

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
City Commission
OF THE
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
Regular Session, Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The Commission was called to order by Mayor LaGrand at 7:00 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. Kilgore, supported by Com. Perdue, the reading of the minutes of the regular session of March 11, 2025 was waived and said minutes were accepted as presented. Carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

94449 Result: Received and Filed

Communication received from Ken Vaughn appealing the response to FOIA request 2025-536.

94450 Result: Received and Filed

Communication received from the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression urging the City Commission to review and revise public comment policies.

94451 Result: Received and Filed

Communication received from Tom O'Brien opposing the Single Trash Hauler proposal.

94452 Result: Received and Filed

Communication received from Scott Atchison regarding the budget for the Downtown Ambassador Program.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

94453 Result: Received and Filed

Comptroller's Warrant Report for the period of February 25, 2025 through March 10, 2025 in the amount of \$33,682,297.98.

94454 Result: Received and Filed

Treasurer's Report for Period of February 26, 2025, through March 7, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

94455 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

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

Adoption of the following items under the consent agenda.

B. COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

94456 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

RESOLVED that the City Commission's appointment of James Ouzts to the Grand Valley Regional Biosolids Authority for the remainder of a three-year term ending June 30, 2026, be approved.

94457 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

RESOLVED that the City Commission's appointment of John Gorney to the Waste to Energy Advisory Committee for the remainder of a one-year term ending January 5, 2026, be approved.

94458 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

RESOLVED that the City Commission's appointment of Jenna Lyons to the Historic Preservation Commission for the remainder of a three-year term ending January 3, 2028, be approved.

94459 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

RESOLVED that Mayor LaGrand's appointment of Brooke Aernouts to the Community Relations Commission for the remainder of a three-year term ending January 5, 2026, be confirmed.

94460 Result: Approved
Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

RESOLVED that Mayor LaGrand's appointment of Andres Hernandez to the South Division-Grandville Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority for the remainder of a four-year term ending December 31, 2026, be confirmed.

C. FISCAL COMMITTEE

94461 Result: Approved
Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

WHEREAS, Sacred Beginnings, of 339 S. Division Ave., Ste. B, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, has applied to the Bureau of State Lottery for a Bingo/Raffle License and, as part of the required licensing procedure, has requested recognition as a local civic organization from the City Commission pursuant to MCLA 432.103a(i)(ii); therefore

RESOLVED that the City Commission hereby finds that, to the best of its knowledge, Sacred Beginnings exists as a non-profit local civic organization which conducts a major portion of its activities within the City of Grand Rapids and, therefore, hereby officially recognizes Sacred Beginnings as a local civic organization pursuant to MCLA 432.103a(i)(ii).

94462 Result: Approved
Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

RESOLVED that the City of Grand Rapids is hereby authorized to pay Grand Valley State University in the amount of up to \$96,200 for the tuition, student fees, and uniforms for the sponsored police academy for Recruit Class 25-02.

94463 Result: Approved
Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

WHEREAS:

1. Grand Rapids Community College received a \$1 million grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to lead workforce development initiatives

in collaboration with Bay College, the City, the City of Holland, the City of Wyoming, Muskegon Heights, and Plainfield Charter Township to address the emerging employment needs of water and sewer utilities; and

2. This partnership is an innovative and collaborative approach to tackling complex issues that public utilities are facing nationwide; and
3. The City is eligible to receive up to \$298,671 for all allowable costs incurred during the grant period from January 2025 to July 2027; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City's Commission authorizes the three-year sub-award agreement in an amount not to exceed \$298,671 with Grand Rapids Community College to expand the West Michigan Water Career Program; and
2. That the Mayor is authorized to execute the sub-award agreement upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

94464 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

RESOLVED:

1. That the City Commission authorizes a Professional Services Agreement authorizing a professional services agreement with Cure Violence Global for an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to provide training and technical assistance to support the continued effectuation of the Cure Violence Model - a health approach to violence interruption and prevention – in Grand Rapids; and
2. That the period of performance is from 05/1/2025 to 04/30/2026; and
3. That the Mayor is authorized to execute said Agreement upon approval as to form by the City Attorney; and
4. That the Comptroller is authorized and directed to pay invoices according to the terms of said Agreement.

