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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA
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The City Council of the city of Grand Forks, North Dakota met in the Council Chambers in City Hall on Monday, August 5 2019 at the hour of 5:30 o'clock p.m. with Mayor Brown presiding. Present at roll call were Council Members Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande, Vein -7; absent: None.

Mayor Brown announced that anyone wishing to speak to any item may do so by being recognized prior to a vote being taken on the matter, and that the meeting is being televised.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Council led the pledge of allegiance.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Brown commented on the tragedies in Dayton and El Paso that occurred and the City Council observed a moment of silence for those communities. Mayor Brown commented regarding the Community Celebration scheduled for August 6, 2019 and read a proclamation designating August 6, 2019 as Grand Cities Community Celebration 2019.

PRESENTATION – INTERN BRIEFING

Todd Feland, City Administrator, commented regarding the internship program that we coordinate through UND which is in its 5th year. He expressed appreciation for the efforts of both Human Resources and the University Career Services Department to make this program successful and beneficial for the students, City and UND. Each intern had an opportunity to share some thoughts on their experience.

UPDATE – CITY CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Al Grasser gave a brief update on various road projects in the community including DeMers and University Avenues.

SYRINGE SERVICE PROGRAM

Michael Dulitz, Opioid Response Project Coordinator with the Health Department, gave a brief presentation on a syringe service program and the benefit to having one in the community, which included providing a safe disposal location for used sharps and an impact of decreasing the incidence of Hepatitis and other diseases spread through the sharing of used syringes. Also, when a user uses the exchange program, it provides an opportunity to share substance abuse counseling opportunities, which could aid the user in ultimately decreasing or recovering from their addiction. He shared comparative information to programs that are operating in other North Dakota cities and a proposed operational plan for a program that the Health Department would like to start in Grand Forks. He stated that there are no city dollars used for the purchase of syringes, as those are all funded through private donations. More information on a potential program in Grand Forks will be discussed at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

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ADOPT RESOLUTION VACATING PORTIONS OF
45TH AVE S BETWEEN S 20TH ST & S 19TH ST

The city auditor reported that pursuant to instructions by the city council after having received a petition to vacate 45th Avenue South right-of-way from South 19th Street to South 20th Street, including the adjoining 10 foot wide utility easements North & South thereof, excepting the 10 foot wide utility easements adjacent to South 19th Street & South 20th Street all platted as part of Southern Estates First Addition to the City of Grand Forks, ND, the required legal notice had been published calling for a public hearing to be held this evening and further that no protests or grievances had been filed with the auditor's office.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing, there were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Council Member Vein and seconded by Council Member Marshall that we find and determine an insufficiency of protest to the proposed vacation, and introduced and adopted the following resolution, which was presented and read. Motion carried unanimously.

(Council Member Weigel stepped out of the meeting.)

ADOPT RESOLUTION VACATING UTILITY EASEMENT WITHIN
LOT G, BLOCK 1, COLUMBIA PARK 22ND ADDITION

The city auditor reported that pursuant to instructions by the city council after having received a petition to vacate a 20 foot wide utility easement across lands now platted as Lot G, Block 1, of the replat of Lot 2, Block 1, Columbia Park 22nd Addition and Lot F, Block 1, of the Replat of Lot A, Block 1, of a Replat of Lot 1, Block 1, Columbia Park 22nd Addition to the City of Grand Forks, ND as shown on the map attached to the request, that the required legal notice has been published calling for a public hearing to be held this evening and further that no protests or grievances had been filed with the auditor's office.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing, there were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Council Member Weber, and seconded by Council Member Dachtler, that we find and determine an insufficiency of protest to the proposed vacation, and introduced and adopted a resolution, which was presented and read. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT RESOLUTION VACATING PARTS OF THE RIGHT OF WAY AND
UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED ON LOT A& B, BLOCK 1, MOLSTAD'S
ADDITION AND LOT 5, BLOCK 1, MOLSTAD'S SECOND ADDITION

