

November 22, 2021

**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 for a special meeting in City Council Chambers on Monday, November 22, 2021 at the hour of 5:30 o'clock p.m. with Mayor Bochenski presiding. Present at roll call were Council Members Weigel, Dachtler, Mock, Kvamme, Sande, Vein - 6; absent: Weber - 1.

Mayor Bochenski 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.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Bochenski commented on the following items:

- Expressed condolences to Gen Al Palmer's family on his recent passing. Gen Palmer was an active community member in many areas including with the construction of the Veterans Memorial Park.
- Called on Keith Lund, EDC, for an update on the CTE Center project. Lund report that the fundraising efforts for the CTE Center has exceeded the \$10 million goal and is currently at \$10.2 million. He expressed appreciation for the 3 political subdivision, 2 organizations, 2 foundations, 4 individuals and over 60 businesses that collaborated so far on this project. He recognized all the volunteers and staff including Eric Ripley with Grand Forks Schools and Becca Cruger, EDC, with all their work organizing the campaign and initiative from the business side of things. Mayor Bochenski thanked all involved for their support of this project.

**ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4817, AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING AND DESIGNATING BOUNDARY
LINES OF WARDS AND PRECINCTS FOR ELECTIONS**

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance that amends existing boundary lines of wards and precincts and establishes and designates such boundaries lines for City of Grand Forks precincts", which was read and passed on its first reading on Monday, November 8, 2021, and upon which public hearing had been called for his evening.

Adam Jonasson, IT Director, provided information on the further reviews of staff on potential options that would balance wards and maintain a +/- 6%. He presented Ponderosa Alternative 1, which would slightly shift the alignment between Wards 1 and 2 to keep the single family area all within Ward 2 as requested at the last meeting.

Council Member Vein commented regarding the proposed options that overall good alternatives provided and basis for the alignments are sound. He agreed with working to leave room for future growth and maintaining neighborhoods when it makes sense. He observed that the downtown area would be split and served by 3 Council Members based on the new Ponderosa Alternative 1 and while that could be good, seemed like Birch Option would be a better layout for that area. It was noted that having more representation in the downtown area could be a benefit to residents of the area.

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Council Members discussed that the areas that are projected to have the most growth in the next 10 years would be Ward 1 on the west edge near Walmart, downtown with the addition of all the multi-family housing, and Wards 5 and 6 as have already been presented with potential large development concepts proposed by developers on the south end of town.

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

It was moved by Council Member Sande and seconded by Council Member Weigel to adopt Option Ponderosa with Alternate 1.

Council Member Mock commented regarding understanding making shifts to keep neighborhoods together and in planning for future growth of the community, but shouldn't look at particular options based on who would be in or out of a ward. Council Members discussed various options, noting that it is anticipated that there will be high growth in Wards 5 and 6 going forward, so there may be value in underfilling those wards in looking at setting this up to accommodate the next 10 years. Overall, consensus was that all options could serve the community.

Upon call for the question, those voting "aye": Weigel, Dachtler, Mock, Kvamme, Sande – 5; voting "nay": Vein – 1. Mayor Bochenski declared the motion passed and the ordinance adopted.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Council Member Sande and seconded by Council Member Kvamme that we adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Storstad
City Auditor

Approved:

Brandon Bochenski, Mayor