94465 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

RESOLVED:

1. That an agreement is approved between the City and Baxter Community Center to provide summer day camp services at Joe Taylor Park in an amount not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) annually; and
2. That the period of performance is June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, with two one-year renewal options for summer camp in 2026 and 2027; and
3. That the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City in a form to be approved by the City Attorney.

94466 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

WHEREAS:

1. Grand Rapids Public Schools expended \$17,471.63 for eligible capital equipment purchases for the operation of the Educational portion of Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) access channels or production of programming for these channels; and
2. That Grand Rapids Public Schools expended \$17,471.63 for eligible capital equipment purchases for the operation of the Educational portion of Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) access channels or production of programming for these channels; and
3. That appropriated funds for this expenditure have been already received by the City; therefore

RESOLVED that the City of Grand Rapids Comptroller is authorized to reimburse Grand Rapids Public Schools for eligible capital equipment purchases for the operation of the Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) access channels or production of programming for these channels, in the amount of \$17,471.63.

94467 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

WHEREAS:

1. City Commission adopted City Commission Policy 900-02 establishing the City of Grand Rapids Affordable Housing Fund, as amended; and

2. City Commission approved execution of an agreement with the Grand Rapids Community Foundation for provision of fiduciary services for the Affordable Housing Fund; therefore

RESOLVED that the City Comptroller is hereby authorized to make payment to the Grand Rapids Community Foundation in the amount of \$166,311.66 for deposit into the City of Grand Rapids Affordable Housing from account 1010-694-1010-8010.

94468 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

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. **Weed and Feed Lawn Care**

One-year term contract with two, one-year renewal options for weed control services for Water and Environmental Services from Weed and Feed Lawn Care for an annual "not-to-exceed" amount of \$20,000.00 (estimated three-year total of \$60,000.00).

2. **Doxim Utilitec LLC**

One-year contract extension for bill print, mail, & electronic billing services for the Water and Treasurer Departments from Doxim Utilitec, LLC for the annual "not-to-exceed" amount of \$400,000.00.

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

3. **Landscape Forms Inc.**

Purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (O.E.M.) outdoor tables and chairs for Rosa Parks Circle for the Parks and Recreation Department from Landscape Forms Inc. for the total amount of \$152,120.00.

4. **Lunghamer Ford of Owosso**

Knapheide Truck Equipment

Cooperative purchase for the Fleet Management Department for two 2025 Ford F350 regular cab 4x4 XL chassis as per the State of Michigan MiDEAL

Contract #240000001208 for the total amount \$108,306.00; and for the purchase of two utility service bodies from Knapheide Truck Equipment as per the State of Michigan MiDEAL Contract #071B7700087for the total amount of \$85,087.18.

**5. Lunghamer Ford of Owosso
Knapheide Truck Equipment**

Cooperative purchase for the Fleet Management Department for the purchase of five 2025 Ford F250 regular cab 4x4 XL chassis as per the State of Michigan MiDEAL Contract #240000001208 for the total amount \$256,900.00; and for the purchase of five utility service bodies from Knapheide Truck Equipment as per the State of Michigan MiDEAL Contract #071B7700087for the total amount of \$174,220.25.

**6. Lunghamer Ford of Owosso
Hoekstra Equipment**

Cooperative purchase for the Fleet Management Department for a 2025 Ford F250 regular cab 4x4 XL chassis as per the State of Michigan MiDEAL Contract #240000001208 for \$50,725.00; and for the purchase of Original Equipment Manufacturer (O.E.M.) snowplow V-Blade assemblies from Hoekstra Equipment as per Sourcewell contract #062222-DDY for \$17,406.50.

7. MacAllister Machinery, Inc.

Cooperative purchase as per the State of Michigan MiDEAL Contract #240000000165 is recommended for the purchase of two Original Equipment Manufacturer (O.E.M.) Caterpillar 450 Backhoe Loaders for the Fleet Management Department from MacAllister Machinery, Inc. for the total amount of \$431,548.88.

D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

94469 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

RESOLVED:

1. That a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Congregation Emanuel d/b/a Temple Emanuel GR is hereby approved; and
2. That the Mayor is authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City in a form to be approved by the City Attorney.

