

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Bob Monetza in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 519 Washington Ave.

**Present:** Council Members Mike Fritz, Sarah Kallio, Erin Lyon, Mayor Pro-tem Mike Dora, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

**Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** City Manager Ashley Latsch, City Clerk Maria Boersma, City Attorney Ron Bultje, Assistant City Manager Dana Kollewehr, Finance Director Emily Greene, Public Works Director Michael England, and City Planner Brian Urquhart.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Nathan Strom, Grand Haven Church of God.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS**

Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to approve the agendas as presented.

**26-016** Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to move Consent Agenda Item F to New Business D.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**26-017** Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to approve the agendas as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE**

**PRESENTATIONS**

John Siemion of the Human Relations Commission presented the Black History Month Proclamation.

Bruce Ostrom of the Audubon Society presented on the Bird City Designation.

Executive Director of the Loutit District Library, Ellen Peters, presented the Library's Annual Report.

### CONSENT AGENDA.

26-018 Approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026.

26-019 Approve the bill's memo in the amount of \$1,086,101.14. **Attachment A**

26-020 Approve Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. to apply for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for the Seventh Street reconstruction project.

26-021 Approve a resolution to file Special Assessment Roll #605, as certified by the City Assessor with the City Clerk for public inspection, to set a Public Hearing for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2026, to review said roll and to hear any objections, and direct that a notice of the Public Hearing be published in a newspaper of general circulation as well as mailing the notice to all property owners included on the Assessment Roll.

26-022 Approve an Election Publishing Service Contract between the City of Grand Haven and Ottawa County, with a term ending December 31, 2028.

26-023 Approve a resolution designating the month of February as Black History Month in the City of Grand Haven. **Attachment B**

26-024 Approve a resolution recognizing the City of Grand Haven as a Bird City. **Attachment C**

Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote:  
**This motion carried unanimously.**

### PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor **Monetza** opened a Public Hearing regarding an introductory resolution to approve the zoning change request from **TI**, Transitional Industrial District, to **PD**, Planned Development District, and associated Preliminary Development Plan for a mixed-use development at 1500 Kooiman Street (parcel #70-03-28-301-019).

City Planner Brian Urquhart introduced the zoning change request.

Attorney for the Developer, Todd Anthes, spoke on behalf of his client for background information on the project. The parcel in the zoning change request is currently vacant.

Jim Verduin, 1417 Kooiman Street: Shared that he would not like to see residential at 1500 Kooiman due to the impact on existing businesses in the area.

**After hearing no further comments, Mayor Monetza closed the Public Hearing.**

**26-025** Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Dora**, to approve an introductory resolution to approve the zoning change request from TI, Transitional Industrial District, to PD, Planned Development District, and associated Preliminary Development Plan for a mixed-use development at 1500 Kooiman Street (parcel #70-03-28-301-019).

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**26-026** Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to approve a one (1) year proposal for funding with the Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$5, 000.00 for programs supporting business growth and development.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**26-027** Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to approve a twelve (12) month extension to the preliminary planned development approval of the Grand Landing Planned Development for a hotel located East of Miller Drive and North Adams Avenue, pursuant to Sec. 40-421.07 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**26-028** Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to approve a proposal from Abonmarche Consultants, Inc in the amount of \$998,000.00 for engineering services for the Seventh Street reconstruction project.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

26-029 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Dora**, to approve the FY 25-26 budget amendments for the General (101), Major Streets (202), Local Streets (203), Special Revenue (243, 245, 274, 276), Public Improvements (401), Harbor Island Remediation (410), Infrastructure Millage (496), NORA (508), Sewer Authority (509), NOWS (510), Airport (581), City Sewer (590), City Water (591), Marina (594), Boat Launch (597) and Motor Pool (661) Funds.

Roll Call Vote:  
**This motion carried unanimously.**

### **REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member Lyon attended the Soul Box presentation hosted by St. John's Episcopal Church and encouraged others to attend. The presentation will be moved to different locations while on display.

Mayor Pro-tem Dora thanked staff for coming up with the funds to bring back city-wide sidewalk clearing and encouraged residents not to plow/shovel additional snow onto sidewalks.

