



**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN**

**AGENDA FOR
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**GRAND HAVEN CITY HALL*
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
519 WASHINGTON AVE**

**September 08, 2026
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Diesel Plant Update – John Groothuis, Capstone Companies.

4. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN

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TO: Ashley Latsch, City Manager

FROM: Dana Kollewehr, Assistant City Manager *DK*

DATE: September 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Diesel Plant Redevelopment Update

The former Diesel Plant property has long been recognized as a significant redevelopment opportunity for the City. The City previously entered into an agreement with the development team for the redevelopment of the property, and since then, the project has continued to evolve as the developers have evaluated site conditions, market opportunities, potential uses, and overall project feasibility.

Consistent with the City's regular development process, City staff have engaged in ongoing, iterative discussions with the development team as concepts for the property have evolved. These discussions have been intended to exchange information, identify potential issues, and provide preliminary staff feedback. They have not constituted formal City approval or direction on a specific development proposal.

Updated Development Concept

Since the development team's most recent presentation to City Council, the developers have considered the feedback provided by Council and have been reevaluating both the design and mix of uses proposed for the property.

As a result of that work, the development team is now proposing a revised direction for the site, including a partnership with the Grand Haven Children's Museum. Under the proposed concept, the building would continue to be razed, and a new building would be constructed on a portion of the property, with the Children's Museum on the ground floor and residential units above. The redevelopment would also include additional on-site residential units with embedded parking. This represents a significant evolution of the redevelopment concept and provides an opportunity to incorporate a more public, community-focused use alongside new housing.

The development team will present the revised concept to City Council, including the proposed site uses, preliminary design, and anticipated path forward.

Council Discussion and Next Steps

At this stage, the development team is seeking City Council feedback on the revised concept and proposed direction for the property. The discussion is intended to determine whether there is general Council support for the development team to continue advancing the project on this

basis.

Based on Council feedback, the development team and City staff would continue working through the details of the proposal, with the intent of bringing an amended agreement between the City and the developer back to City Council for formal consideration at a future meeting.

No formal approval of the revised development proposal is requested with this agenda item. Instead, the presentation offers Council an opportunity to review the proposed path forward, ask questions, and provide feedback before additional work on an amended development agreement is undertaken.

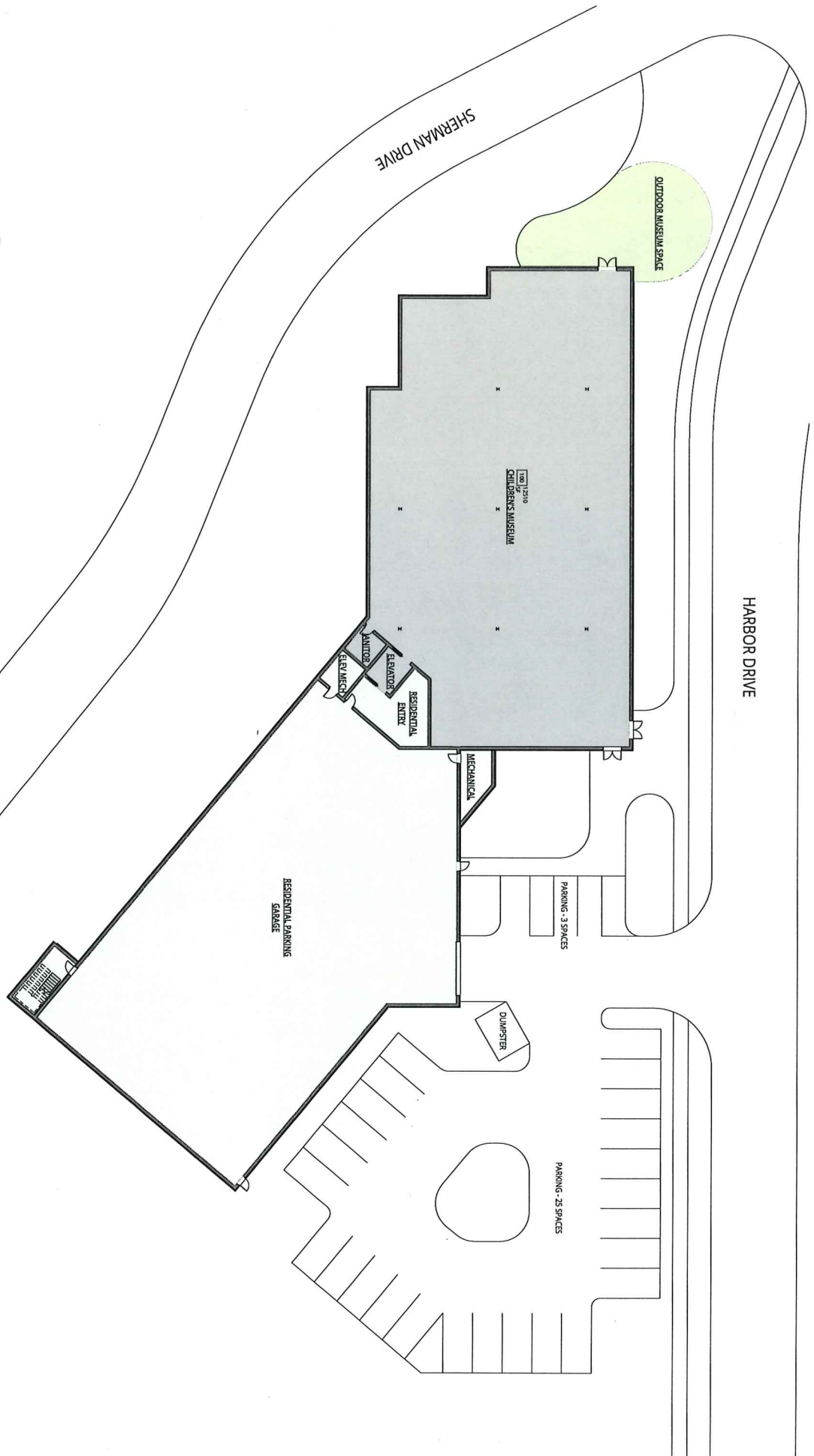


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SITE CONCEPT







ENTRY RENDERING - ALTERNATE SCOPE



HARBOR RENDERING - BASE SCOPE



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