94470 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

WHEREAS, following City Commission Policy 1100-11 Naming and Renaming of Parks and Recreational Facilities, the City conducted a community-centered process to name a new park at 680 Cesar E Chavez Ave SW; therefore

RESOLVED that a public hearing for consideration of naming the new park at 680 Cesar E Chavez Ave SW "Navarro Plaza" will be held on April 29, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will held at City Commission Chambers, 300 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids MI 49503.

94471 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

WHEREAS, bids were received on March 4, 2025 for the following project:

Water Main Replacement, Reconstruction, and Resurfacing in Burton Street
from 120' East of Division Avenue to Giddings Avenue
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project")

and Kamminga & Roodvoets Inc. (K&R) submitted a bid of \$9,213,896.50 for which the engineer's estimate, prepared by Fishbeck, is \$9,396,530; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the bid of K&R 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 \$11,164,691 which includes the costs of the construction contract, public information program, previously authorized design phase services by Fishbeck, construction phase services by Fishbeck, easement acquisition at 1135 Burton Street, engineering/administration, and contingencies. Said amount of \$8,529,987 to be charged to the applicable Water System Codes and \$2,634,704 to be charged to the applicable Vital Streets Codes.
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.
4. 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 \$8,145,298 (Water System Fund) through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds.

5. 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.

94472 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

WHEREAS, bids were received on March 11, 2025 for the following project:

Replacement of Lead Service Lines Contract 2025-1
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project")

And SPS Pro Plumbing, LLC (SPS) submitted a bid of \$2,925,737 for which the engineer's estimate is \$3,509,860; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City tentatively awards the construction contract for the Project to SPS, contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the Michigan Finance Authority (MFA) through the State Revolving Fund Program.
2. That the bid of SPS 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 SPS in the amount of \$2,925,737 for the Project on behalf of the City, which execution shall constitute the award of the contract.
3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be, and the same are, rescinded.
4. That total expenditures for the Project be authorized in an amount not to exceed \$3,510,860 which includes the costs of the construction contract, construction phase services by Moore & Bruggink, administration, and contingencies. Said amount of \$3,510,860 to be charged to the applicable Water System Codes.
5. 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.

6. 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 \$3,510,860 (Water System Fund) through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds.
7. 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.

94473 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

WHEREAS, bids were received on March 4, 2025 for the following project:

Reconstruction of Kendall Street from Kalamazoo Avenue to Kentridge Drive and Reconstruction of Fruitwood Drive from Covell Avenue to Woodcrest Drive.
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project")

and Ponstein Enterprises LLC dba Georgetown Construction (Georgetown) submitted a bid of \$1,938,359 for which the engineer's estimate is \$2,236,545; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the bid of Georgetown 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 \$2,613,528 which includes the costs of the construction contract, public information program previously authorized services by Materials Testing Consultants, Inc. (MTC), construction materials testing by SME, engineering/inspection/administration, previously authorized services by Moore & Bruggink (MB), and contingencies. Said amount of \$1,641,621 to be charged to the applicable Water Codes and \$971,907 to be charged to the applicable Vital Streets Codes.
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.

94474 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve a Construction Agreement, and accept a Public Utilities Easement for the construction of public sanitary sewer and water main facilities in connection with Sanitary Sewer and Water Main in East Beltline Avenue and Public Easement (NE) (North Beltline Development); therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the aforesaid Construction Agreement between the City of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Charter Township and North Beltline Development Company, LLC (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; and
2. That the City accept a Public Utilities Easement for the construction and maintenance of public utilities from the following property owner, with description of the aforesaid Easement and for the nominal considerations as noted, which were paid by the developer.

North Beltline Development Company, LLC \$1.00
38500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 200
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304

2300 East Beltline Avenue NE, Parcel No. 41-14-11-301-063
2284 East Beltline Avenue NE, Parcel No. 41-14-11-301-064

Total of Easement Area: 31,228 +/- Square Feet

3. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to record the aforesaid Easement with the Kent County Register of Deeds.

94475 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

WHEREAS, a proposal was received on March 10, 2025 for the following project:

Construction of Fire Department Training Facility At 850 Pannell Street NW
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project")

and Clark Construction Company (Clark) submitted a cost of \$20,678,692; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposal of Clark be accepted and that, upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement for the Project on behalf of the City.
2. That total expenditures for the Project be authorized in an amount not to exceed \$26,856,892 which includes the costs of the construction management agreement, testing, administration, previously authorized design services by Prein & Newhof, Inc. (P&N), and contingencies. Said amount of \$26,856,892 to be charged to the applicable Capital Improvement Fund codes.
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.
4. 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 \$26,856,892 (Capital Improvement Fund) through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds.
5. 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.

