

1. Minutes of 04/29/2025 7:00 PM

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
City Commission  
OF THE  
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
Regular Session, Tuesday, April 29, 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.**

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**94556 Result: Approved****Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

RESOLVED that the City Commission's appointment of Aidan Van Doren to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the remainder of a three-year term ending January 5, 2026, be approved.

**C. FISCAL COMMITTEE****94557 Result: Approved****Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS, New Development Corporation, of 205 Carrier NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505, 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, New Development Corporation 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 New Development Corporation as a local civic organization pursuant to MCLA 432.103a(i)(ii).

**94558 Result: Approved****Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. The City Commission deems it to be in the best interest of the City to undertake improvements to the water supply system, including, without limitation, (a) the replacement of various aging watermain infrastructure under Burton Street and Boston Street within the City in accordance with regulatory requirements; (b) the replacement of water services comprised of leaded material at various locations throughout the City in accordance with regulatory requirements; (c) the restoration of streets, rights-of-way and easements affected by the improvements and related facilities, as well as all work, equipment, and appurtenances necessary or incidental to these improvements; and (d) other facility upgrades and improvements to the water supply system as may be determined by the City in consultation with the City Engineer (collectively, the "Improvements"), for the benefit of the users of the water supply system and to finance all or a part of the cost of

such Improvements by the issuance of one or more series of revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 (the "Bonds"); and (e) to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds, pursuant to the Revenue Bond Act, Act 94 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended, MCL 141.101 et seq. ("Act 94"); and

2. It is necessary to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds for the Bonds pursuant to Section 33 of Act 94; and
3. The City Commission desires to express its intent to have the City reimburse itself the costs related to the Improvements from proceeds of the Bonds; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City hereby declares its official intent to issue the Bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 to finance all or part of the cost of the Improvements. The Bonds shall be authorized by proper proceedings subsequent to this resolution; and
2. That a notice of intent to issue bonds for the Bonds shall be published in accordance with Section 33 of Act 94; and
3. That the City Clerk is authorized and directed to publish such notice in *The Grand Rapids Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City determined to be the newspaper reaching the largest number of persons to whom said notice is directed, which Notice shall be substantially in the form on the attached Exhibit A, with such changes as may be approved by the Clerk in consultation with bond counsel; and
4. That the City may proceed to acquire and construct the Improvements using available funds of the City from the Water Fund, which is a fund for the Water Supply System, and other funds of the City; and
5. That the City, 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 cost of the Improvements from proceeds of the Bonds; and
6. That a copy of this resolution shall be available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue, N.W., in the City; and
7. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded to the extent of the conflict.

**94559 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

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. Brightly Software, Inc.**

Comprehensive facility condition assessment services of Parks facilities and assets inventory, creation of a custom preventive maintenance schedule, and custom barcoding from Brightly Software, Inc. for \$299,202.32 (services to be provided through Bureau Veritas), and implementation services of the Brightly software Capital Predictor Enterprise module from Brightly Software, Inc. for \$16,869.60 (services to be provided through Bureau Veritas); the total "not-to-exceed" professional services costs for the assessment services is \$316,071.92.

Annual subscription fees from Brightly Software, Inc. for the Brightly Capital Predictor Enterprise module are as follows:

Year 1 \$21,034.54 June 1, 2025-April 30, 2026 subscription services  
Year 2 \$38,321.10 May 1, 2026-April 30, 2027 subscription services  
Year 3 \$40,620.36 May 1, 2027-April 30, 2028 subscription services

The three-year total amount for annual subscription fees is \$99,976.00.

**2. Accela, Inc.**

Original Equipment Manufacturer (O.E.M.) services for a one-year term contract for Accela Cloud Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) migration services for the Community Development Department from Accela, Inc. for the "not-to-exceed" amount of \$200,000.00; and for a one-year term contract with two, one-year renewal options for annual Accela SaaS Licensing subscription agreement for the Community Development Department from Accela, Inc. for the "not-to-exceed" amount of \$450,000.00.

**3. Light & Breuning, Inc.**

Contract extension for a one-year term contract with two, one-year renewal options for "as-needed" O.E.M. Designa PARC repair and support services for Mobile GR from Light & Breuning, Inc. for the annual "not-to-exceed" amount of \$40,000.00.