The city auditor reported that pursuant to instructions by the city council after having received a petition to vacate parts of the dedicated public right of way and 10 foot utility easement adjacent thereto lying north of the north line of 16th Avenue North and its westerly extension and west of the west line of 16th Avenue North Circle and its northerly extension, originally platted as a cul-de-sac with Molstad's and Molstad's Second Additions to the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota, containing 10,549 square feet more or less, that the required legal notice had been published calling for a public hearing to be held this evening and further that no protests or grievances had been filed with the auditor's office.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing, there were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

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It was moved by Council Member Marshall, and seconded by Council Member Vein, that we find and determine an insufficiency of protest to the proposed vacation, and introduced and adopted a resolution, which was presented and read. Motion carried unanimously.

(Council Member Weigel rejoined the meeting.)

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4727, AMENDING SECTION 8-0825
RELATING TO IMPOUNDING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES;
REMOVAL AND STORAGE FEES

An ordinance entitled “An ordinance amending Section 8-0825 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to impounding certain vehicles; removal and storage fees”, which had been introduced and passed on its first reading on July 15, 2019, and upon which public hearing had been scheduled for this evening, was presented and read for consideration on second reading and final passage.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing, there were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

The staff report from the city attorney relating to an ordinance amending Section 8-0825 relating to impounding of certain vehicles; removal and storage fees, with a recommendation to give final approval of the ordinance.

It was moved by Council Member Weber, and seconded by Council Member Marshall, that this recommendation be approved. Upon call for the question of adoption of the ordinance, the following voted “aye”: Council Members Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande, and Vein – 7; those voting “nay”: none. Mayor Brown declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4728, AMENDING SECTION 9-0127
RELATING TO TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

An ordinance entitled “An ordinance amending Section 9-0127 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to trespassing on private property”, which had been introduced and passed on its first reading on July 15, 2019, and upon which public hearing had been scheduled for this evening, was presented and read for consideration on second reading and final passage.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing, there were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

The staff report from the city attorney relating to an ordinance amending Section 9-0127 relating to trespassing on private property, with a recommendation to give final approval of the ordinance.

It was moved by Council Member Sande, and seconded by Council Member Vein, that this recommendation be approved. Upon call for the question of adoption of the ordinance, the following voted “aye”: Council Members Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande, and Vein – 7; those voting “nay”: none. Mayor Brown declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4729, AMENDING SECTION 8-0311,
RELATING TO FAILURE TO REPORT AN ACCIDENT

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An ordinance entitled “An ordinance amending Section 8-0311 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to failure to report accident”, which had been introduced and passed on its first reading on July 15, 2019, and upon which public hearing had been scheduled for this evening, was presented and read for consideration on second reading and final passage.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing, there were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

The staff report from the city attorney relating to an ordinance amending Section 8-0311 relating to failure to report an accident, with a recommendation to give final approval to the ordinance.

It was moved by Council Member Weber, and seconded by Council Member Weigel, that this recommendation be approved. Upon call for the question of adoption of the ordinance, the following voted “aye”: Council Members Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande, and Vein – 7; those voting “nay”: none. Mayor Brown declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4730, AMENDING SECTION 9-0503
RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR SPECIFIED OFFENSES

An ordinance entitled “An ordinance amending Section 9-0503 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to penalties for specified offenses”, which had been introduced and passed on its first reading on July 15, 2019, and upon which public hearing had been scheduled for this evening, was presented and read for consideration on second reading and final passage.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing, there were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

The staff report from the city attorney relating to an ordinance amending Section 9-0503 relating to penalties for offenses, with a recommendation to amend subsection 2 and insert new subsection 13, and give final approval to the amended ordinance.

Howard Swanson, City Attorney, stated that since first reading he has had conversations with Municipal Court and City Prosecutors Office and there is a recommendation to allow for higher fines for multiple offenses of the same charge and has provided a new draft to City Council for consideration including the change and, if City Council is in agreement, would suggest the amendment to the ordinance be approved.

