

March 16, 2026

**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, March 16, 2026, 5:30 p.m. with Vice President Weigel presiding. Present at roll call were Council Members Weigel, Berg, Lunski, Fridolfs, Vein and Sande - 6; absent: Osowski – 1.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Council.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2025 CONSOLIDATED
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (CAPER)**

The 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) and 2025 Community Service Grants (CSG) Annual Report were presented. Vice President Weigel opened a public hearing on the CAPER. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed. Motion by Council Member Berg and second by Council Member Fridolfs to receive and file the 2025 CAPER and 2025 CSG report. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4916, ENACTING CITY CODE
CITY CODE CHAPTER 19, BUILDING AND BUILDING
REGULATIONS, ARTICLE , RELATING TO FLOODPLAIN
MANAGEMENT**

City Council considered an ordinance entitled “An ordinance to enact Grand Forks City Code Chapter 19, Building and Building Regulations, Article 8, relating to Floodplain Management. Vice President Weigel opened a public hearing on the ordinance. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed. Council Member Vein moved and Council Member Lunski seconded to give final approval and adopt Ordinance No. 4916. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION DETERMINING AN
INSUFFICIENCY OF PROTEST FOR PROJECT
9010.1-4, DISTRICT NO. 799.1-4, 2026 MILL &
OVERLAY**

City Council considered Resolutions of Necessity for Project No. 9010, District No. 799, which consists of four project areas: 1) Project 9010.1, District No. 799.1, Mill & Overlay for S 4th St (Railroad to Gertrude Ave) (S 5th St to County Ramp), Division Ave (S 5th St to S 3rd St), and Gertrude Avenue (S 4th St to mid-block between S 3rd St and S 4th St); 2) Project No. 9010.2, District No. 799.2, Mill & Overlay 17th Ave S (Cherry St to Belmont Road); 3) Project No. 9010.3, District No. 799.3, Mill & Overlay S 26th St (24th Ave S to 2th Ave S) and 26th Ave S (S Columbia Rd to S 25th St); and 4) Project No. 9010.4, District No. 799.4, Mill & Overlay 62nd Ave S (Columbia Rd – S Washington St). City Auditor reported that no protests had been received by her office. Vice President Weigel opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed. Council Member Berg moved and Council Member Fridolfs seconded to adopt a Resolution determining an insufficiency of protest for the projects. Motion passed unanimously.

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TABLED PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF
ORDINANCE TO DEDICATE R/W AND FINAL APPROVAL OF
PLAT OF GRAND RESERVE FIRST ADDITION AND PUBLIC
HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE AND FINAL
APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP TO
REZONE FROM DESOTO PUD AMENDMENT 2 TO DESOTO
PUD AMENDMENT 3

Ryan Brooks, City Planner reported that the developer had requested that these items be tabled until May 18, 2026. Vice President Weigel opened a public hearing. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed. Council Member Berg moved and Council Member Fridolfs seconded to table both items to May 18, 2026 City Council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS CONSENT AGENDA

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

1) Approved an application for Class 3 (On/Off-Sale alcoholic beverage license from Diaspora Restaurant, LLC (dba Joe's Italian Restaurant), located at 1970 Columbia Rd.

2) Concurred in the contract for Project No. 8841, Rehabilitation of Demers Ave (Washington St to 6th St), to Ti-Zack Concrete LLC in the amount of \$1,832,300.83 and approve any necessary budget amendments. The project consists of Concrete Panel Replacement, Grinding, Dowel Retrofit and Mill & Overlay. NDDOT is currently reviewing the bids, which were 3% under engineer's estimate. Anticipated local share is \$232,253.09.

3) Approved plans and specifications for Project No. 8730, Point Bridge Rehab, with final approval of Minnesota Department of Transportation.

4) Adopted resolutions to award the contract for Project No. 9010.1-4, District No. 799.1-4, to R. J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc in the amounts of \$403,041.72, \$212,6609.50, \$235,251.05 and \$269,244.42, respectively, for a total amount of \$1,121,146.69, along with any necessary budget amendments.

5) Awarded the contract for Project No. 9067, 2026 Fog & Scrub Seal to Asphalt Preservation Company Inc in the amount of \$234,047, along with any necessary budget amendments.

6) Awarded the contract for Project No. 8999, 2026 Sanitary Sewer Repairs, Project No. 9000, 2026 Watermain Repairs, and Project No. 9001, 2026 Storm Sewer Repairs to Taggart Contracting, Inc in the amounts of \$83,280.00, \$34,444.00, and \$234,545.00, respectively, for a total amount of \$352,269, which was 3.5% over the Engineer's Estimate.

7) Adopted resolutions approving plans and specifications for Project No. 9094, 9095, 9096 and 9097, District Nos. 629, 369, 630, and 803, Sanitary Sewer, Watermain, Storm Sewer and Paving for Grand Park First Addition.

8) Adopted a resolution approving plans and specifications for Project No. 8577, District No. 362, Highway 81 & Associated Area Watermain Phase III.

9) Adopted a resolution approving plans and specifications for Project No. 9049, District No. 796, Reconstruct 11th Ave N (N 4th St to Gateway Dr).

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10) Adopt a resolution approving plans and specifications for Project No. 9056, District No. 367, Watermain along S 42nd Street (Empire Ct to 300' South of 18th Avenue South).

11) Approved plans and specifications for Project No. 9058, Box Culvert 18-37-20.0 Structural Rehabilitation (!7th Ave S & English Coulee Diversion).

12) Adopted a resolution to amend the platted access control as shown on the plat of Peony Dirst Resubdivision, located at 3600 27th Ave North.

13) Approve Opt-in on Remnant Defendants Settlement and authorized City Attorney to execute documents relating to participation in the settlement.

ACTION ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

The following items were pulled for discussion and independent vote:

- 1) Approval of plans and specifications for Project No. 9004, City Sidewalks and Project No. 9005, ADA Curb Ramps.
- 2) Approve plans and specifications for Project No. 9006, 2026 Asphalt Street Repairs

Council Member Sande commented that he would like engineering include a provision within the plans and specifications relating to contractors bidding on these projects to have drug testing policies in place.

Council Member Sande moved and Council Member Lunski seconded to approve the plans and specifications. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE VENDOR LIST AND ENGINEERS ESTIMATES

Vendor list 26-06, dated March 16, 2026, in the amount of \$2,218,172.93 was presented. It was moved by Council Member Berg and seconded by Council Member Fridolfs to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes from March 2, 2026, City Council meeting were presented. Council Member Berg moved and Council Member Fridolfs seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Berg and second by Council Member Fridolfs to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Storstad
City Auditor

Approved:

Brandon Bochenski, Mayor

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