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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, October 20, 2025, 5:30 p.m. with President Sande presiding. Present at roll call were Council Members Weigel, Osowski, Berg, Fridolfs, Sande and Vein - 6; absent: Lunski - 1. (Lunski joined the meeting after the pledge of allegiance).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Council.

**PROCLAMATION – FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

President Sande read proclamations declaring the month of October 2025 as National Chiropractic Health Month and November 1, 2025 as Extra Mile Day.

**UPDATE – RED RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY  
PROJECT (RRVWSP) INTERIM FINANCING  
AGREEMENT SERIES F**

City Attorney Dan Gaustad provided information on continued discussions for the Red River Valley Water Supply (RRVWSP) Interim Financing Agreement Series F. The agreement has been revised relating to matters that were discussed including the irrevocable pledging and water rights on Lake Ashtabula. Garrison has approved subject to their legal review. Vein thanked the team for all their work on this agreement.

**HEAR APPEALS, CERTIFY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS,  
AND APPROVE FINDINGS ON VARIOUS PROJECTS**

City Council considered certification of the following special assessment projects:

<u>PROJECT #</u>	<u>#YRS</u>	<u>DIST #</u>	<u>TYPE &amp; LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FINAL/EST</u>
4236.70	15	353	SANITARY SEWER - 24TH AVE S	\$ 525.06	FINAL
4704.25	30	14	FLOOD PROTECTION : CITY WIDE	\$ 202,506.39	FINAL
5048.13	20	563	PAVING - S 42ND ST	\$ 749.57	FINAL
5940.50	20	620	PAVING S 20TH ST (40-44 AVE S	\$ 23,114.96	FINAL
5988.60	20	627	PAVING - 40TH AVE S	\$ 13,828.94	FINAL
7435.30	10	691	PAVING REHAB-NORTH 42ND ST	\$ 4,961.39	FINAL
7588.30	25	530	SANITARY SWR-N 39/36 ST/20 AVE	\$ 80,675.27	FINAL
7648.30	25	535	STORMWATER POND-N36ST/20AVE	\$ 29,747.44	FINAL
7650.30	25	536	STORM SEWER-N 36/39ST/20 AVE N	\$ 31,803.89	FINAL
7653.40	25	332	WATERMAIN - N 39TH ST & 27TH AVE N	\$ 69,265.78	FINAL
7654.20	25	705	PAVING & ST LIGHTS-N 39TH ST	\$ 187,969.45	FINAL
7903.20	25	552	SANITARY SEWER - OPPORTUNITY PARK	\$ 114,913.61	FINAL
7904.20	25	338	WATERMAIN - OPPORTUNITY PARK	\$ 4,732.48	FINAL
7905.20	25	553	STORM SEWER - OPPORTUNITY PARK	\$ 12,080.57	FINAL
7906.30	25	5543	POND/STORM LS - OPPORTUNITY PARK	\$ 187,797.26	FINAL
7907.12	25	723	PAVING - S 42ND STREET	\$ 33,727.49	FINAL
7907.22	25	723	STREET PAVING - 36TH AVE S	\$ 59,616.30	FINAL
7907.32	25	723	STREET LIGHTS - S 42ND ST	\$ 2,720.43	FINAL
7907.42	25	723	STREET LIGHTS - 36TH AVE S	\$ 3,658.84	FINAL
8066.10	25	568	SANITARY SEWER - S 19TH STREET	\$ 126,381.42	FINAL
8209.10	25	349	WATERMAIN - S 19TH ST (40-44 AVE S)	\$ 76,044.42	FINAL
8210.10	25	577	STORM SEWER - S 19TH ST	\$ 80,766.15	FINAL
8211.10	25	578	STORM WATER POND-EDGEWOOD VILLAGE 2ND RESUB.	\$ 52,968.96	FINAL