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

**4. Resco**

Purchase of 45,000 feet of high voltage cable for the Energy, Lighting and Communications Department from Resco for \$359,325.00, with a 15%

contingent amount of \$53,898.75, for a total “not-to-exceed” amount of \$413,223.75. The 15% contingency amount is based on an industry-standard quantity overrun/underrun of +/-10%, as well as the industry standard that the final unit price per foot will be based on the market price of copper at time of shipment (currently \$7.983/ft).

**5. Lunghamer Ford of Owosso**

Cooperative purchases through the State of Michigan MiDEAL Contract #240000001208 are recommended for the purchase of a 2025 Ford trucks and vans for the Fleet Management Department as follows:

2025 Ford F250 regular cab 4x4 XL	3 Each	\$50,810.00	Parks replacement
2025 Ford F350 4X4 XL chassis	1 Each	\$57,008.00	ESD replacement
2025 Ford F150 regular cab 4x4 XL	1 Each	\$46,578.00	Parks replacement
2025 Ford F250 crew cab 4x4 XL	1 Each	\$53,806.00	Parks replacement
2025 Ford Maverick Super Crew 4X4	2 Each	\$31,156.00	Parks replacement
2025 Ford F350 Transit Cargo van	1 Each	\$59,011.00	ESD replacement
2025 Ford F350 Transit Cargo van medium roof	1 Each	\$59,386.00	ESD replacement
2025 Ford F150 supercab 4X4 XL	1 Each	\$46,932.00	ESD replacement
2025 Ford F150 super crew 4X4 XL	1 Each	\$49,133.00	ESD replacement
2025 Ford F250 supercab 4X4 XL	1 Each	\$52,788.00	ESD replacement

**D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**94560 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. The U.S. Congress appropriated funding for the City of Grand Rapids Water Resource Recovery Facility Groundwater Treatment Project in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (P.L. 117-328); and
2. The City of Grand Rapids (City) applied for this funding and received a Community Grants Program grant agreement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and
3. The City shall obtain this Grant by entering into a grant agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City of Grand Rapids approves and accepts a grant award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Community Grants Program, in the amount of \$1,700,000, to implement the project to install a stormwater pump station at the Water Resource Recovery Facility as directed in the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-328); and

2. That the City Engineer, or designee, is designated as the Authorized Representative for purposes of the Grant Agreement and related documents.

**94561 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS, bids were received on April 8, 2025 for the following project:

Improvements at Various Parking Structures and Calder Plaza - 2025  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project")

and McGraw Construction, Inc. (McGraw) submitted a bid of \$2,293,464.54 for which the engineer's estimate, prepared by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. (Fishbeck), is \$2,352,553.00; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the bid of McGraw 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 \$3,087,690 which includes the costs of the construction contract, previously authorized preliminary design phase services by Fishbeck, previously authorized design phase services by Fishbeck, construction phase services including inspection by Fishbeck, administration, and contingencies. Said amount of \$3,087,690 to be charged to the appropriate department budgets for which these improvements are needed.
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.

**94562 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. A proposal was received from Integrated Architecture Corporation (Integrated) for design architecture services for the following project:

Improvements to Sullivan Field  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

2. It is necessary to authorize design phase services in connection with the Project; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That Integrated be authorized to proceed with design phase services in connection with the Project at a cost of \$308,079 with total expenditures "not-to-exceed" \$1,610,312 which includes previously authorized design phase services by Integrated, design phase services by Integrated, and previously authorized fees. Said amount of \$1,610,312 to be charged to the application codes currently defined as follows: \$1,302,233 to 4080-751-9000-9880-408024087 and \$308,079 to be charged to Code No. 4080-751-9000-9880-408024079G.
2. 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.

**94563 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. On December 12, 2023 (Proceeding No. 93140) the City approved a Professional Services Agreement for construction management services for the following project:

Construction of City Facilities at 1500 Scribner Avenue NW  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

2. It is necessary to increase the scope of work and authorize additional expenditures for the aforementioned agreement in the amount of \$6,343,299; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the scope of work for the Professional Services Agreement with Clark Construction Company, Inc. (Clark) be increased at a cost of \$6,343,299 with total expenditures "not-to-exceed" \$98,190,904 which includes the costs of the amendment to the professional services agreement, construction phase services including inspection by Bergmann Associates, Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects and Surveyor's, D.P.C. (Bergmann), temporary workspace accommodations, Fleet Maintenance relocation costs, contingencies, and prior authorizations. Said amount of

