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# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

Item Number: 5

**DATE:** December 17, 2024

**TO:** Mark Washington, City Manager

**COMMITTEE:** Committee on Appointments  
**LIAISON:** Joel H. Hondorp, City Clerk

**FROM:** Rebecca Bosker, Office Assistant III  
City Clerk's Office

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution approving year-end appointments to various boards and commissions.**

A resolution has been prepared approving appointments to various boards and commissions due to term expirations and term limits.

The attached resolution includes candidates who were selected through a process in which individuals who are currently serving and eligible for appointment were considered alongside new eligible applicants. All individuals were recommended for appointment and have agreed to serve.

The appointment tables in the attached resolution should be interpreted as follows:

EXAMPLE:

## AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF WEST MICHIGAN

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Commission	Commissioner Knight	Member	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 1/4/2027

RESOLVED, that Mayor Bliss' appointment of Commissioner Knight to the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, effective January 1, 2025 for a 2-year term expiring January 4, 2027, be approved.

Your COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS recommends the adoption of the following resolution approving year-end appointments to various boards and commissions.

RESOLVED that the appointments listed below, for terms beginning on the effective dates and ending on the term expiration dates indicated, be approved.

#### AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF WEST MICHIGAN

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City Commission	Commissioner Knight	Member	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 1/4/2027

#### BOARD OF ART AND MUSEUM COMMISSIONERS

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Commission	Belinda Bardwell	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 1/1/2029
City Commission	Max Gibbs	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 1/1/2029
City Commission	Robert Herr	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 1/1/2029

#### BOARD OF REVIEW

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	Kyle Kimble	Member	1/1/2025	5-year term ending 2/1/2030
Mayor Bliss	Keith Lang	Member	1/1/2025	5-year term ending 2/1/2030

#### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Commission	Sara Lachman	Member	01/01/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

#### CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND BOARD

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	Monica App	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 12/31/2027
1 <sup>st</sup> Ward City Commissioners	Virginia Beard	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 12/31/2027

2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward City Commissioners	Cassandra Oracz	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 12/31/2027
City Manager	Mark Washington	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 12/31/2027

## CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	Brian Swem	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

## CITY-COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City of Grand Rapids	Kate Berens	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 1/3/2028
Kent County	Al Vanderberg	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 1/3/2028

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	Ricardo Benavidez	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Mayor Bliss	Sheena Walls	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

## CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Manager	Heather DeKorte	Architect/Engineer/Fire Code Official	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 1/1/2029
City Manager	Michael Keefe	Architect/Engineer/Fire Code Official	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 1/1/2029
City Manager	Aaron Sedine	Mechanical Contractor	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 1/1/2029
City Manager	Nathan Willink	Building Contractor	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 1/1/2029

## DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	Peter Albertini	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Mayor Bliss	Kate Berens	Member representing the City of Grand Rapids	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

Mayor Bliss	Jessica Gutowski-Slaydon	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Mayor Bliss	Richard Winn	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Mayor Bliss	Joshua Lunger	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/4/2027
Mayor Bliss	Emily Loeks	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/4/2027
Mayor Bliss	Monica App	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/4/2027
Mayor Bliss	Cullen Hillary	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/4/2027

## GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Commission	Commissioner Robbins	Employer Trustee	1/1/2022	1-year term ending 12/31/2025
System Membership	David Tryc	Member Trustee	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 1/1/2029

## GRAND RAPIDS-KENT COUNTY CONVENTION ARENA AUTHORITY

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	Birgit Klohs	Member	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 12/31/2026
Mayor Bliss	Rosalynn Bliss	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2028

## GRAND RAPIDS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	George Bayard	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Mayor Bliss	Matthew Daley	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Mayor Bliss	Thomas Wilson	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

## GRAND RAPIDS WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Commission	Paul Haan	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
City Commission	James Hurt	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
City Commission	Wayne Jernberg	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

City Commission	Doug LaFave	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
City Commission	Sara Simmonds	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
City Commission	Julius Suchy	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Commission	Heather Van Wormer	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

## HOUSING APPEALS BOARD

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	Sarah Hampton	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Mayor Bliss	Jessamyn Libolt	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Mayor Bliss	Nathaniel Phillips	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Mayor Bliss	Bethany Reed	Member	01/01/2025	3-year term Ending 1/3/2028
Mayor Bliss	Ashley Huey	Member	01/01/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

## INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Commission	Patricia Gelderloos	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

