amended City Commission Policy No. 900-45 for Neighborhood Enterprise Zones, which contains a statement of the City's goals, objectives and requirements to designate an eligible area; and
3. The City Commission on November 12, 2013 approved Resolution No. 82916 and adopted an Ordinance to amend Chapter 69 of Title V of the City Code entitled, Neighborhood Enterprise Zones (NEZ); and
4. The adopted goals of this NEZ designation are to: revitalize existing neighborhoods and promote the creation of new residential areas; promote new construction and the rehabilitation of housing; encourage investment, advance City strategies for homeownership, economic development, mixed-income development, sustainability, infill, and elimination of blight; and to implement the Master Plan; and
5. Designation of the 617 W FULTON NEZ is consistent with the Master Plan and City neighborhood preservation and economic development goals; and
6. The NEZ designation addresses the strategic goals for the area relative to the maintenance, preservation, and improvement of the existing housing, and promoting homeownership and development of housing for all persons regardless of income level living within the proposed NEZ; and
7. The owner or developer or prospective owner or developer of a proposed new facility or an owner or developer or prospective developer proposing to substantially rehabilitate property located in the 617 W FULTON NEZ may file an application for a 15-year neighborhood enterprise zone exemption certificate with the City Clerk in accordance with the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, Act 147 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1992, as amended, and in accordance with the Chapter 69 of Title V of the Code of

the City of Grand Rapids, and City Commission Policy 900-45, as amended; and

8. As part of the NEZ designation process, the City Commission establishes the 617 W FULTON NEZ as a Qualified Downtown Revitalization District in accordance with the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, Act 147 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1992, as amended, and in accordance with the Chapter 69 of Title V of the Code of the City of Grand Rapids, and City Commission Policy 900-45, as amended; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City Commission establishes the 617 W FULTON NEZ as a Qualified Downtown Revitalization District in accordance with the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, Act 147 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1992, as amended; and
2. That the City Commission hereby establishes the 617 W FULTON NEZ as that area consisting of the parcels of land known as 617 Fulton Street W (PPN 41-13-25-166-018) and 17 Seward Avenue NW (PPN 41-13-25-166-014); and
3. That the City Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Michigan State Tax Commission.

**94337 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

WHEREAS:

1. The City Commission approved a Brownfield Plan (the "Plan") for the City of Grand Rapids Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") on December 22, 1998, pursuant to the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1996, as amended, MCL 125.2651 et seq. ("Act 381"); and
2. The Board of the Authority has recommended an amendment to the Plan for Annex Fulton Redevelopment Project (the "Project") described therein (the "Amendment"); and
3. The City Commission has held a public hearing on the Amendment after notice in accordance with the requirements of Act 381; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the Amendment constitutes a public purpose under Act 381; and
2. That the Amendment meets all the requirements of Section 13(1) of Act 381; and

3. That the proposed method of financing the costs of the eligible activities, as identified in the Amendment and defined in Act 381, is feasible and the Authority has the authority to arrange the financing; and
4. That the costs of the eligible activities proposed in the Amendment are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of Act 381; and
5. That the amount of captured taxable value estimated to result from the adoption of the Amendment is reasonable; and
6. That the Amendment in the form presented is approved; and
7. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

**94338 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

WHEREAS:

1. Designation of the 657 W FULTON Neighborhood Enterprise Zone is in accordance with the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, Act 147 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1992, as amended; and
2. The City Commission on January 30, 2018 approved Resolution No. 87390 and adopted an amended City Commission Policy No. 900-45 for Neighborhood Enterprise Zones, which contains a statement of the City's goals, objectives and requirements to designate an eligible area; and
3. The City Commission on November 12, 2013 approved Resolution No. 82916 and adopted an Ordinance to amend Chapter 69 of Title V of the City Code entitled, Neighborhood Enterprise Zones (NEZ); and
4. The adopted goals of this NEZ designation are to: revitalize existing neighborhoods and promote the creation of new residential areas; promote new construction and the rehabilitation of housing; encourage investment, advance City strategies for homeownership, economic development, mixed-income development, sustainability, infill, and elimination of blight; and to implement the Master Plan; and
5. Designation of the 657 W FULTON NEZ is consistent with the Master Plan and City neighborhood preservation and economic development goals; and
6. The NEZ designation addresses the strategic goals for the area relative to the maintenance, preservation, and improvement of the existing housing, and promoting homeownership and development of housing for all persons regardless of income level living within the proposed NEZ; and



