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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 Council Chambers on Monday, August 18, 2025, 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Bochenski presiding. Present at roll call were Council Members Weigel, Osowski, Berg, Lunski, Fridolfs, Sande and Vein - 7; absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor and City Council.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Bochenski congratulated Kevin Kallinen on his retirement after 45 years of service in the police department; reported on recent meetings with airlines on additional flights for the community; ribbon cutting for GF Senior Citizen Center addition and CIA Facility; and encouraged all to attend Agristo community event in Town Square August 25.

**ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4920 AMENDING THE ZONING
MAP RELATED TO NONCONFORMING PROPERTIES**

A public hearing was held on an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone non-conforming properties as described herein", with no public comment received. The properties included under this ordinance are: a) B-1 limited Commercial District to R-2 One- and Two Family Residence District properties, located at 1302 5th Ave N and 1308 6th Ave N; b) B-3 General Business District R-2 One-and Two-Family Residence District properties located at 623 S 16th St, 1412 N 1st St and 1411 N 1st St; and c) B-3 General Business District to R-4 Multiple-Family Residence District properties located at 1415 12th Ave N, 702 S 14th St, 1221 6th Ave N. Council Member Osowski moved and Council Member Berg seconded to give final approval of the request and adopt Ordinance No. 4920. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4921 AMENDING THE ZONING
MAP FOR VARIOUS PROPERTIES IN WESTACOTT'S REUBDIVISION**

A public hearing was held on an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone and exclude from I-1 Light Industrial District and to include within B-3 General Business District, Lots G, H, J, and K, Replat of Lots A, B, C, D, Block 4, and Lots 13 and 14, Block 4, Westacott's Resubdivision, to the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota", with no comments received. Council Member Osowski moved and Council Member Berg seconded to give final approval of the request and adopt Ordinance No. 4921. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4922 AMENDING THE ZONING
MAP RELATING TO GREENBERG PUD AMENDMENT NO. 5**

A public hearing was held on an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone and exclude from the Greenberg PUD (Planned Unit Development), Concept Development Plan, Amendment No. 4, and to include within the Greenberg PUD (planned Unit Development), Concept Development Plan, Amendment No. 5, all of Columbia Park 2nd Addition, Columbia Park 32nd Addition, and Kiwanis Park Resubdivision to the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota", with no public comment received. Council Members discussed parking requirements, various concerns with having enough, and received information from Planning regarding levels of parking in other communities. Council Member Osowski moved and

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Council Member Weigel seconded to approve with removal of the parking part of the proposed item and require the current level of parking. Motion failed 1-6, with only Council Member Osowski voting in favor. Council Member Sande moved and Council Member Fridolfs seconded to give final approval of the request as presented and adopt Ordinance No. 4922. Council Member Vein moved to amend the motion to require the minimum parking requirements under the item to be discussed later in this meeting. Council Member Sande seconded the motion. Amendment failed, 2-5, with Council Members Weigel and Vein voting in favor, and all others against. Upon call for the question on the motion, motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4923 AMENDING CITY CODE
RELATING TO CLASS 5 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

A public hearing was held on an ordinance entitled “An ordinance to amend Grand Forks City Code Section 21-0205 relating to the Class 5 Hotel-Motel Classification of alcohol licenses”, with no public comment received. Council Member Osowski moved and Council Member Berg seconded to give final approval of the request and adopt Ordinance No. 4923. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

The following individual addressed the city council on action items: Don Santer.

Several electronic comments were attached and also provided to City Council for their information.

ACTION ITEMS CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Berg moved, and Council Member Vein seconded to approve the following items on consent agenda, with the motion passing unanimously.

- 1) Adopted resolutions authorizing the issuance of and appropriating the special assessments for the \$1,316,000 of Refunding Improvement Bonds, Series 2025E (SRF) to finance the construction of the 27th Avenue North and N 32nd St Storm Sewer, Project No. 8926.
- 2) Adopted a resolution of governing body authorizing application for CWSRF/DWSRF for Project No. 8576, Highway 81 & Associated Area Watermain Phase II.
- 3) Introduced an ordinance and gave preliminary approval to amend City Code to enact Trespassing on City Property and Appeal.
- 4) Approved a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Residual Material Inc. Recycling Center at 2250 27th Ave N, 2900 & 2901 Mill Road, 222 Red Dot Plance and 2230 N 20th St. The CUP is for a term of 10 years.
- 5) Gave final approval of a replat of University Place, Lots 10-12 & the south half of Lot 13, Block 6, University Place, located at 2920 5th Ave N, subject to the conditions shown on or attached to the review copy.

ACTION ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

- 1) Considered the Development Agreement with Agristo. City Attorney Gaustad reviewed the document terms with the City Council as well as the report on the CFIUS review, which concluded positively, with no concerns with the proposed project. Council Member Osowski moved and Council Member Fridolfs seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

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2) Considered an ordinance to amend City Code relating to gaming site authorizations. The ordinance will add qualifications to hold a gaming site authorization in Grand Forks as well as update the definition of an eligible organization to match Century Code. Council Members discussed concerns that had been received from various gaming organizations. A concern regarding meeting the 75% requirement for Board Members and Employees that was approved at Committee of the Whole, especially with some charities that are located within Grand Forks but are part of larger organizations with board members from all areas that they serve, as well as if a charity owns a property they should be entitled to conduct gaming at that site. Council members discussed that there is not a desire to have organizations come in to buy a bar just so they can hold a site authorization in Grand Forks. Another concern is for those groups that hold raffle only site authorizations and if there should be an exception for those as several are convention or special event related or limited number of raffles a year. Council Members discussed that some of these changes may lead to some organizations not coming to Grand Forks as they would not be able to meet the requirements which may reduce support for certain recipients. Council Member Weigel moved and Council Member Osowski seconded to give preliminary approval and introduce an ordinance that would update the definition of an eligible organization to match the Century Code definition, set a requirement that to hold a site authorization, a charity must have 75% of its board members and employees serving its charitable purpose reside within Grand Fork County, ND or Polk County, MN, with an exception to that requirement for a charity that owns the property at which they are conducting gaming, but that only pertains to one property, and if they own two or more the exception does not apply; and that site authorizations held by charities for the purpose of raffles only are also an exception to the 75% requirements. Upon call for the question, motion passed 6-1 with Council Member Berg dissenting.

3) Considered an ordinance to amend City Code Section 18-0302(14)(B)(9) relating to Multi-Family Parking Requirements. Brief discussion of how our requirements compare to other similar cities and how this pertains to various types of properties was had. Council Member Sande moved and Council Member Lunski seconded to give preliminary approval and introduce the ordinance. Motion passed 6-1 with Council Member Osowski dissenting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information was provided for City Council's information: Investment Portfolio Management Summary as of July 31, 2025.

APPROVE VENDOR LIST AND ENGINEER ESTIMATE

Vendor list 25-17, dated August 18, 2025, in the amount of \$2,829,079.10 was presented. It was moved by Council Member Fridolfs and seconded by Council Member Berg to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes from the August 4, 2025, City Council meeting were presented. Council Member Berg moved and Council Member Lunski seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Members Osowski commented regarding next weeks Committee of the Whole and Agristo Event.

Council Member Lunski encouraged all to attend the Street Fair this weekend.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Osowski and second by Council Member Berg to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Storstad
City Auditor

Approved:

Brandon Bochenski, Mayor