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8212.10	25	750	PAVING/ST LIGHTS - S 19TH ST	\$ 240,497.70	FINAL	
8214.10	25	751	PAVING 44TH AVE S	\$ 4,885.97		FINAL
8260.10	25	579	44TH AVE S BOX CULVERT IN SED	\$ 12,268.25	FINAL	
8261.10	25	350	44TH AVE S WATER MAIN	\$ 5,974.00		FINAL
8312.41	25	755	CONCRETE PANEL REPAIR 24 AVE S	\$ 1,353.36	FINAL	
8485.02	30	601	STORM POND OUTFALL HIGHWAY 81 & ASSOCIATED AREA	\$ 1,439,329.29	EST	
8489.20	30	605	SANITARY SEWER - HWY 81 & ASSOCIATED AREA PHASE 2	\$ 1,356,304.41	FINAL	
8545.00	25	766	PAVING & ST LIGHTS - GRAND VALLEY 1ST ADDITION	\$ 1,686,898.28	EST	
8729.00	30	600	STORM SEWER - 30TH AVE N (HWY 81 TO N 32ND ST)	\$ 1,670,637.05	EST	
8752.01	20		2024 SIDEWALK CARRYOVER	\$ 33,102.06	FINAL	
8758.10	10	779	MILL & OVERLAY - NEAR SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD	\$ 646,868.40	EST	
8758.20	10	779	MILL & OVERLAY - 17TH AVE S (SWASHINGTON ST TO S 20TH ST)	\$ 109,402.28	EST	
8778.01	1		2024 MOWING CARRYOVER	\$ 2,535.00	FINAL	
8789.00	25	781	RECONSTRUCT 40TH AVE S (BELMONT RD TO CHERRY ST)	\$ 509,411.40	FINAL	
8790.00	25	782	RECONSTRUCT 10TH AVE S (S 48TH ST TO 350' WEST OF S 50TH ST)	\$ 275,071.17	EST	
8793.00	25	783	RECONSTRUCT KNIGHT DRIVE (S COLUMBIA RD TO 400' E)	\$ 183,446.28	FINAL	
8811.00	25	604	STORM SEWER - 2ND AVE N (COLUMBIA RD TO N 25TH ST)	\$ 580,035.58	EST	
8833.00	20	226	STREET LTS FOR 4TH AVE S&LINCOLN DR	\$ 55,874.78	EST	
8834.00	25	610	SANITARY SEWER - CRARY'S 12TH RESUB (57TH AVE S TO 500' SOUTH)	\$ 262,043.14	EST	
8835.00	25	361	WATERMAIN - CRARY'S 12TH RESUB (57TH AVE S TO 500' SOUTH)	\$ 153,968.94	EST	
8838.00	25	786	PAVING FOR CAREER DR (N 42ND ST TO N 43RD ST)	\$ 952,378.39	EST	
8844.00	25	608	SANITARY SEWER - OPPORTUNITY PARK 2ND RESUBDIVISION	\$ 248,153.44	EST	
8845.00	25	360	WATERMAIN - OPPORTUNITY PARK 2ND RESUBDIVISION	\$ 451,810.41	EST	
8846.00	25	609	STORM SEWER - OPPORTUNITY PARK 2ND RESUBDIVISION	\$ 1,677,500.00	EST	
8878.00	20		2025 SIDEWALKS	\$ 452,062.42	FINAL	
8905.00	1		2025 MOWING	\$ 14,832.00	FINAL	
8916.00	25	611	UND SPOND OUTFALL - N 25TH ST (2ND AVE N - UNIVERSITY AVE)	\$ 160,893.60	EST	
8926.00	25	615	STORM SEWER - 27TH AVE N (N 32ND ST TO HWY 81) & N 32ND ST (27TH AVE N TO 30TH AVE N)	\$ 588,781.21	EST	
8971.00	5		NUISANCE ABATEMENT-121 CHESTNUT ST	\$ 1,410.50	FINAL	
9003.25	1		DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS	\$ 96,236.43	FINAL	
				\$ 15,274,521.81		

DEFERRED PROJECTS:

PROJECT #	#YRS	DIST #	TYPE & LOCATION	AMT	FINAL/EST
8545.88	25	766	PAVING & ST LIGHTS - GRAND VALLEY 1ST ADDITION	\$ 4,250,634.65	EST

Council Member Osowski inquired regarding the projects listed for the Highway 81 area. Maureen Storstad, Finance Director, explained that assessments are based on the agreement approved at time this area was annexed, that properties are being assessed for storm pond outfall at an 80/20 cost share, storm sewer and paving on a 50/50 cost share, and other assessments are to city.

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President Sande opened a public hearing on special assessment projects set to be certified by City Council. Nicholas Halbritch addressed the City Council regarding his sidewalk special assessment and the change in cost from the estimate to the final cost. The public hearing was closed.