\$98,190,904 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 Clark.
3. That, upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the amendment to the Professional Services Agreement.
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" \$80,000,000 (Capital Improvement 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

**94564 Result: Approved**  
**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. On December 23, 2024, the City of Grand Rapids executed a license agreement with Chuck Waste, Inc. for usage of 2151 Butterworth Drive SW for the processing of organic waste, including wood, and the removal of the resulting biomass from the site for the purpose of renewable energy generation; and
2. It is necessary to grant a Utility Easement to Consumers Energy at 2151 Butterworth Drive SW in connection with Electric Utility needs associated with this use; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City hereby grants a Utility Easement to Consumers Energy at the described property for the nominal consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00):

Consumer's Energy Company (\$1.00)  
 One Energy Plaza  
 Jackson, Michigan 49201

2151 Butterworth Drive SW, Parcel No. 41-13-34-300-022; and

2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid easement 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 easement with the Kent County Register of Deeds.

**94565 Result: Approved**  
**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

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 Public Easement (SE) (GRR Ancillary); therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the aforesaid Construction Agreement between the City of Grand Rapids, the City of Kentwood and GRR Ancillary MU, 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.

GRR Ancillary MU, LLC \$1.00  
 1971 E. Beltline Avenue NE, Suite 240  
 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525

3511 Patterson Avenue SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-032,  
3527 Patterson Avenue SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-029,  
3533 Patterson Avenue SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-033,  
3547 Patterson Avenue SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-030,  
3557 Patterson Avenue SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-034,  
4640 36<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-028,  
4710 36<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-031

Total of Easement Area: 45,113 Square Feet

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

**94566 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. 824 Lake Michigan LLC of 201 Honey Creek Avenue NE, Ada, MI 49301 has requested approval to encroach into the Lake Michigan Drive NW right of way at 824 Lake Michigan Drive NW in connection with building development; and
2. 824 Lake Michigan LLC 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. 824 Lake Michigan LLC agrees to pay all costs associated with the aforesaid encroachment; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City hereby approves an Encroachment Agreement with 824 Lake Michigan LLC, that consents, with conditions, to encroachments within the Lake Michigan Drive NW right of way at 824 Lake Michigan Drive NW; 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.

**E. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**94567 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

RESOLVED:

1. That a public hearing to receive comments on the attached proposed fees will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission

Chambers, 9th Floor, City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and

2. That said fees are proposed to be effective July 1, 2025; and
3. That the City Clerk provide notice of the public hearing as required by City Commission Policy # 700-10.

**94568 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. Act 43 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1963 (second Extra session) (being MCL 141.411 et. seq.) requires that every local unit provide for a public hearing to be held on its proposed budget, and that notice of said hearing be given at least six days prior to the hearing date by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within such unit; and
2. Act 5 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1982, as amended, (being MCL 211.24e) requires the governing body of a taxing unit hold a public hearing to receive testimony concerning an increase in the base operating millage rate for its ensuing fiscal year; and
3. The proposed 2025 (FY2026) property tax millage rate does exceed the base tax rate and the City is required to hold a public hearing to receive public input on the proposed property tax millage rate; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the FY2026 City operating tax levy be decreased by 0.0957 mills to a proposed total operating tax levy of 8.8587; and
2. That public hearings on the proposed 2025 property tax millage rate and FY2026 budget for the General Operating, Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital Construction, Enterprise, and Intragovernmental Service Funds will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Grand Rapids City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503; and
3. That the City Clerk is instructed to post at the principal office of the City of Grand Rapids, 300 Monroe Avenue NW, the attached notice of public hearings on establishing property taxes and on the proposed City budget; and
4. That the City Clerk is instructed to publish the attached notice in the Grand Rapids Press on Sunday, May 4, 2025, in a section of the Grand Rapids

Press other than the classified advertisement section or that section of the Grand Rapids Press reserved for legal notices; and

5. That the City Clerk is instructed to send timely written notice of the time, date, and place of the public hearings herein established to all newspapers of general circulation within the City of Grand Rapids.

