

MINUTES JULY 15, 2022

GRAND RAPIDS HOUSING COMMISSION

A special meeting of the Grand Rapids Housing Commission was held on July 15, 2022 in the community room of Campau Commons at 821 Division South, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The President called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Present: Alexander, Bernier, Miles, Steimle-App, Zylstra

Absent: None

The President declared a quorum present.

Also attending: Executive Director Lindsey Reames and Amanda Pierce.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Bernier, supported by Commissioner Zylstra, moved to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 21, 2022.

Ayes: Alexander, Bernier, Miles, Steimle-App, Zylstra

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS:

1. The President presented the Commission with a copy of the resolution approving the application for Moving To Work expansion.

22-26 The following resolution was introduced and considered:

Resolution to Approve Application for Moving to Work (MTW)

Expansion

WHEREAS, the Grand Rapids Housing Commission (GRHC) desires to obtain MTW designation under the Asset Building Cohort of the MTW expansion as outlined in HUD Notice PIH 2022-11; and

WHEREAS, MTW allows PHAs to design and test innovative, locally designed housing and self-sufficiency strategies for low-income families permitting PHAs to use assistance received under Sections 8 and 9 of the US Housing Act of 1937 more flexibly and allows certain exemptions from existing public housing and housing choice voucher program rules; and

WHEREAS, GRHC has designed an asset building program that allows randomly selected households to participate in a savings account program for 24 months, leverages community partnerships and investment in our families, and minimizes the \$100,000 program costs with the anticipated return on investment; and

WHEREAS, GRHC intends to utilize MTW flexibilities in our community to address local needs for moving families to self-sufficiency relevant to the three statutory goals for cost effectiveness, self-sufficiency and housing choice as outlined in the application; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of GRHC to comply with the MTW objectives, MTW statutory requirements and the MTW Operations Notice; and

WHEREAS, GRHC confirms that the public process requirements in Section 5(C)(i)(c) of Notice PIH 2022-11 have been met including publication of a hearing; availability of a draft plan for at least 30 days before application submission to HUD; conduct of a public hearing; approval by the board of the plan by this resolution no less than 15 days after the public hearing

WHEREAS, the GRHC is committed to implementing the Asset Building Cohort options outlined in the MTW Plan and application package;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE GRAND RAPIDS HOUSING COMMISSION that approval is granted for the MTW Plan and application package and the Executive Director is authorized to finalize the draft documents and submit to HUD as outlined in Notice PIH 2-22-11 for consideration of MTW designation.

Commissioner Zylstra, supported by Commissioner Bernier, moved adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Ayes: Alexander, Bernier, Miles, Steimle-App, Zylstra

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

2. The President presented the Commission with a copy of the resolution approving vehicle replacements.

22-27 The following resolution was introduced and considered:

Resolution to Authorize Purchase of New Vehicles

WHEREAS, the Grand Rapids Housing Commission (GRHC) has multiple vehicles that are reaching the end of their useful life including maintenance utility trucks and the executive vehicle; and

WHEREAS, GRHC staff recommend (due to supply chain issues) replacement of these vehicles now for delivery prior to winter for use with plowing and salting for the utility trucks and prior to the need to replace tires and rims on the executive vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of three (3) utility trucks will be for Campau/Scattered Sites (currently a 2002 vehicle that will be salvaged), Creston I and II (currently a 2004—that will be donated to Hope/Sheldon for salting) and Ransom (currently a 2015 that will be donated to Leonard Terrace who has no vehicle) and the executive vehicle will replace the 2014 Buick LaCrosse (trade-in anticipated) and;

WHEREAS, staff have obtained three quotes under government/fleet pricing for like vehicles in accordance with the procurement policy from Berger Chevrolet, Todd Wenzel Buick, and Tony Betten Ford; and

WHEREAS, the quotes for the vehicles are as follows:

Utility Trucks:	2023 Chevrolet Silverado	\$38,972
	2022 GMC Sierra 1500	\$45,000
	2022 Ford F-150	\$41,030
Executive Vehicle:	2022 Chevrolet Equinox	\$28,295
	2022 Chevrolet Traverse	\$51,950
	2022 GMC Terrain	\$35,185
	2022 Ford Edge	\$41,565
	2022 Ford Explorer	\$45,560

WHEREAS, the vehicle purchases will not negatively impact the 2023 budgets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE GRAND RAPIDS HOUSING COMMISSION that the Executive Director is authorized to purchase three maintenance utility trucks at a cost not to exceed \$125,000 and a new executive vehicle not to exceed \$35,000 after trade-in of existing vehicle.

Commissioner Bernier supported by Commissioner Zylstra, moved adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Ayes: Alexander, Bernier, Miles, Steimle-App, Zylstra

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Lindsey S. Reames

Executive Director