It was moved by Council Member Weigel and seconded by Council Member Sande to amend the ordinance to include the changes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Council Member Weigel, and seconded by Council Member Sande, that the ordinance as amended be approved. Upon call for the question of adoption of the ordinance, the following voted “aye”: Council Members Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande, and Vein – 7; those voting “nay”: none. Mayor Brown declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4731, AMENDING SECTION 8-0516
RELATING TO PASSING AND OVERTAKING VEHICLES

An ordinance entitled “An ordinance amending Section 8-0516 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to passing and overtaking vehicles”, which had been introduced and passed on its first reading on July 15,

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2019, and upon which public hearing had been scheduled for this evening, was presented and read for consideration on second reading and final passage.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing, there were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

The staff report from the city attorney relating to an ordinance amending Section 8-0516 relating to passing and overtaking vehicles, with a recommendation to give final approval of the ordinance.

It was moved by Council Member Sande, and seconded by Council Member Marshall, that this recommendation be approved. Upon call for the question of adoption of the ordinance, the following voted “aye”: Council Members Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande, and Vein – 7; those voting “nay”: none. Mayor Brown declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4732, AMENDING SECTION 21-0205
RELATING TO CLASS DESCRIPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS
(CLASS 15 WINERY ON-SALE AND OFF-SALE)

An ordinance entitled “An ordinance relating to technical code corrections amending Section 21-0205 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to classifications of retail licenses: III. Class Descriptions and Requirements, Class 15”, which had been introduced and passed on its first reading on July 15, 2019, and upon which public hearing had been scheduled for this evening, was presented and read for consideration on second reading and final passage.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing, there were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

The staff report from the city attorney relating to an ordinance amending Section 21-0205 relating to Class Descriptions and Requirements (Class 15 winery on-sale and off-sale); with a recommendation to give final approval of the ordinance.

It was moved by Council Member Sande, and seconded by Council Member Weber, that this recommendation be approved. Upon call for the question of adoption of the ordinance, the following voted “aye”: Council Members Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande, and Vein – 7; those voting “nay”: none. Mayor Brown declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4733, AMENDING SECTION 8-1503
RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR SPECIFIED OFFENSES

An ordinance entitled “An ordinance amending Section 8-1503 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to penalties for specified offenses”, which had been introduced and passed on its first reading on July 15, 2019, and upon which public hearing had been scheduled for this evening, was presented and read for consideration on second reading and final passage.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing, there were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

The staff report from the city attorney relating to an ordinance amending Section 8-1503 relating to penalties for specified offenses, with a recommendation to give final approval of the ordinance.

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Todd Feland, City Administrator, stated that staff has further reviewed this ordinance and would like to request that the fine for overtime and street maintenance offenses not be raised from their current rate of \$20 even though it would be allowed under the changes in state code.

Howard Swanson, City Attorney, stated that if City Council is agreeable to the change, the ordinance as presented could be amended to remove the increase in fee for those violations specified for street maintenance and overtime parking.

It was moved by Council Member Weber and seconded by Council Member Sande to amend the ordinance as presented to remove the increase in fine for street maintenance and overtime parking violations which leaves the associated fine for those offenses only at \$20. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Council Member Weber, and seconded by Council Member Sande, that ordinance as amended be approved. Upon call for the question of adoption of the ordinance, the following voted “aye”: Council Members Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande, and Vein – 7; those voting “nay”: none. Mayor Brown declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

DEFEAT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9-0220
RELATING TO POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

An ordinance entitled “An ordinance adopting Section 9-0220 relating to possession of marijuana”, which had been introduced and passed on its first reading on July 15, 2019, and upon which public hearing had been scheduled for this evening, was presented and read for consideration on second reading and final passage.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing, there were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

The staff report from the city attorney relating to an ordinance adopting Section 9-0220 relating to possession of marijuana, with a recommendation to defeat the ordinance.

Howard Swanson, City Attorney, stated that upon further review a change in this section is not necessary to update our code to be compliant with state changes. He continued that rather than add a new section in this area, he has made an additional change in Section 9-0108.