Council Member Osowski commented that she disagrees with Hwy 81 area being assessed for the storm pond. President Sande commented that there was discussion prior to the project being done on the assessment and the City contributed more than usual on the project to assist with the cost.

Al Grasser, City Engineer, provided information on the sidewalk assessment process, including the estimating and how sometimes the actual work finds unknown factors that cause the cost to increase. He also commented on the process for restoring adjacent areas to the sidewalk with seeding.

Motion by Council Member Berg and second by Council Member Weigel to certify all projects except Project No. 8485.2 and adopt findings for various projects. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Berg, second by Council Member Fridolfs to certify Project No. 8485.2 and adopt any related findings. Motion passed 6-1, with Osowski dissenting.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4931, DEDICATING R/W  
ON THE PLAT OF BIRKHOLZ EIGHTH ADDITION  
AND FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PLAT

City Council considered an ordinance entitled “An ordinance to amend the Street and Highway Plan of the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota, to include the public rights-of-way shown as dedicated on the plat of Birkholz Eighth Addition to the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota”, and final approval of the plat. A public hearing was held with no comments received. Council Member Vein asked questions regarding the access for the property, with Ryan Brooks, City Planner, providing information on access points and easement for the property. Motion by Council Member Osowski, second by Council Member Weigel to adopt Ordinance No. 4931 and give final approval of the plat. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 4932, AMENDING THE ZONING  
MAP FOR BIRKHOLZ EIGHTH PUD

City Council considered an ordinance entitled “An ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone and exclude from the A-1 Agricultural Preservation District and to include within Birkholz Eighth PUD (Planned Unit Development), Concept Development Plan, all of Birkholz Eighth Addition to the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota”. A public hearing was held with no comments received. Motion by Council Member Berg, second by Council Member Vein to adopt Ordinance No. 4932. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4933, ANNEXATION OF  
BIRKHOLZ EIGHTH ADDITION

City Council considered an ordinance entitled “An ordinance to annex lands described as follows: A parcel of land, being a portion of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 151 North, Range 50 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Grand forks County, North Dakota”. A public hearing was held with no comments received. Council Member Vein moved and Council Member Osowski seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 4933. Motion passed unanimously.

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ADOPT RESOLUTION DETERMINING AN INSUFFICIENCY OF  
PROTEST ON REQUEST TO VACATE SIDEWALK  
ASSESSMENT WITHIN BLAIR-SATROM-BAUKOL ADDITION

City Council considered a request to vacate a 20' sidewalk easement lying within the Blair-Satrom-Baukol Addition to the City of Grand Forks, lying between 1510 & 1514 Charwood Court and 2233 & 2237 Springbrook Court. A public hearing was held with Steve Miller and Margaret Miller addressed the City Council. Council Member Osowski moved and Council Member Weigel seconded to approve the request and adopt a resolution determining an insufficiency of protest. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPT RESOLUTION DETERMINING AN INSUFFICIENCY OF  
PROTEST ON REQUEST TO VACATE UTILITY EASEMENTS  
LYING WITHIN 2500 & 2600 DEMERS AVENUE

City Council considered a request to vacate 20' utility easement located in Lot B, Block 1, replat of Lot 1, Block 1, Demers Seventh Addition & Lot 1, Block 1, Demers Third Addition, located in the 2500 & 2600 Block of Demers Avenue. A public hearing was held with no comments received. Council Member Osowski moved and Council Member Fridolfs seconded to approve the request and adopt a resolution determining an insufficiency of protest. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Reviewed the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding recommendations; set a public hearing for December 1, 2025 to approve the Annual Action Plan, along with any necessary budget amendments.
- 2) Approved the PSAP Transition Plan, which adds the Fire Department Division Chief of PSAP Operations position to the City of Grand Forks organizational structure and pay plan at Salary Grade 24 - \$117,104 annually, consistent with the approved Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) reorganization adopted by City Council on April 21, 2025.
- 3) Approved the federal funding requests for the following programs under project No. 8904: Regional Roads Program, Urban Roads Program, Transportation Alternatives Program and Highway Safety Improvement Program.
- 4) Adopted a resolution to approve the plans and specifications for Project No. 8707, Paving./ street lights for Korynta-Lemm 6<sup>th</sup> Resubdivision.
- 5) Approved Change Order #1 for Project No. 8878, 2025 City Sidewalks in the amount of \$74,600 with Tony Anderson Construction Inc and reset the engineers authority for approval of future change orders
- 6) Gave final approval of the replat of Lots 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12, Block 3, Original Townsite , located in the 500 Block of North 5<sup>th</sup> Street