## INTERURBAN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Commission	Rick Baker	Member	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 12/31/2026
City Commission	Tracie Coffman	Member	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 12/31/2026
City Commission	Jack Hoffman	Member-At-Large	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 12/31/2026
City Commission	Andy Sanborn	Member-At-Large	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 12/31/2026

## KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION GOVERNING BOARD

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Commission	Commissioner Ysasi	Mayor's Designee	1/1/2025	1-year term ending 1/5/2026
City Commission	Commissioner Belchak	Member	1/1/2025	1-year term ending 1/5/2026

## KENT HOSPITAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Commission	Molly Clarin	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

## MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Commission	Molly Clarin	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 1/1/2029

## MICHIGAN STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	Kevin Vos	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2025

## MOBILE GR COMMISSION

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	Debra Nyenhuis	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Mayor Bliss	Chad Patton	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

## MONROE NORTH TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	Shaun Biel	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2028

## NORTH QUARTER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

<b>Appointing Authority</b>	<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Member Type</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Term and Expiration</b>
Mayor Bliss	Commissioner Ysasi	Mayor's Designee	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2028
Mayor Bliss	Nathaniel Phillips	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2028

## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

<b>Appointing Authority</b>	<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Member Type</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Term and Expiration</b>
City Commission	Kelli Jo Peltier	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

## POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<b>Appointing Authority</b>	<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Member Type</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Term and Expiration</b>
City Commission	Commissioner Robbins	Employer Trustee	1/1/2025	1-year term ending 12/31/2025
City Commission	Philip Balkema	Citizen Trustee	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 1/1/2029
System Membership	William Fabiano	Fire System Trustee	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 1/1/2029

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<b>Appointing Authority</b>	<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Member Type</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Term and Expiration</b>
Commissioner Robbins	Marlin Feyen	Member	1/1/2025	1-year term ending 12/31/2025
Commissioner Knight	Eric Brown	Member	1/1/2025	1-year term ending 12/31/2025
Commissioner Ysasi	Willie Gholston	Member	1/1/2025	1-year term ending 12/31/2025
Commissioner-Elect Kilgore	Christine Cameron	Member	1/1/2025	1-year term ending 12/31/2025
Commissioner Perdue	Jim Davis	Member	1/1/2025	1-year term ending 12/31/2025

## SMARTZONE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY BOARD

<b>Appointing Authority</b>	<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Member Type</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Term and Expiration</b>
Kent County	Al Vanderberg	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2028

## SOUTH DIVISION-GRANDVILLE AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor	Commissioner Belchak	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2026

## SOUTHTOWN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	Commissioner Perdue	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2028
Mayor Bliss	Helen Harp	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2028

## UPTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor	Commissioner Kilgore	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2026

## UPTOWN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor	Joana Hively	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2028
Mayor	Jon O'Connor	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2028
Mayor	Commissioner Kilgore	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2028

## URBAN AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Manager	Connie Bohatch	Staff responsible for Zoning, Economic Development or Code Enforcement	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 1/4/2027
City Manager	Steve Krogman	Staff responsible for Parks and Recreation	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 1/4/2027



Mayor Bliss	Crystal Tunstall	Member representing a local agriculture organization	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 1/4/2027
Commissioner O'Connor	Evvia Marshall	Member	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 1/4/2027
Commissioner Robbins	Muriel Lutes	Member	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 1/4/2027
Commissioner Ysasi	Carlos Calderon	Member	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 1/4/2027
Commissioner Perdue	Kimberly Moore	Member	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 1/4/2027
Commissioner Goei	Robert Cloy	Member	1/1/2025	2-year term ending 1/4/2027

## URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	Tommy Brown	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
City Manager	Annabelle Wilkinson	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Non-Profit interested in Urban Forest	Rebecca Pobst	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

## VITAL STREETS OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
MDOT	Erick Kind	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc.	Mark Miller	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Mobile GR Commission	Laura Cesa	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028
Disability Advocates of Kent County	Michael Williams	Member	1/1/2025	3-year term ending 1/3/2028

## WASTE-TO-ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
City Commission	James Hurt	Member	1/1/2025	1-year term ending 1/5/2026

## WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor Bliss	Commissioner Knight	Member	1/1/2025	1-year term ending 12/31/2025

Mayor Bliss	Noah Schneider	Member	1/1/2025	1-year term ending 12/31/2025
Mayor Bliss	Kristin Turkelson	Member	1/1/2025	1-year term ending 12/31/2025

## WESTSIDE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

Appointing Authority	Appointee	Member Type	Effective Date	Term and Expiration
Mayor	Commissioner Robbins	Member	1/1/2025	4-year term ending 12/31/2025

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