It was moved by Council Member Sande, and seconded by Council Member Vein, that this ordinance be defeated. Upon call for the question of defeat of the ordinance, the following voted “aye”: Council Members Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande, and Vein – 7; those voting “nay”: none. Mayor Brown declared the motion carried and the ordinance defeated.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4734, AMENDING SECTION 9-0108
RELATING TO POSSESSION OR INGESTION OF MARIJUANA

An ordinance entitled “An ordinance amending Section 9-0108 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to possession or ingestion of marijuana”, which had been introduced and passed on its first reading on July 15, 2019, and upon which public hearing had been scheduled for this evening, was presented and read for consideration on second reading and final passage.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing, there were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

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The staff report and memo from the city attorney relating to an ordinance amending Section 9-0108 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to possession or ingestion of marijuana, with a recommendation to amend the ordinance to include an amendment as described for Section 9-0108 to include the offense of possession of less than one-half ounce of marijuana and which also incorporates medical marijuana provisions of state law, and to give final approval of the ordinance as amended.

Howard Swanson, City Attorney, explained that as discussed with the previous items, a change is proposed in this ordinance to include the language that had previously had been proposed for inclusion Section 9-0220 to update our code to include changes in state law.

It was moved by Council Member Sande and seconded by Council Member Marshall to amend the ordinance as presented to include the language as discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Council Member Sande, and seconded by Council Member Weigel, that the ordinance as amended be approved. Upon call for the question of adoption of the ordinance, the following voted “aye”: Council Members Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande, and Vein – 7; those voting “nay”: none. Mayor Brown declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4735, AMENDING SECTION 8-0202
RELATING TO DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

An ordinance entitled “An ordinance amending Section 8-0202 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to driving under the influence of controlled substances”, which had been introduced and passed on its first reading on July 15, 2019, and upon which public hearing had been scheduled for this evening, was presented and read for consideration on second reading and final passage.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing, there were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

The staff report from the city attorney relating to an ordinance amending Section 8-0202 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to driving under the influence of controlled substances with a recommendation to give final approval of the ordinance.

It was moved by Council Member Weigel, and seconded by Council Member Sande, that this recommendation be approved. Upon call for the question of adoption of the ordinance, the following voted “aye”: Council Members Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande, and Vein – 7; those voting “nay”: none. Mayor Brown declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

APPROVE GRAND FORKS RENAISSANCE ZONE
PROJECT GF-62: 421 DEMERS AVENUE

The staff report from the community development department related to Grand Forks Renaissance Zone Project GF-62: 421 Demers Avenue, with a recommendation to approve Renaissance Zone Project GF-62 contingent on receipt of Certificate of Good Standing and authorize staff to submit the project to the North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services for action.

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Andy Conlon, Community Development Specialist, provided a brief overview of the proposed project which will involve the remodel/fit-up of the commercial property located at 421 Demers Avenue for restaurant/retail use as well as structural improvements to the building.

It was moved by Council Member Sande and seconded by Council Member Vein to approve the application. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE GRAND FORKS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The staff report from the Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission coordinator relating to reappointments and new appointments to the Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission, with a recommendation to confirm the reappointment of Brian Carlson, as specialist architect position, for a two-year term ending August 1, 2021; reappointment of Dr. Douglas Munski, as specialist urban planner position, for a two-year term ending August 1, 2021; reappointment of Cory Lein, as member-at-large, for a two-year term ending August 1, 2021; reappointment of Judy Swisher, as member-at-large, for a two-year term ending August 1, 2021; reappointment of Sandy Slater, specialist archivist position, for a one-year term ending August 1, 2020; new appointment of Nicole Derenne, as a member-at-large, for a two-year term ending August 1, 2021; and a new appointment of Jessa Novak, member-at-large position, for a 2-year term ending August 1, 2021.

It was moved by Council Member Sande and seconded by Council Member Mock that this recommendation be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO THE GRAND FORKS
LIBRARY BOARD

The staff report from the mayor relating to appointment to the Grand Forks Library Board, with recommendation to confirm the reappointment of City Council Member Sandi Marshall to a three-year term expiring August 1, 2022.