94476 Result: Approved**Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.****WHEREAS:**

1. Mary Free Bed Medical Group of 235 Wealthy Street SE has requested approval to encroach into the Wealthy Street SE right-of-way in connection with a pedestrian bridge and arch; and
2. Mary Fee Bed Medical Group is willing to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City which outlines the conditions under which the City would permit the aforesaid encroachment; and
3. Mary Free Bed Medical Group agrees to pay all costs associated with the aforesaid encroachment; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City hereby approves an Encroachment Agreement with Mary Free Bed Medical Group, that consents, with conditions, to encroachments within the Wealthy Street SE right-of-way at 235 Wealthy Street SE; and
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Encroachment Agreement on behalf of the City, contingent upon approval as to form by the City Attorney; and
3. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to record the aforesaid Encroachment Agreement with the Kent County Register of Deeds.

94477 Result: Approved**Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve a Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation Inc. in connection with Water Main Relocation in Public Easement (SW) along Martin Luther King, Jr Street; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City enter into a Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation Inc. 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; and
2. 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.

94478 Result: Approved**Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to furnish certain information to the State of Michigan to place streets within the City of Grand Rapids Street System, and to decertify streets that have been vacated and/or closed to traffic, all for the purpose of obtaining funds under Act 51, P. A. 1951, as amended; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the following described streets are hereby certified as part of the City of Grand Rapids Street System for a total of 1,343 feet as shown on City of Grand Rapids drawing GPF 5874:

Hazen Street from the centerline of Union Avenue to Willard Avenue (add 436 feet); and

Willard Avenue from the centerline of Winchell Street to Hazen Street (add 259 feet); and

Linden Avenue from the centerline of Winchell Street to Merritt Street (add 511 feet); and

Merritt Street from Linden Avenue to the centerline of Martin Avenue (add 137 feet); and

- A. That the above-described streets are located within City of Grand Rapids' rights-of-way and are under control of the City of Grand Rapids; and
 - B. That said streets are public streets and are for public street purposes; and
 - C. That said streets are accepted into the City of Grand Rapids Local Street System and were open to the public prior to December 31, 2024; and
2. That the following described streets are hereby decertified from the City of Grand Rapids Street System for a total of 739 feet:
- A. King Court from 650 feet West of the centerline of Grandville Avenue to the centerline of Grandville Avenue (for a total of 650 feet). Said street vacation was approved by the City on September 10, 2019 (Proceeding No. 89173) and was closed to traffic prior to December 31, 2024; and
 - B. Ionia Avenue from the northerly curblineline of relocated Ionia Avenue to the southerly terminus of Ionia Avenue (for a total of 89 feet) as shown on City of Grand Rapids drawing GPF 5612. Said street was closed to traffic prior to December 31, 2024.

94479 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

WHEREAS:

1. Bids were received on March 6, 2025, for the following project:

Improvements at Collindale Avenue Sanitary Lift Station (the "Project"); and
2. A single bid was received which exceeded the engineer's estimate by more than 102%; therefore

RESOLVED, that the City Commission rejects the bids received on March 6, 2025, for the Project.

94480 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Belchak.

WHEREAS:

1. On August 13, 2024 (Proceeding No. 93801), the City awarded a contract to Hillard Electric, Inc. (Hillard) for the following project:

1500 Scribner Low Voltage Installation
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and
2. It is necessary to increase the scope of work and authorize expenditures for the aforesaid contract; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the scope of work for the contract with Hillard, be increased at a cost of \$133,686 with total expenditures not to exceed \$790,246 which includes the costs of the construction contract, contingencies, and previously authorized fees. Said amount of \$790,246 to be charged to the applicable Capital Improvement Fund codes.
2. That the City Engineer or his designee is hereby authorized to execute the necessary change order to the aforesaid contract with Hillard.
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.
4. 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 \$790,246 (Capital Improvement Fund) through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds.

5. 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.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

94481 Result: Approved

Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Knight.