7. The owner or developer or prospective owner or developer of a proposed new facility or an owner or developer or prospective developer proposing to substantially rehabilitate property located in the 657 W FULTON NEZ may file an application for a 15-year neighborhood enterprise zone exemption certificate with the City Clerk in accordance with the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, Act 147 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1992, as amended, and in accordance with the Chapter 69 of Title V of the Code of the City of Grand Rapids, and City Commission Policy 900-45, as amended; and
8. As part of the NEZ designation process, the City Commission establishes the 657 W FULTON NEZ as a Qualified Downtown Revitalization District in accordance with the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, Act 147 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1992, as amended, and in accordance with the Chapter 69 of Title V of the Code of the City of Grand Rapids, and City Commission Policy 900-45, as amended; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City Commission establishes the 657 W FULTON NEZ as a Qualified Downtown Revitalization District in accordance with the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, Act 147 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1992, as amended; and
2. That the City Commission hereby establishes the 657 W FULTON NEZ as that area consisting of the parcel of land known as 657 Fulton Street W (PPN 41-13-25-165-011); and
3. That the City Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Michigan State Tax Commission.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT**

**94339 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Robbins.**

**Yeas: Knight, Perdue, Ysasi, LaGrand, Belchak, Kilgore**

**Nays: Robbins**

WHEREAS:

1. The purpose of the legislative priority agenda is to clearly outline the position and interests of the City; and
2. The legislative priority agenda will provide direction on the City's top five legislative priorities; and
3. The legislative priority agenda has been reviewed by the Legislative Team; and

4. The principles detailed within the legislative priority agenda are to be used by the City Manager and the Government & Legislative Affairs Officer in initiating, evaluating, and responding to legislation and initiatives that impact the City and its residents; and
5. When there are competing priorities or principles, the primary objective shall be the outcome that provides the most benefit to the City, as an organization, and the people of Grand Rapids; and
6. The rapidly changing nature of legislative items requires constant attention and often swift action and response; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the top 5 legislative priorities are as follows:

A. Renewable Energy

- i. Support for community solar legislation to allow individual actors and groups to produce solar power and feed that power into the statewide energy grid on an equal footing with the utilities
- ii. Pursuing the removal of barriers to city production of renewable energy to feed into the statewide energy grid and allow for long term financing mechanisms for building city owned solar capacity
- iii. Seeking funding and removing legislative barriers to electrify the steam district using renewable energy sources

B. Housing

- i. Seeking statutory authority to implement the lead dust sampling requirements of the City's Property Maintenance Code
- ii. Removing barriers to increasing density and promoting statewide building codes that allow for lower cost housing construction mechanisms
- iii. Authorizing local units of government to increase transfer tax rates and earmarking those funds for housing initiatives including lower cost rental units
- iv. Incentivize Accessory Dwelling Unit's (ADU's)
- v. Amend Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) to allow single family residential to be included in the program

C. Economic Development

- i. Eliminate ground floor retail requirement in the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, PA 147 of 1992, and

align notification requirements for public hearings with similar economic development incentive programs

- ii. Encourage public investment in development programs that include increased housing to ensure all residents have safe, stable, and permanent housing
- iii. Support for state and federal investment in economic development initiatives in urban areas on an equitable basis
- iv. Remove state and local impediments to effective governance and to appropriate representation for boards that implement community economic development tools and incentives, and for boards that oversee significant entertainment venues within the City

D. State & Federal Investment Priorities

- i. Equitable funding for district courts statewide to alleviate City expenditures for the 61<sup>st</sup> District Court
- ii. Establishing a Public Safety Trust Fund with proportional per capita funding
- iii. Increasing pedestrian and bike mobility and providing safety improvements
- iv. River restoration and revitalization project
- v. Lead service line replacement
- vi. Promote investment in arts and culture placemaking

E. Policy and Regulatory Priorities

- i. Encouraging the use of context sensitive solutions, such as National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) standards, and implementation of local standards and policies for complete street design, to provide safe and equitable options for all users of the transportation network
  - ii. Advocate for an amendment to the federal law to allow for charging stations at highway rest stops to encourage electrification of vehicles
  - iii. Expand investment options to allow the City to further diversify the portfolio as market conditions change
  - iv. Amend State law to allow for a single property tax bill
2. When considering proposed or pending initiatives and offering official positions, the City Manager, the Government & Legislative Affairs Officer and the Legislative Team will be guided by the following principles:
- A. Preserving local authority as stated in the Home Rule City Act, PA 279 of 1909, particularly in the areas of employment, planning, zoning, and public works projects and opposing initiatives that are unconstitutional.