### **ORDINANCES**

**94569 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Knight.**

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

**Nays: Perdue**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ELECTION PRECINCTS  
PURSUANT TO TITLE I, SECTION 5(a) OF THE CITY CHARTER,  
BY AMENDING SECTION 1.46 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE I  
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 09**

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS DO ORDAIN:**

Section 1. That Section 1.46 of Chapter 3 of Title I of the Code of the City of Grand Rapids be amended to read as follows:

“Section 1.46. Voting Precincts.

That pursuant to Title I, Section 5(a) of the Charter of the City of Grand Rapids, the City Commission hereby establishes fifty-nine (59) election precincts with the boundaries shown on the Election Precinct Map filed with the City Clerk.”

Section 2. The City Clerk shall give all notices required by law of the establishment of such precinct boundaries.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**94570 Result: Closed.**

City Commission to sit in a public hearing as Board of Review to hear appeals on Special Assessment Nuisance Roll 8794.

**94571 Result: Referred to Committee of the Whole.**

Public hearing to consider the Grand Rapids Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

**94572 Result: Referred to Committee of the Whole.**

Public Hearing to consider naming new park space at 680 Cesar E Chavez Avenue SW "Navarro Plaza."

**DOCUMENTS FILED****94573 Result: Received and Filed**

Document filed by DeAndre Jones with information regarding Esports and the Jump Ahead Play Fuel Summer Initiative.

**94574 Result: Received and Filed**

Document filed by Joel Hondorp, Grand Rapids City Clerk, with information on an Election Precinct Ordinance Amendment including three Third Ward map attachments.

**94575 Result: Received and Filed**

Jade Rabbit agreement for community garden at Garfield Park in 2025 submitted for the public record.

**94576 Result: Received and Filed**

Professional Services Agreement with Plante & Moran, PLLC submitted for the public record.

**94577 Result: Received and Filed**

Land Use Agreement with the Michigan Army National Guard, MIARNG, for Ah-Nab-Awen Park submitted for the public record.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commission Adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

JOEL H. HONDORP  
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**94552 Result: Approved****Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

RESOLVED that Mayor LaGrand's appointment of Adam Weiler to the Mobile GR Commission for the remainder of a three-year term ending January 3, 2028, be confirmed.

**94553 Result: Approved****Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

RESOLVED that the City Commissions appointment of Sonja Forte to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the remainder of a three-year term ending January 3, 2028, be approved.

**94554 Result: Approved****Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

RESOLVED that the City Commission's appointment of Jason Miller to the Income Tax Board of Review for the remainder of a three-year term ending January 4, 2027, be approved.

**94555 Result: Approved****Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

RESOLVED that the City Commission's appointment of Olivia Mulder to the Civil Service Board for a four-year term ending May 7, 2029, be approved.

**94556 Result: Approved****Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

RESOLVED that the City Commission's appointment of Aidan Van Doren to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the remainder of a three-year term ending January 5, 2026, be approved.

**C. FISCAL COMMITTEE****94557 Result: Approved****Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS, New Development Corporation, of 205 Carrier NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505, 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, New Development Corporation 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 New Development Corporation as a local civic organization pursuant to MCLA 432.103a(i)(ii).

**94558 Result: Approved****Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. The City Commission deems it to be in the best interest of the City to undertake improvements to the water supply system, including, without limitation, (a) the replacement of various aging watermain infrastructure under Burton Street and Boston Street within the City in accordance with regulatory requirements; (b) the replacement of water services comprised of leaded material at various locations throughout the City in accordance with regulatory requirements; (c) the restoration of streets, rights-of-way and easements affected by the improvements and related facilities, as well as all work, equipment, and appurtenances necessary or incidental to these improvements; and (d) other facility upgrades and improvements to the water supply system as may be determined by the City in consultation with the City Engineer (collectively, the "Improvements"), for the benefit of the users of the water supply system and to finance all or a part of the cost of

such Improvements by the issuance of one or more series of revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 (the "Bonds"); and (e) to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds, pursuant to the Revenue Bond Act, Act 94 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended, MCL 141.101 et seq. ("Act 94"); and

2. It is necessary to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds for the Bonds pursuant to Section 33 of Act 94; and
3. The City Commission desires to express its intent to have the City reimburse itself the costs related to the Improvements from proceeds of the Bonds; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City hereby declares its official intent to issue the Bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 to finance all or part of the cost of the Improvements. The Bonds shall be authorized by proper proceedings subsequent to this resolution; and
2. That a notice of intent to issue bonds for the Bonds shall be published in accordance with Section 33 of Act 94; and
3. That the City Clerk is authorized and directed to publish such notice in *The Grand Rapids Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City determined to be the newspaper reaching the largest number of persons to whom said notice is directed, which Notice shall be substantially in the form on the attached Exhibit A, with such changes as may be approved by the Clerk in consultation with bond counsel; and
4. That the City may proceed to acquire and construct the Improvements using available funds of the City from the Water Fund, which is a fund for the Water Supply System, and other funds of the City; and
5. That the City, 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 cost of the Improvements from proceeds of the Bonds; and
6. That a copy of this resolution shall be available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue, N.W., in the City; and
7. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded to the extent of the conflict.

