

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

CITY COMMISSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024

2:00 PM

Welcome to the Grand Rapids City Commission Meeting. This session is the final process in the consideration of the items listed on the following agenda. All of these agenda items have been thoroughly reviewed and discussed in the various Standing Committees of the City Commission which meet on Tuesday morning. **To view supporting documents for agenda items, please visit:** www.grandrapidsmi.gov/commission.

Persons who need reasonable accommodation to participate, are asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 616-456-3010 or cityclerk@grcity.us.

Expected Meeting Procedures

1. Depending on the meeting there can be multiple opportunities for public comment.
 - The First is limited to items on the Commission's agenda that are slated to be voted on
 - The Second is for specially scheduled required public hearings
 - The Third is for any issue you would like to bring to the attention of the Commission
2. You may only speak once on each issue.
3. All comments are to be limited to 3 minutes.
4. City Commission meetings are to be a safe place for everyone involved, as such:
 - No clapping, cheering, or holding up of signs
 - Please refrain from swearing, name calling and/or making derogatory comments directed toward a person's race, religion, nation of origin, etc.
5. Do not request or expect comment from the Commission.
6. Please turn OFF cellular phones.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** – Prior to consideration of the official business, citizens may speak to subjects on today's agenda which are slated to be voted on. The items to be addressed during this time are located in the highlighted section headings. (Please limit comments to 3 minutes.)

VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of 05/21/2024 7:00 PM

- VII. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS** – Communications addressed to the City Commission are distributed to all members and are acknowledged for information, or are referred to a committee or staff for follow up.

1. Communication received from Bruce Tinker, Grand Rapids Civic Theatre Executive Director, expressing concerns for adjusting parking rates
2. Communication received from The Arts and Cultural Collective Grand Rapids outlining priorities and hopes for moving forward with the arts and culture economic impact study
3. Communication received from Jesse Bernal regarding their resignation from the Community Relations Commission
4. Communication received from Andy Johnston regarding their resignation from the Vital Streets Oversight Commission
5. Communication received from Mark Baker, Soft Lights Foundation President, regarding the FDA decision not to regulate LED products
6. Communication received from Marsha Plafkin regarding a Federal Trade Commission complaint
7. Communications (47) received expressing support for dropping the charges against the four protestors arrested on May 15, 2024 in downtown Grand Rapids

- VIII. **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS** – The City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Treasurer, and City Comptroller may submit reports or information directly to the City Commission for consideration.

1. Report of Bond Sale – \$72,770,000 Series 2024 Capital Improvement Bonds for Scribner & Amphitheater
2. The City Clerk submitted copies of the General Retirement System Annual Actuarial Valuation for the year ending December 31, 2023
3. Comptroller's Warrant Report for the period of May 08, 2024 through May 21, 2024 in the amount of \$17,626,870.89 and Monthly Travel & Fund Reports

4. Treasurer's Report for Period of May 7, 2024, through May 21, 2024

IX. CONSENT AGENDA AND REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

B. COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS The Committee considers and makes recommendations on appointments to the City's various boards and commissions.

1. Resolution confirming Mayor Bliss' appointment of Michael Cary to the Housing Appeals Board
2. Resolution confirming Mayor Bliss' appointment of Zachary Verhulst to the Westside Corridor Improvement Authority

C. FISCAL COMMITTEE The Committee considers and makes recommendations on matters referring to bids, claims, and other financial matters of the City.

1. Resolution recognizing Hope for Single Moms as a local civic organization
2. Resolution allocating \$13,532.08 of GVSU's Belknap property voluntary payment funds to Neighbors of Belknap Lookout for community benefits
3. Resolution Authorizing Additional Payment to Kent County Drain Commissioner of FY 2024 Maintenance Assessments for Knapp's Corner Drain in the amount of \$153,993.16.
4. Resolution to approve a contract extension in the amount of \$75,000 with The Johnson Center for Philanthropy for program evaluation services in support of the City's Participatory Budgeting (PBGR) projects
5. Resolution approving execution of a contract with Arbor Circle for implementation of a community-based mental health and wellness initiative in the Second Ward in the amount of \$350,000
6. Resolution approving two change orders to the contract between Highstreet IT Solutions, LLC and the City of Grand Rapids in an amount not to exceed two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000).
7. Resolution Confirming Uptown Business Improvement District Special Assessment Roll Number 8786
8. Resolution accepting The Wege Foundation grant of \$399,500 for the Office of Sustainability to hire two full-time staff.
9. Resolution authorizing contracts and payments not to exceed \$250,000 to

3Degrees and Sol Systems for the purchase of 23,000 megawatt hours per year of renewable energy credits for 2024 and 2025

10. Resolution authorizing the publication of a notice of intent to issue bonds for public improvements in an amount not to exceed \$28 Million
11. Bid List Resolution for June 4, 2024

D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE The Committee considers and makes recommendations on matters concerning public service, public improvements, streets, traffic and public buildings.