Yeas: Knight, Perdue, Robbins, Ysasi, Belchak, Kilgore

WHEREAS:

1. On June 11, 2013 (Resolution No. 82483), the City Commission established the Uptown Business Improvement District (BID) Special Assessment Roll No. 8692 as a one-year assessment on non-residential properties located within the district according to terms set forth in the Marketing and Development Plan (the "Plan"); and
2. On May 13, 2014 (Resolution No. 83475), the City Commission continued the Uptown Business Improvement District (BID) Special Assessment Roll No. 8692 for a second one-year term, according to terms set forth in the Plan; and
3. On April 28, 2015 (Resolution No. 84508), the City Commission again continued the Uptown Business Improvement District (BID) Special Assessment Roll No. 8706 for a third one-year term, according to terms set forth in the Plan; and
4. On April 26, 2016 (Resolution No. 85588), the City Commission again continued the Uptown Business Improvement District (BID) Special Assessment Roll No. 8716 for a fourth one-year term, according to terms set forth in the Plan; and
5. On March 26, 2017 (Resolution No. 86617), the City Commission again continued the Uptown Business Improvement District (BID) Special Assessment Roll No. 8722 for a fifth one-year term, according to terms set forth in the Plan; and
6. On March 6, 2018 (Resolution No. 87506), the City Commission again continued the Uptown Business Improvement District (BID) Special

Assessment Roll No. 8730 for a sixth one-year term, according to terms set forth in the Plan; and

7. On March 26, 2019 (Resolution No. 88612), the City Commission again continued the Uptown Business Improvement District (BID) Special Assessment Roll No. 8738 for a seventh and eighth two-year term, according to terms set forth in the Plan; and
8. On March 23, 2021 (Resolution No. 90660), the City Commission again continued the Uptown Business Improvement District (BID) Special Assessment Roll No. 8758 for a ninth one-year term, according to terms set forth in the Plan; and
9. On March 15, 2022 (Resolution No. 91504), the City Commission again continued the Uptown Business Improvement District (BID) Special Assessment Roll No. 8758 for a tenth, eleventh, and twelfth three-year term, according to terms set forth in the Plan; and
10. A Plan for the next five program years has been received and reviewed by the City; and
11. The City Commission held a public hearing on March 11, 2025, concerning the necessity to continue the special assessment for five years; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City Commission hereby declares and determines the Uptown Business Improvement District hereinafter described to be necessary, and hereby orders that such part of the total estimated cost as is hereinafter provided in the Plan for the said Uptown Business Improvement District shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the property especially benefited from said Uptown Business Improvement District the character thereof being described and determined as follows:

Special Assessment District No. **8796**
Uptown Business Improvement District

2. That the Assessment be based on 25,601.44 feet of linear street curb frontage as proposed in the Plan including the new addition of unique parcels; and

3. That the Assessment rate be established as follows: \$6.14 per linear foot in FY2026; \$6.32 per linear foot in FY2027; \$6.51 per linear foot for FY2028; \$6.70 per linear foot for FY2029; and \$6.91 per linear for FY2030 for all assessable parcels located within the district with a special exception for exempt properties owned and operated by not-for-profit organizations and registered as such, parcels with frontage on more than one assessed street, and certain corner lots which benefit from receiving services, in which cases a rate of \$3.07 per linear foot in FY2026; \$3.17 per linear foot in FY2027; and \$3.26 per linear foot in FY2028; \$3.35 per linear foot in FY2029 and \$3.45 per linear foot in FY2030 will be assessed for all or part of the street curb frontage as prescribed in the Plan; and
4. That the City Commission determines that the total estimated cost of said Uptown Business Improvement District, including all incidental expenses, the cost of which shall be spread and levied upon the property especially benefited, the amount of the total cost which shall be paid by the City, and certain of the lots and parcels of land constituting the Special Assessment District against which the cost of said public improvements shall be assessed, all to be estimated as follows based on property ownership at the time of adoption of this resolution:

	Current	Proposed July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	Proposed July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	Proposed July 1, 2027- June 30, 2028	Proposed July 1, 2028 - June 30, 2029	Proposed July 1, 2029 - June 30, 2030
Taxable	\$5.97	\$6.14	\$6.32	\$6.51	\$6.70	\$6.91
Exempt	\$2.99	\$3.07	\$3.17	\$3.26	\$3.35	\$3.45
Total Assessment		\$171,733.45	\$181,299.06	\$186,574.94	\$191,850.83	\$197,684.49