**94559 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

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. Brightly Software, Inc.**

Comprehensive facility condition assessment services of Parks facilities and assets inventory, creation of a custom preventive maintenance schedule, and custom barcoding from Brightly Software, Inc. for \$299,202.32 (services to be provided through Bureau Veritas), and implementation services of the Brightly software Capital Predictor Enterprise module from Brightly Software, Inc. for \$16,869.60 (services to be provided through Bureau Veritas); the total “not-to-exceed” professional services costs for the assessment services is \$316,071.92.

Annual subscription fees from Brightly Software, Inc. for the Brightly Capital Predictor Enterprise module are as follows:

Year 1 \$21,034.54 June 1, 2025-April 30, 2026 subscription services  
Year 2 \$38,321.10 May 1, 2026-April 30, 2027 subscription services  
Year 3 \$40,620.36 May 1, 2027-April 30, 2028 subscription services

The three-year total amount for annual subscription fees is \$99,976.00.

**2. Accela, Inc.**

Original Equipment Manufacturer (O.E.M.) services for a one-year term contract for Accela Cloud Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) migration services for the Community Development Department from Accela, Inc. for the “not-to-exceed” amount of \$200,000.00; and for a one-year term contract with two, one-year renewal options for annual Accela SaaS Licensing subscription agreement for the Community Development Department from Accela, Inc. for the “not-to-exceed” amount of \$450,000.00.

**3. Light & Breuning, Inc.**

Contract extension for a one-year term contract with two, one-year renewal options for “as-needed” O.E.M. Designa PARC repair and support services for Mobile GR from Light & Breuning, Inc. for the annual “not-to-exceed” amount of \$40,000.00.

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

**4. Resco**

Purchase of 45,000 feet of high voltage cable for the Energy, Lighting and Communications Department from Resco for \$359,325.00, with a 15%

contingent amount of \$53,898.75, for a total “not-to-exceed” amount of \$413,223.75. The 15% contingency amount is based on an industry-standard quantity overrun/underrun of +/-10%, as well as the industry standard that the final unit price per foot will be based on the market price of copper at time of shipment (currently \$7.983/ft).

**5. Lunghamer Ford of Owosso**

Cooperative purchases through the State of Michigan MiDEAL Contract #240000001208 are recommended for the purchase of a 2025 Ford trucks and vans for the Fleet Management Department as follows:

2025 Ford F250 regular cab 4x4 XL	3 Each	\$50,810.00	Parks replacement
2025 Ford F350 4X4 XL chassis	1 Each	\$57,008.00	ESD replacement
2025 Ford F150 regular cab 4x4 XL	1 Each	\$46,578.00	Parks replacement
2025 Ford F250 crew cab 4x4 XL	1 Each	\$53,806.00	Parks replacement
2025 Ford Maverick Super Crew 4X4	2 Each	\$31,156.00	Parks replacement
2025 Ford F350 Transit Cargo van	1 Each	\$59,011.00	ESD replacement
2025 Ford F350 Transit Cargo van medium roof	1 Each	\$59,386.00	ESD replacement
2025 Ford F150 supercab 4X4 XL	1 Each	\$46,932.00	ESD replacement
2025 Ford F150 super crew 4X4 XL	1 Each	\$49,133.00	ESD replacement
2025 Ford F250 supercab 4X4 XL	1 Each	\$52,788.00	ESD replacement

**D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**94560 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. The U.S. Congress appropriated funding for the City of Grand Rapids Water Resource Recovery Facility Groundwater Treatment Project in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (P.L. 117-328); and
2. The City of Grand Rapids (City) applied for this funding and received a Community Grants Program grant agreement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and
3. The City shall obtain this Grant by entering into a grant agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City of Grand Rapids approves and accepts a grant award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Community Grants Program, in the amount of \$1,700,000, to implement the project to install a stormwater pump station at the Water Resource Recovery Facility as directed in the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-328); and

2. That the City Engineer, or designee, is designated as the Authorized Representative for purposes of the Grant Agreement and related documents.