1. Resolution approving a Fireworks Discharge Permit for High Tech Special Effects for indoor special effects at the Van Andel Arena in connection with the Foreigner Farewell Tour 2024 concert on June 11, 2024
2. Resolution approving a Fireworks Discharge Permit to ImageSFX for indoor special effects at the Van Andel Arena in connection with the A Day To Remember concert on June 15, 2024
3. Resolution approving a Fireworks Discharge Permit for Arthur Rozzi Pyrotechnics in connection with the Grand Rapids Fireworks event on Saturday, July 6, 2024
4. Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds for the promotion, communication, and education about the Lower Grand River Water Trail
5. Resolution setting July 16, 2024, as the date to consider an ordinance rezoning 385 Leonard Street NE from the NOS (Neighborhood Office Service) Zone District to SD-PRD (Special Districts–Planned Redevelopment District) to facilitate construction of a five-story apartment building with up to 186 dwelling units
6. Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for July 16, 2024 to consider the Commemorative Designation of the intersection of Henry Avenue and Logan Street as “Cliff’s Corner” in honor of Rev. Dr. Clifton Rhodes, Jr.
7. Resolution approving a Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Transportation Shared Streets and Spaces Program for the Leonard Street NE Midblock Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Crossing Project
8. Resolution scheduling a public hearing for July 16, 2024, to consider a Brownfield Plan Amendment for the Benjamin Flats Redevelopment Project at 916 Benjamin Avenue NE
9. Resolution approving and authorizing execution and delivery of one or

more quit claim deeds to the Grand Rapids Housing Commission for the purposes of clarifying property ownership of six (6) parcels and facilitating the sale and conveyance of the properties by the Grand Rapids Housing Commission

10. Resolution approving an option agreement and the eventual sale of 1301 Logan Street SE, pursuant to City Commission Policy 900-63
11. Resolution approving extensions to contracts and an increase of \$950,000 for Utility Improvement at Various Locations - Contract 2021 for a total not-to-exceed \$2,850,000
12. Resolution awarding a contract with SPS Pro Plumbing, LLC for the Replacement of Lead Service Lines at Various Locations - Contract 2024-1 in the amount of \$3,338,848 with a total project cost not-to-exceed \$4,054,900
13. Resolution awarding a contract with Groundhawg Landscaping & Excavating, LLC for the Replacement of Lead Service Lines at Various Locations - Contract 2024-2 in the amount of \$3,850,300 with a total project cost not-to-exceed \$4,612,200
14. Resolution awarding a contract with Diversco Construction Company, Inc. for Improvements to the Water System at Various Locations in the amount of \$1,475,624 with total amount not-to-exceed \$1,997,000
15. Resolution approving an increase to the Professional Services Agreement with Clark Construction Company for Construction of City Facilities at 1500 Scribner in the amount of \$9,311,779 with total amount not-to-exceed \$81,174,809
16. Resolution approving a Cost-Sharing Agreement in the amount of \$1,674,500 with Factory Yards Development, L.L.C. in connection with the Reconstruction of Godfrey Avenue from Oxford Street to Chestnut and of Chestnut Street from 1,300' West of Godfrey Avenue to Godfrey Avenue
17. Resolution approving an agreement with MDOT for the Reconstruction of Valley Avenue from Fulton St. to Bridge St and authorizing \$2,824,504 for the local share of project costs.
18. Resolution approving a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program, in connection with Nonmotorized Transportation Improvements

E. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE The Committee considers all matters that are desired to be deliberated in committee by the full City Commission. Most ordinances and licensing matters are brought before this committee.