5. That there shall be transmitted to the City Assessor a certified copy of this resolution, and the City Manager shall transmit to the City Assessor such facts respecting said Uptown Business Improvement District that may be necessary to make a proper assessment, and the City Assessor is hereby ordered to prepare a special assessment roll for said Uptown Business Improvement District in the manner required by this resolution, Chapter 10 of the Ordinance Code of the City of Grand Rapids, the Charter of the City of Grand Rapids, and the laws of the State of Michigan; and

6. That the payment of the City share of costs for those parcels is hereby authorized to be paid by each department controlling the assessed property; and
7. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

ORDINANCES

94482 Result: Approved

Mover: Ysasi. Supporter: Robbins.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND MAP A, DOWNTOWN HEIGHT OVERLAY DISTRICT, OF CHAPTER 61 OF TITLE V OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, THE ZONING ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 06

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS DO ORDAIN:

Section 1. That Map A, Downtown Height Overlay District, of Chapter 61 of Title V of the City Code of Grand Rapids be amended to include the following properties in the DH-2(a) subarea. The properties can be commonly described as follows:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Parcel Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Parcel Number</u>
1014 SCRIBNER AVE NW	41-13-24-201-013	948 SCRIBNER AVE NW	41-13-24-251-002
1000 SCRIBNER AVE NW	41-13-24-201-016	902 SCRIBNER AVE NW	41-13-24-252-009
954 FRONT AVE NW	41-13-24-202-007	832 SCRIBNER AVE NW	41-13-24-252-010
1116 FRONT AVE NW	41-13-24-202-020	1044 SCRIBNER AVE NW	41-13-24-201-004
1010 FRONT AVE NW	41-13-24-202-024	282 LEONARD ST NW	41-13-24-202-021
974 FRONT AVE NW	41-13-24-202-025	800 SCRIBNER AVE NW	41-13-24-401-001
748 FRONT AVE NW	41-13-24-202-027	1030 SCRIBNER AVE NW	41-13-24-201-005
934 SCRIBNER AVE NW	41-13-24-251-003	1058 SCRIBNER AVE NW	41-13-24-201-020
960 SCRIBNER AVE NW	41-13-24-251-004	260 LEONARD ST NW	41-13-24-202-002
1155 FRONT AVE NW	41-13-24-201-015	750 FRONT AVE NW	41-13-24-202-026
830 FRONT AVE NW	41-13-24-202-029	942 FRONT AVE NW	41-13-24-202-030
936 FRONT AVE NW	41-13-24-202-031	1060 FRONT AVE NW	41-13-24-202-032

94483 Result: Approved

Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Knight.

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 5.8.03. GRAND RIVER OVERLAY DISTRICT AND 5.11.15. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY OF CHAPTER 61, TITLE V OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ENTITLED "ZONING ORDINANCE"

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 07

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS DO ORDAIN:

Section 1. That Title V, Chapter 61, Subsection C. of Section 5.8.03. of the Code of the City of Grand Rapids be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.8.03. Grand River Overlay District (OD-GR).

- C. *"Uses.* Any lot or parcel within the OD-GR District shall be subject to the use regulations of the base Zone District."

Section 2. That Title V, Chapter 61, Subsection E. of Section 5.8.03. of the Code of the City of Grand Rapids be amended to add Sections E.2.to E.9., to read as follows:

Sec. 5.8.03. Grand River Overlay District (OD-GR).

E. *Building Elements.*

- "2. *Materials.* As required in the base Zone District, except that at least 60% of the building wall facing the river, exclusive of wall areas devoted to meeting transparency requirements, shall be constructed of brick, glass, fiber cement siding, wood lap, stucco, split-faced block, or stone.
3. *Façade Variation.* As required in the base Zone District, except that the requirements for building walls facing a street shall also apply to the building wall facing the river.
4. *Entrance.*
 - a. All office buildings, retail sales and service establishments shall have a visible and usable building entrance for customers on both the building wall facing the street and the building wall facing the river.
 - b. Primary building entrances, including those entrances facing the river, shall be clearly identified using an awning, paving treatments,