**94561 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS, bids were received on April 8, 2025 for the following project:

Improvements at Various Parking Structures and Calder Plaza - 2025  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project")

and McGraw Construction, Inc. (McGraw) submitted a bid of \$2,293,464.54 for which the engineer's estimate, prepared by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. (Fishbeck), is \$2,352,553.00; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the bid of McGraw 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 \$3,087,690 which includes the costs of the construction contract, previously authorized preliminary design phase services by Fishbeck, previously authorized design phase services by Fishbeck, construction phase services including inspection by Fishbeck, administration, and contingencies. Said amount of \$3,087,690 to be charged to the appropriate department budgets for which these improvements are needed.
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.

**94562 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. A proposal was received from Integrated Architecture Corporation (Integrated) for design architecture services for the following project:

Improvements to Sullivan Field  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

2. It is necessary to authorize design phase services in connection with the Project; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That Integrated be authorized to proceed with design phase services in connection with the Project at a cost of \$308,079 with total expenditures "not-to-exceed" \$1,610,312 which includes previously authorized design phase services by Integrated, design phase services by Integrated, and previously authorized fees. Said amount of \$1,610,312 to be charged to the application codes currently defined as follows: \$1,302,233 to 4080-751-9000-9880-408024087 and \$308,079 to be charged to Code No. 4080-751-9000-9880-408024079G.
2. 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.

**94563 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. On December 12, 2023 (Proceeding No. 93140) the City approved a Professional Services Agreement for construction management services for the following project:

Construction of City Facilities at 1500 Scribner Avenue NW  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

2. It is necessary to increase the scope of work and authorize additional expenditures for the aforementioned agreement in the amount of \$6,343,299; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the scope of work for the Professional Services Agreement with Clark Construction Company, Inc. (Clark) be increased at a cost of \$6,343,299 with total expenditures "not-to-exceed" \$98,190,904 which includes the costs of the amendment to the professional services agreement, construction phase services including inspection by Bergmann Associates, Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects and Surveyor's, D.P.C. (Bergmann), temporary workspace accommodations, Fleet Maintenance relocation costs, contingencies, and prior authorizations. Said amount of

\$98,190,904 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 Clark.
3. That, upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the amendment to the Professional Services Agreement.
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" \$80,000,000 (Capital Improvement 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.

**94564 Result: Approved**  
**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. On December 23, 2024, the City of Grand Rapids executed a license agreement with Chuck Waste, Inc. for usage of 2151 Butterworth Drive SW for the processing of organic waste, including wood, and the removal of the resulting biomass from the site for the purpose of renewable energy generation; and
2. It is necessary to grant a Utility Easement to Consumers Energy at 2151 Butterworth Drive SW in connection with Electric Utility needs associated with this use; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City hereby grants a Utility Easement to Consumers Energy at the described property for the nominal consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00):

Consumer's Energy Company (\$1.00)  
 One Energy Plaza  
 Jackson, Michigan 49201

2151 Butterworth Drive SW, Parcel No. 41-13-34-300-022; and

2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid easement 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 easement with the Kent County Register of Deeds.

**94565 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

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 Public Easement (SE) (GRR Ancillary); therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the aforesaid Construction Agreement between the City of Grand Rapids, the City of Kentwood and GRR Ancillary MU, 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.

GRR Ancillary MU, LLC \$1.00  
 1971 E. Beltline Avenue NE, Suite 240  
 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525

3511 Patterson Avenue SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-032,  
3527 Patterson Avenue SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-029,  
3533 Patterson Avenue SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-033,  
3547 Patterson Avenue SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-030,  
3557 Patterson Avenue SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-034,  
4640 36<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-028,  
4710 36<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Parcel No. 41-18-13-400-031

Total of Easement Area: 45,113 Square Feet

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

**94566 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. 824 Lake Michigan LLC of 201 Honey Creek Avenue NE, Ada, MI 49301 has requested approval to encroach into the Lake Michigan Drive NW right of way at 824 Lake Michigan Drive NW in connection with building development; and
2. 824 Lake Michigan LLC 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. 824 Lake Michigan LLC agrees to pay all costs associated with the aforesaid encroachment; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City hereby approves an Encroachment Agreement with 824 Lake Michigan LLC, that consents, with conditions, to encroachments within the Lake Michigan Drive NW right of way at 824 Lake Michigan Drive NW; 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.

