



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Meeting Agenda Full Detail City Council

Monday, March 30, 2015

4:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Special Meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council will be held on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

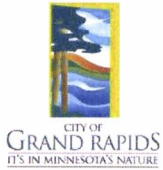
CALL OF ROLL

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

1. [15-1212](#) Notice of resignation by Councilor Jon Toivonen from the Grand Rapids City Council.
Attachments: [Toivonen - Council Resignation](#)
2. [15-1214](#) Consider adopting resolution declaring a vacancy due to the resignation of Councilmember Jon Toivonen.
3. [15-1213](#) Appoint Rick Blake to fill the vacant Council position until a new Council member is elected in a special election at the next general election on November 8, 2016.
Attachments: [Election results for November 2014](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Attest: Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk



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Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 15-1212 **Version:** 1 **Name:**
Type: Agenda Item **Status:** Administration Department
File created: 3/27/2015 **In control:** City Council
On agenda: 3/30/2015 **Final action:**
Title: Notice of resignation by Councilor Jon Toivonen from the Grand Rapids City Council.
Sponsors:
Indexes:
Code sections:
Attachments: [Toivonen - Council Resignation](#)

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Notice of resignation by Councilor Jon Toivonen from the Grand Rapids City Council.

Background Information:

On Friday, March 27, 2015, Councilor Jon Toivonen submitted his resignation from the City Council effective immediately. Councilor Toivonen notes that he has accepted a promotion with his current employer and will be relocating to Richfield, Minnesota. Pursuant to Minnesota State Law, Mr. Toivonen no longer meets residency requirements. Councilor Toivonen's official notice of resignation is attached.

Staff Recommendation:

City Staff is recommending the acceptance of Mr. Toivonen's resignation.

Requested City Council Action

Consider accepting notice of resignation by Councilor Jon Toivonen from the Grand Rapids City Council.

Subject: Fwd: city council resignation
From: Jon Toivonen <toivo22@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 27 Mar 2015 10:32:49 -0500
To: sw3305@sherwin.com

RECEIVED
MAR 27 2015
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ADMINISTRATION

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jon Toivonen <toivo22@yahoo.com>
Date: March 25, 2015 at 9:20:31 PM CDT
To: Jon Toivonen <toivo22@yahoo.com>
Subject: city council resignation

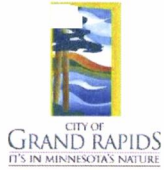
To whom it may concern,

I will be resigning from my city council position effective immediately (3/26/15). I have accepted a promotion in my company to our Richfield store. I would like to thank Tom Pagel and the city staff for all they have done for me in my transition into council. This is a great opportunity for me and my family and will be a stepping stone in my career. Thank you to everyone in the election process and good luck to the council.

Best regards



Jon Toivonen



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Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 15-1214 **Version:** 1 **Name:**
Type: Agenda Item **Status:** Administration Department
File created: 3/27/2015 **In control:** City Council
On agenda: 3/30/2015 **Final action:**
Title: Consider adopting resolution declaring a vacancy due to the resignation of Councilmember Jon Toivonen.
Sponsors:
Indexes:
Code sections:
Attachments: [Resolution \(Toivonen\)](#)

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Consider adopting resolution declaring a vacancy due to the resignation of Councilmember Jon Toivonen.

Councilor Zabinski introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY
OF THE GRAND RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION 15-21

WHEREAS, Jon Toivonen was elected to a four-year term on the Grand Rapids City Council in the general election of November 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jon Toivonen held that seat consistently beginning January 2015; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Jon Toivonen submitted his resignation to City Administrator Pagel on Friday, March 27, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Grand Rapids does hereby resolve that there is a vacant City Council seat now left open by the resignation of Councilmember Toivonen. The City Council does hereby resolve that they will fill the vacant city council seat by appointment as soon as possible.

Adopted this 30th day of March, 2015

Dale C. Adams, Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk

Councilor Zeige seconded the foregoing resolution and the following voted in favor thereof: Zeige, Zabinski, Christy, Adams; and the following voted against same: None, whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.



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Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 15-1213 **Version:** 2 **Name:**
Type: Agenda Item **Status:** Administration Department
File created: 3/27/2015 **In control:** City Council
On agenda: 3/30/2015 **Final action:**
Title: Appoint Rick Blake to fill the vacant Council position until a new Council member is elected in a special election at the next general election on November 8, 2016.

Sponsors:

Indexes:

Code sections:

Attachments: [Election results for November 2014](#)

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Appoint Rick Blake to fill the vacant Council position until a new Council member is elected in a special election at the next general election on November 8, 2016.

Background Information:

The City Council can either hold a special election to fill the vacant Council seat, or appoint a person to fill the vacancy until a new member is elected by the public in a special election during the general election in November 2016. The estimated cost of conducting a special election is in excess of \$5,000, not to mention the efforts in coordinating and staffing a special election. For this reason, it may be prudent to appoint Rick Blake, the candidate who received the third largest number of votes in the last general election held in November 2014. It's important to note that due to the fact that Mr. Toivonen has served significantly less than half of his term, Mr. Blake's appointment will only allow him to serve until the next general election in November 2016. Mr. Toivonen's spot now filled by Mr. Blake will thereafter be filled by the results of that special/general election. The results of that election are attached.

Staff Recommendation:

City staff is recommending the appointment of Rick Blake to fill the vacant Council position until a new Council member is elected through a special election on November 8, 2016, during the general election.

Requested City Council Action

Discuss and consider appointing Rick Blake to fill the vacant Council position until a new Council member is elected through a special election on November 8, 2016, during the general election.

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

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Precincts Reporting in Municipality: 100% 4 of 4

Last Updated: 11/05/14 10:57 AM

Voters Registered at 7AM : 5665

Results for Selected Contests in 25118 - Grand Rapids

CITY QUESTION 1 (Grand Rapids) [Show Question](#) [Results By Precinct](#) 4 precincts in contest. 4 of 4 precincts reported in municipality.

| Party | Candidate | Totals | Pct | Graph |
|-------------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| Nonpartisan | YES | 1817 | 47.04% | |
| Nonpartisan | NO | 2046 | 52.96% | |

Mayor (Grand Rapids) [Results By Precinct](#) 4 precincts in contest. 4 of 4 precincts reported in municipality.

| Party | Candidate | Totals | Pct | Graph |
|-------------|---------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Nonpartisan | DALE ADAMS | 2795 | 75.95% | |
| Nonpartisan | BRIAN OFTELIE | 873 | 23.72% | |
| Write-In | WRITE-IN** | 12 | 0.33% | |

Council Member (Grand Rapids) (Elect 2) [Results By Precinct](#) 4 precincts in contest. 4 of 4 precincts reported in municipality.

| Party | Candidate | Totals | Pct | Graph |
|-------------|--------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Nonpartisan | LESTER KACHINSKE | 888 | 14.01% | |
| Nonpartisan | WILLIAM ZEIGE | 1499 | 23.65% | |
| Nonpartisan | RICK BLAKE | 1328 | 20.96% | |
| Nonpartisan | BRIAN OLYNICK | 231 | 3.65% | |
| Nonpartisan | TROND KNUDEGAARD | 574 | 9.06% | |
| Nonpartisan | JON TOIVONEN | 1484 | 23.42% | |
| Nonpartisan | CHARLES M. BURRESS | 312 | 4.92% | |
| Write-In | WRITE-IN** | 21 | 0.33% | |

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