- B. Encouraging, advocating, and supporting legislation that promotes equity, diversity, and inclusion for all including:
  - i. Protecting the rights of all LGBTQIA+ persons;
  - ii. Hiring practices that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion for all;
  - iii. Allowing all Michigan residents to obtain a driver's license; and
  - iv. Legislation that is consistent with the West Michigan Welcome Plan.
- C. Continued collaboration on reforms and investments for the betterment of all residents including:
  - i. Increasing climate resiliency.
  - ii. Prevention of child lead poisoning & exposure.
  - iii. Acknowledging racism as a public health crisis and supporting policies and opportunities to dismantle structural racism and achieve health and social equity.
  - iv. Support for legislation that would ban menthol in tobacco products.
  - v. Restoring and maintaining Michigan's infrastructure.
  - vi. Addressing emerging contaminant response to lead, copper and PFAS/PFOAS.
  - vii. Protecting and ensuring long-term viability of pensions and other post-employment benefits (OPEB).
  - viii. Support for increased mental health services for those in crisis.
- D. Supporting policies that address talent and workforce development opportunities to include increased investment for attraction and retention.
- E. Promoting policy and investments that increase accessibility of affordable broadband service for residents, as well as robust broadband infrastructure that supports business growth, attraction, and retention.

#### **CITY COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS**

**Result: Approved**

**Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.**

Motion to suspend the rules to consider the following City Commission Resolution.

**94340 Result: Approved****Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Robbins.****Yeas: Knight, Perdue, Robbins, Ysasi, LaGrand, Belchak, Kilgore**

**RESOLVED** that the City Attorney is authorized to compromise and settle on behalf of the City of Grand Rapids, the federal court case captioned, Abdul Buchanan v. Todd Wuis and City of Grand Rapids and all potential claims related thereto by the cash payment of Sixty-Five Thousand and 00/100ths Dollars (\$65,000.00), payable to Abdul Buchanan and the Law Offices of Joel B. Sklar by the City of Grand Rapids.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a check to Abdul Buchanan and Law Office of Joel B. Sklar, in the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand and 00/100ths Dollars (\$65,000.00).

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****94341 Result: Referred to Committee of the Whole.**

Public hearing to consider an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, for 1007 Wealthy, LLC at 1007 Wealthy Street, SE.

**94342 Result: Referred to Committee of the Whole.**

Public hearing to consider an application for a ten-year Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, for 1007 Wealthy, LLC at 1007 Wealthy Street, SE.

**94343 Result: Referred to Committee of the Whole.**

Public Hearing to consider a Brownfield Plan Amendment for the M-Village redevelopment project located at 1865 Eastern Avenue SE and 716 Elliot Street SE.

**94344 Result: Referred to Committee of the Whole.**

Public Hearing to consider a Brownfield Plan Amendment for the West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Headquarters redevelopment project located at 1101 Godfrey Avenue SW (Unit #2).

**94345 Result: Referred to Committee of the Whole.**

Public hearing for a Second Amendment to the Act 381 Combined Brownfield Plan Amendment – RDG-Walker, LLC for the Walkerview Development Project.

**DOCUMENTS FILED****94346 Result: Received and filed.**

Technician Service Agreement between Noregon Systems, LLC and City of Grand Rapids submitted for the public record.

**94347 Result: Received and filed.**

Agreement between HR Collaborative and the City of Grand Rapids submitted for the public record.

**94348 Result: Received and filed.**

Agreement between Dragon Rescue Management, Inc. and Grand Rapids Fire Department submitted for the public record.

**94349 Result: Received and filed.**

Executive Coaching Engagement Agreement with Archangel & Associates, LLC submitted for the public record.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commission Adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

JOEL H. HONDORP  
City Clerk