**E. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**94567 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

RESOLVED:

1. That a public hearing to receive comments on the attached proposed fees will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission

Chambers, 9th Floor, City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and

2. That said fees are proposed to be effective July 1, 2025; and
3. That the City Clerk provide notice of the public hearing as required by City Commission Policy # 700-10.

**94568 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Belchak. Supporter: Ysasi.**

WHEREAS:

1. Act 43 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1963 (second Extra session) (being MCL 141.411 et. seq.) requires that every local unit provide for a public hearing to be held on its proposed budget, and that notice of said hearing be given at least six days prior to the hearing date by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within such unit; and
2. Act 5 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1982, as amended, (being MCL 211.24e) requires the governing body of a taxing unit hold a public hearing to receive testimony concerning an increase in the base operating millage rate for its ensuing fiscal year; and
3. The proposed 2025 (FY2026) property tax millage rate does exceed the base tax rate and the City is required to hold a public hearing to receive public input on the proposed property tax millage rate; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the FY2026 City operating tax levy be decreased by 0.0957 mills to a proposed total operating tax levy of 8.8587; and
2. That public hearings on the proposed 2025 property tax millage rate and FY2026 budget for the General Operating, Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital Construction, Enterprise, and Intragovernmental Service Funds will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Grand Rapids City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503; and
3. That the City Clerk is instructed to post at the principal office of the City of Grand Rapids, 300 Monroe Avenue NW, the attached notice of public hearings on establishing property taxes and on the proposed City budget; and
4. That the City Clerk is instructed to publish the attached notice in the Grand Rapids Press on Sunday, May 4, 2025, in a section of the Grand Rapids

Press other than the classified advertisement section or that section of the Grand Rapids Press reserved for legal notices; and

5. That the City Clerk is instructed to send timely written notice of the time, date, and place of the public hearings herein established to all newspapers of general circulation within the City of Grand Rapids.

### **ORDINANCES**

**94569 Result: Approved**

**Mover: Robbins. Supporter: Knight.**

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

**Nays: Perdue**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ELECTION PRECINCTS  
PURSUANT TO TITLE I, SECTION 5(a) OF THE CITY CHARTER,  
BY AMENDING SECTION 1.46 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE I  
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 09**

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS DO ORDAIN:**

Section 1. That Section 1.46 of Chapter 3 of Title I of the Code of the City of Grand Rapids be amended to read as follows:

“Section 1.46. Voting Precincts.

That pursuant to Title I, Section 5(a) of the Charter of the City of Grand Rapids, the City Commission hereby establishes fifty-nine (59) election precincts with the boundaries shown on the Election Precinct Map filed with the City Clerk.”

Section 2. The City Clerk shall give all notices required by law of the establishment of such precinct boundaries.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**94570 Result: Closed.**

City Commission to sit in a public hearing as Board of Review to hear appeals on Special Assessment Nuisance Roll 8794.

**94571 Result: Referred to Committee of the Whole.**

Public hearing to consider the Grand Rapids Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

**94572 Result: Referred to Committee of the Whole.**

Public Hearing to consider naming new park space at 680 Cesar E Chavez Avenue SW "Navarro Plaza."

**DOCUMENTS FILED****94573 Result: Received and Filed**

Document filed by DeAndre Jones with information regarding Esports and the Jump Ahead Play Fuel Summer Initiative.

**94574 Result: Received and Filed**

Document filed by Joel Hondorp, Grand Rapids City Clerk, with information on an Election Precinct Ordinance Amendment including three Third Ward map attachments.

**94575 Result: Received and Filed**

Jade Rabbit agreement for community garden at Garfield Park in 2025 submitted for the public record.

**94576 Result: Received and Filed**

Professional Services Agreement with Plante & Moran, PLLC submitted for the public record.

**94577 Result: Received and Filed**

Land Use Agreement with the Michigan Army National Guard, MIARNG, for Ah-Nab-Awen Park submitted for the public record.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commission Adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

JOEL H. HONDORP  
City Clerk