1. Resolution approving the request from Sip Shine, LLC, for a new On-Premises Tasting Room license to be located at 401 Stocking Ave NW
2. Resolution revising the existing East Hills Social District to modify the location of the commons area
3. Resolution approving polling locations and early voting sites for the August 2024 Primary Election and fixing inspector pay for Early Voting, Absent Voter Counting Board, and Precinct Inspectors.
4. Resolution approving an amendment to the memorandum of understanding between Downtown Grand Rapids Inc., Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University (KCAD), and the City of Grand Rapids for establishment of ArtPrize 2.0
5. Resolution establishing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, for JV Enterprise, LLC at 2037 Division Avenue S
6. Resolution approving a ten-year Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, for JV Enterprise, LLC at 2037 Division Avenue S
7. Resolution Adopting the Grand Valley Regional Biosolids Authority (GVRBA) FY2025 Operations and Maintenance Budget in the amount of \$12,493,825

X. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

1. Resolution to approve an agreement with Seeding Justice Grand Rapids in the amount of \$711,364.18 to serve underserved communities, invest in business development, facilitate employment opportunities, and provide grants to the local community in accordance with the City's Social Equity Policy.

XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED

1. Salary Ordinance amending Section 4.2 of Ordinance 2022-33, Range Change for Equipment Maintenance Supervisor
2. Salary Ordinance amending Section 3.2 of Ordinance 2022-40, New Classification - Chief Sustainability Officer
3. Ordinance amending Section 1 of the Budget Ordinance 2023-15 for Fiscal Year 2024 (Amendment No. 12)

XII. **CITY COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS** – Resolutions to be deliberated by the City Commission but which come directly to the City Commission rather than from one of the Standing Committees.

XIII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – Public hearings are scheduled to allow citizens to speak on subjects which will be before the City Commission for action at a future date. Speakers may address the Commission once on each hearing.

1. Public hearing to consider a First Amendment to the Brownfield Plan Amendment for the Vandenberg Center Redevelopment Project located at 111 Lyon Street NW
2. Public hearing to consider the establishment of a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone for the Vandenberg Center project located at 111 Lyon Street NW

XIV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – At the conclusion of the official business and public hearings, the agenda provides for public comment on any other matters citizens may wish to bring to the attention of the City Commission. (Please limit comments to 3 minutes.)

XV. **COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

DOCUMENTS FILED

XVI. **ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY COMMISSION
GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

TERM	DEFINITION
Adjournment	To close the meeting.
Adopt	To accept or approve; i.e., an ordinance, a resolution, a motion, etc.
Amend	To modify; i.e., an ordinance, a resolution, a motion, etc.
Call to Order	Formal opening of a meeting.
City Charter	Legal document establishing a municipality (city).
City Commission	Local form of government consisting of the Mayor and six Commissioners.
City Officers	Includes: Mayor, President of the City Commission, City Manager, City Attorney, City Treasurer, and City Clerk.
Consent Agenda	Matters listed as Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine or matters of unanimous consent by the City Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these matters, and they will be enacted by one motion.
Executive Session	A meeting in which the proceedings are of a confidential nature. Only members and invited guests may attend, and all are honor-bound to maintain confidentiality.
Motion	A proposal that the Commissioners take a specific action or stand on an item being presented to the City Commission.
Ordinance	A piece of legislation enacted by a municipal authority.
Postpone	A motion to postpone is made if the City Commission needs more time to make a decision. A postponement cannot go beyond the next session.
Quorum	Number of voting members who must be present in order that business can be legally transacted.
Recess	Short intermission within a meeting.
Recognize / Obtain the Floor	Acknowledgement by the presiding officer of the City Commission that a member has the right to address the assembly.
Rescind (Repeal)	Allows the City Commission to repeal an action previously taken; i.e., ordinances, etc.
Resolution	A decision by the City Commission to do or not to do something.
Robert's Rules of Order	A guide to fair and orderly meeting procedures.
Suspend the Rules	This motion is used when the City Commission wants to do something that violates its own rules. The motion does not apply to an organization's bylaws, local, state, or national law; or fundamental principles of parliamentary law. An appropriate suspension of the rules, used on occasion by the City Commission, would be a motion to change the agenda.
Table, Lay on the	This motion puts aside an item, and everything adhering to it, currently being presented to the City Commission. The item remains "on the table" until taken off.
Table, Take (Remove) from the	The motion to Take from the Table is used when the City Commission wants to continue considering a motion that was Laid on the Table earlier in the present session or in the previous session of the City Commission. When a motion is Taken from the Table, it has everything adhering to it exactly as it was when it was Laid on the Table.
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