It was moved by Council Member Sande and seconded by Council Member Mock that this recommendation be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

REJECT BIDS FOR PROJECT NO. 8077,
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK,
GENERAL AL PALMER VISITOR CENTER

The staff report from the engineering department relating to bids for Project No. 8077, Veterans Memorial Park, General Al Palmer Visitor Center, with a recommendation to reject all bids and rebid the project at a later date.

It was moved by Council Member Sande and seconded by Council Member Mock to approve the recommendation to reject all bids and rebid. Motion carried unanimously.

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RECEIVE TABULATION OF BIDS, ESTIMATES OF TOTAL COST AND
AWARD CONTRACT, PAVING PROJECT NO. 7906, DISTRICT NO. 554

The city auditor presented and read tabulation of bids which had been received on July 15, 2019 for Storm Pond Project No. 7906, District No. 554, Storm Pond Expansion for Opportunity Park 1st Resubdivision, indicating that the low bidder for General Work was R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc. based upon their bid in the amount of \$1,730,053.15 and for Electrical Work, Integrated Process Solutions was the low bidder in the amount of \$117,248.00, for a total cost of \$1,847,301.15.

The engineer's estimate of total cost for Project No. 7906, District No. 554, in the amount of \$1,232,258.00 was presented and read.

The staff report from the engineering department relating to bids for Project no. 7906, District No. 554, Storm Pond Expansion for Opportunity Park 1st Resubdivision, with a recommendation to award the contract to low bidders, R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$1,730,053.15 and Integrated Process Solutions in the amount of \$117,248.00. The staff recommended action also included request for approval of 50% City funding for the pump station for the pond consisting of 20% from Fund 5400: Stormwater and 30% from Fund 2163: Economic Development and approval of any necessary budget amendments.

It was moved by Council Member Vein and seconded by Council Member Sande that this recommendation be approved and a resolution awarding the contract be adopted. Upon call for the question, those voting "aye": Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande, Vein – 7; those voting "nay": none. Mayor Brown declared the motion passed, resolution adopted and contract awarded.

APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROJECT 8061,
8062, 8063 AND 8064, SANITARY SEWER, WATERMAIN,
STORM SEWER & STORMWATER POND FOR EDGEWOOD
VILLAGE FIRST RESUBDIVISION

The staff report from the engineering department relating to plans and specifications for Project No. 8061, 8062, 8063, and 8064, Sanitary Sewer, Watermain, Storm Sewer and Stormwater Pond for Edgewood Village First Resubdivision, with a recommendation to approve the plans and specifications.

It was moved by Council Member Sande and seconded by Council Member Mock that this recommendation be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE COST PARTICIPATION, CONSTRUCTION,
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE NDDOT FOR
PROJECT NO. 7950, SHARED USE PATH ON 17TH AVE S
(S 20TH ST TO S 25TH ST)

The staff report from the engineering department relating to a cost participation, construction, and maintenance agreement with the NDDOT for Project No. 7950, Shared Use Path on 17th Ave S from S 20th Street to S 25th Street, with a recommendation to approve the agreement.

It was moved by Council Member Sande and seconded by Council Member Mock to approve the recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

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ACCEPT NORTH DAKOTA SECTION 5339 AND 5310
FEDERAL FUNDING AWARD

The staff report from the public transportation division director and mobility manager relating to acceptance of North Dakota Section 5339 and 5310 Federal Funding Award, with a recommendation to approve Cities Area Transit (CAT) Federal Funding Award of North Dakota Section 5339: Bus and Bus Facilities funding in the amount of \$693,992 and North Dakota Section 5310: Elderly and Persons with Disabilities funding in the amount of \$196,157.

Dale Bergman, Public Transportation Division Director, provided information to the City Council related to the notice of approval of the funding application for North Dakota Section 5339 and 5310 programs and requested approval to accept the funding award.

It was moved by Council Member Weber and seconded by Council Member Dachtler that this recommendation be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING THE 2020 BUDGET

The staff report from the finance director related to preliminary approval of the Mayor's 2020 Budget, with a recommendation to approve the mayor's 2020 budget, give preliminary approval of the ordinance and set a public hearing for September 16.