ACTION ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

- 1) Considered a resolution awarding the sale of Refunding Improvement Bonds, Series 2025F, providing funding for the 2025 Special Assessment Projects. The bonds received a Aa2 rating from Moody's and at

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the sale had 12 bids, with the best bid coming from Huntington Securities Inc with a True Interest Cost of 3.7370%, reducing the amount of the bonds to \$14,910,000. Motion by Council Member Osowski, second by Council Member Berg to adopt the resolution and award the sale. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Considered a Change Order for Project No. 8643, City Bus Maintenance Facility Rehabilitation, Remodel and Addition Phase 2, relating to installation of trench drains to be funded through remaining grant funds, in the amount of \$129,820.85 to Innes Construction and \$6,530.00 to Lunseth Plumbing & Heating. This project is 90% federally funded and a local match of 10%, approval to include any necessary budget amendment, subject to final review and approval of the finance department. Staff explained that the trench drains had been part of the original project but were cut as a cost saving measure, however there are sufficient grant funds to cover the cost of completing the trench drains so staff is requesting a change order to add them back into the project. Motion by Osowski, second by Lunski to approve the staff recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Considered a request from the Police Department for purchase of 6 Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles and 2 F-150 Police vehicles, with possible trade-ins of existing vehicles. The vehicles will be purchased from Nelson Ford, Fergus Falls, MN, who holds the state bid with a total price with Trade-in of \$274,176.02 and also requests approval of any necessary budget amendment, as these vehicles were planned in the 2026 budget, but due to availability will be arriving in 2025. There has been discussion of retaining some or all of the possible trade-in vehicles, which may change the expense amount if some vehicles are retained. Motion by Osowski, second by Berg to approve the staff recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Considered the 2026 Arts Regrant Program process with a budget for 2026 of \$159,135. Motion by Council Member Berg and second by Council Member Lunski to approve the staff recommendation. Motion passed 6-1, with Osowski dissenting.

5) Considered the sole source purchase of Marsh Master in the amount of \$269,236.25, which would be used to assist with maintenance of lagoon and coulee areas. Funding for the equipment would be 40% from Flood Protection Fund 4154, 40% from Wastewater Treatment Fund 5200, 10% from Water Maintenance Fund 5300 and 10% from English Coulee Maintenance Fund 5400. A budget amendment is needed for this purchase as it was not included in the budget. Council Member Osowski commented that there have been discussions on maintenance concerns of various ditches including the coulee and this purchase is a good use of the funds to handle those concerns. Motion by Council Member Osowski, second by Council Member Vein to approve the staff recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

6) Considered the sole source purchase of Ultrafiltration Membranes from Veolia in the amount of \$1,219,058 and any associated budget amendments. The membranes are parts in the Water Treatment Plant and need to be replaced approximately every 5 years and must be from the manufacturer of the equipment installed in the plant. Council Members discussed the sole source requirement for this part and that equipment along with long-term maintenance items was vetted as part of the plant construction. Council Member Berg moved approval of the purchase and Council Member Weigel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7) Considered a request for a sign appeal from Altru Health System for their location at 1380 S Columbia Rd. Council Member Osowski moved and Council Member Berg seconded to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items were presented for City Council's information: Investment Portfolio summary as of September 30, 2025 and Statement of Changes in Cash Balances as of August 31, 2025.

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#### APPROVE VENDOR LIST

Vendor list 25-21, dated October 20, 2025, in the amount of \$1,419,029.38 was presented. It was moved by Council Member Fridolfs and seconded by Council Member Weigel to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

#### APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes from the October 6, 2025, City Council meeting were presented. Council Member Lunski moved and Council Member Berg seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Osowski commented regarding programming at the Library including the Lego Club and good things for the community happening there.

Council Member Fridolfs commented regarding the recent UAS Summit hosted at the Alerus Center, great turnout and impact for the industry from our community.

Council Member Sande stated that she had the pleasure of meeting the daughter of Olive Ann Beach who was in town and touring the Olive Ann Horel, named for her mother and the impact that she made on the aviation history.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Osowski and second by Council Member Berg to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Storstad  
City Auditor

Approved:

Brandon Bochenski, Mayor

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