- change in roofline or other features, such as canopies, porticos, arcades, arches, wing walls, and integral planters.
- c. Primary building entrances and exits shall be located on the primary street. Doorways that open to the sidewalk or multi-use trail shall be recessed.
5. *Expression Line.*
 - a. An expression line shall be provided to distinguish the base from the remainder of the building to provide a design element that enhances the pedestrian environment. If applicable, the height of the expression line shall meet the prevailing scale of development in the area.
 - b. The expression line may be created by a change in material, a change in design, or by a continuous setback, recess, or projection above or below the expression line. Elements such as cornices, belt courses, corbelling, molding, stringcourses, ornamentation, awnings or canopies, and changes in material or color or other sculpturing of the base, are appropriate design elements to include with an expression line.
 6. *Transparency.* As required in the base Zone District, except that the requirements for building walls facing a street shall also apply to the building wall facing the river.
 7. *Streetscape Plan.* Standards used by the City Engineer to determine appropriate street tree plantings, walking surfaces and parkway landscaping shall be used where a City-recognized streetscape plan for a defined area has not been adopted (see Section 5.11.13.C.).
 8. *Parking.* Parking areas and parking structures shall be separated from the river by intervening buildings, except:
 - a. Where retail space is provided on the ground floor of the parking structure, and at least fifty (50) percent of its façade facing the river is used as display windows; or
 - b. Where a mural or other public art approved by the Planning Commission is provided on the parking structure on the river side of the structure, or in a landscaped area along the river.
 - c. Where a. or b. above, apply, the parking area or structure shall have a minimum required front setback of thirty (30) feet from the Grand River.
 9. *Landscaping and Access.*
 - a. Land between the building and the river shall be landscaped and designed as an urban open space for pedestrian use meeting the requirements of Section 5.11.14. Parking areas shall meet the minimum screening requirements of Section 5.11.11.C.
 - b. Pedestrian walkways that connect to the river's edge shall be provided between buildings, parking areas or structures, and other built features such as outdoor plazas and courtyards.

- c. Service areas and mechanical equipment shall be visually unobtrusive and shall be integrated with the design of the site and building.
 - i. Utility boxes shall be positioned so they cannot be seen from the river or Primary Street by locating them on the sides of buildings and away from pedestrian and vehicular routes.
 - ii. Air intake and exhaust systems, or other mechanical equipment that generates noise, smoke or odors shall not be located on the river side of buildings.”

Section 3. That Title V, Chapter 61, Subsections 3. and 4. of Section 5.11.15.B. of the Code of the City of Grand Rapids be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.11.15. - Alternative Energy.

B. Solar Energy Systems.

“3. Placement.

- a. Solar collection systems shall be placed so as not to adversely affect the pleasure and enjoyment of nearby residential uses.
 - b. Ground-mounted equipment. Ground mounted equipment for the collection of solar energy is permitted to the side or rear of the main building, but not within five (5) feet of a side or rear property line, shall be otherwise sited to minimize view from the public right-of-way and adjacent properties, and shall be camouflaged to the extent that the equipment can function normally.
 - c. Rooftop equipment. Rooftop equipment for the collection of solar energy may be installed on the roof of a main or accessory structure, including carports or similar structures, when:
 - i. The panels do not extend more than two (2) feet above the height of the structure upon which it is placed.
 - ii. The panels do not project beyond the eaves of the roof.
 - iii. The panels are integrated, to the extent possible, with the architectural character of the building or structure on which the equipment is affixed. No unfinished lumber is permitted.
4. *Administrative Departure.* An Administrative Departure may be approved for a location not meeting the requirements of this Section after considering the following:
- a. Potential on-street glare from the solar energy system;
 - b. Alternative on-site locations, and;
 - c. The extent to which neighborhood character may be compromised.”

DOCUMENTS FILED

94484 Result: Received and filed

Document submitted by Scott Atchison regarding a press box for the River Bank Run.

94485 Result: Received and filed

Document submitted by DeAndre Jones regarding Esports.

94486 Result: Received and filed

Document submitted from Adams & Associates quoting a Real Estate Appraisal of Hampton Inn & Suites located at 433 Dudley Place NE submitted for the public record.

94487 Result: Received and filed

Agreement between the City of Grand Rapids and The Human Solution Group, LLC submitted for the public record.

94488 Result: Received and filed

Non-ERISA Employer Sponsored Plan Advisory and Consulting Services Agreement with Raymond James submitted for the public record.

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

JOEL H. HONDORP
City Clerk