Maureen Storstad, Finance Director, provided an overview of the proposed budget, summarizing that the goal of maintaining service levels without an increase in mills was achieved, the planned shift of mills from the flood protection levy back to the general fund was included, reviewed included staffing changes, that the salary plan has been fully funded, and a full summary of highlights is included in the staff report.

Council Member Marshall asked about the regranting program for CDBG. Meredith Richards, Community Development Director, stated that yes it is planned and will come forward with the 5-year plan.

Council Member Sande commented on the following:

- Thanked staff and the Mayor for their work on the budget.
- Technology concerns, especially with the sound in Council Chambers – Todd Feland and Adam Jonasson shared information that staff continues to work toward technology improvements and will be bringing some items to City Council for improvements at a future meeting that will assist in moving forward with increasing capability through improvements in network infrastructure and continuing to make more services available through the website.
- Commented on the success of organizations that had seed funding from the City, but that are now self-supporting such as Downtown Development Association and Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals and appreciate the impact all those organizations are having on the community. Also recognized the EDC for their work in the community.
- Discussed the allocation in the budget for the MPO and expressed a desire for staff to continue to work with that organization on improving the MPO's communication with the public on matters that effect citizens of Grand Forks, as a lack of accessibility and effective communication has been a problem several times on larger items and suggested perhaps they could look into televising their meetings or changing meeting times so that they were at times more convenient for the public to attend. Mayor Brown replied that he and Mr. Feland would make contact with their director and try to look for some solutions.

Howard Swanson stated that online services have become a growing concern for cities with hacking and as we move forward need to make sure that we are considering appropriate security measures are also in place to protect us from

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malware and ransomware. Other areas that communities have seen increased risks in are with making sure appropriate notices, warnings and disclaimers are included on the website.

It was moved by Council Member Weber and seconded by Council Member Marshall that the Mayor's 2020 Budget be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Sande introduced an ordinance entitled "The Annual Appropriations Bill for 2020" appropriating the sums of money necessary to defray expenses and liabilities of the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and making the annual tax levy for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, which was presented, read and passed on its first reading.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following were presented for City Council's information:

- Statement of Cash Balances as of January 31, 2019 and February 28, 2019
- Investment Management Summary as of June 30, 2019

APPROVE BILL LISTING

Vendor Payment Listing 19-15, dated August 5, 2019 totaling \$1,799,611.40, and engineers estimate dated July 31, 2019 totaling \$11,380,270.00 were presented and read.

It was moved by Council Member Weigel and seconded by Council Member Dachtler that these bills be allowed and that the city auditor be authorized to issue warrants in payment of the same. Upon roll call the following voted "aye": Council Members Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande, Vein – 7; voting "nay": none. Mayor Brown declared the motion carried and the bills ordered paid.

APPROVE MINUTES – April 1 and April 15, 2019

Typewritten copies of the minutes of the city council held on Mondays, April 1 and April 15, 2019, were presented and read. It was moved by Council Member Sande and seconded by Council Member Weigel that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Todd Feland, City Administrator, commented on the following:

- Reminded of a meeting with discussion on potential bridge locations at the County building on August 6
- Commented regarding potential for federal earmarks for Public Works Projects

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Weber commented appreciation for those that advocate for programs in the community to assist those in need; shared information regarding an incident that he witnessed downtown on Saturday and prompt professional response of our police department to assist with an individual needing assistance; and shared a reminder of the joint Ward 3 and 4 meeting, which will include a time for discussion on the bridge issue as well as other topics.

Council Members Mock, Marshall, Vein and Sande all commented regarding the work done by staff on the budget.

Council Member Sande stated that there will be another community meeting related to a southend bridge later this month with logistics still being worked out but a potential date of August 29 has been discussed.

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ADJOURN

It was moved by Council Member Sande and seconded by Council Member Marshall that we adjourn at 7:45 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Storstad
City Auditor

Approved:

Michael R. Brown, Mayor