Council Member Fritz thanked the Department of Public Works for their hard work on snow removal and emergency maintenance.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

### **CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Dora**, to enter Closed Session at 9:13 p.m. to consider a confidential legal opinion, pursuant to 15.268 Closed Sessions; permissible purposes, Sec. 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

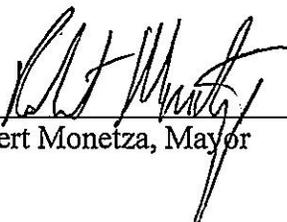
Roll Call Vote:  
**This motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to exit Closed Session at 9:53 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:  
**This motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

  
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Robert Monetza, Mayor

  
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Maria Boersma, City Clerk

Attachment A

To: Ashley Latsch, City Manager  
From: Emily Greene, Finance Director  
CM Date: 02.02.26  
RE: Bills From Payables Warrant

NEW FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	WARRANT 01.21.26	ACH WARRANT 01.28.26	WARRANT 01.28.26	TOTALS
101	General Fund	\$10,733.67	\$68,741.40	\$49,640.10	\$79,475.07
151	Cemetary Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
202	Major Street Fund	\$1,790.98	\$14,054.22	\$64,352.80	\$15,845.20
203	Local Street Fund	\$1,790.98	\$4,735.61	\$5,727.94	\$6,526.59
225	Land Acquisition Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
242	Brfd LSRRF TIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
243	Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
244	Econ. Dev. Corp. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245	Downtown TIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
246	GLTIF Spec Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
248	Main St Dist Dev	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
272	UTGO Inf Spec Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
273	LTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274	2015 UTGO Bond Rev	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
276	LightHouse Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
278	Community Land Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
310	Assessment Bond Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
351	Operating Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
352	Brownfield TIF Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
355	GLTIF Debt Serv Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
369	Building Auth Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
372	UTGO Inf Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
373	LTGO Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
374	2015 UTGO Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
384	2020 LTGO Bond - Warber Drain	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
394	Downtown TIF Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
401	Public Improvements Fund	\$0.00	\$114,195.41	\$179,761.34	\$114,195.41
402	Fire Truck Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
403	Brownfield TIF Const	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
404	Downtown TIF Const.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
410	Harbor Island	\$0.00	\$173,359.70	\$0.00	\$173,359.70
455	GI. TIF Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
456	UTGO Inf Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
457	LTGO Bond Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
458	2015 UTGO Bond Inf Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
469	Building Auth. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
508	North Ottawa Rec Authority	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	Sewer Authority Operations	\$3,587.49	\$28,231.76	\$2,911.31	\$31,819.25
509	Sewer Authority SL Force Mn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	Sewer Authority Plant Mod	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-2013 Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-SLPS/Force Main Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-Local Lift Station Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-2018 Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Operating	\$500.52	\$33,288.66	\$54.32	\$33,789.18
510	NOWS Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
535	Housing Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
572	Chinook Pier Rental Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
581	Airpark Fund	\$0.00	\$16,354.98	\$241.40	\$16,354.98
590	City Sewer Fund	\$915.70	\$28,880.14	\$91,635.42	\$29,795.84
591	City Water Fund	\$18.58	\$13,885.68	\$35,823.90	\$13,904.26
594	City Marina Fund	\$94.02	\$5,245.64	\$0.00	\$5,339.66
597	City Boat Launch Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
661	Motorpool Fund	\$235.00	\$7,853.61	\$511.79	\$8,088.61
677	Self Insurance Fund	\$35.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.22
678	OPEB/Retiree Benefits Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
679	Health Benefit Fund	\$91.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91.80
701	Trust & Agency Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
703	Tax Collection Fund	\$0.00	\$100,545.81	\$26,184.24	\$100,545.81
704	Payroll Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$19,793.96	\$609,372.62	\$456,934.56	\$1,086,101.14

\$1,086,101.14 Total Approved Bills  
\$100,672.83 Minus eligible bills for release without prior approval: including Utilit  
\$985,428.31 Retirement, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds

## Attachment B

### CITY OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN

#### PROCLAMATION

##### BLACK HISTORY/AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, it was the late great Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who had a dream of equality, and shared mutual acceptance for true freedom: "And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last. Free at last. Thank God almighty, we are free at last." And so it is that we the City of Grand Haven, Michigan does proudly acknowledge and proclaim that the month of February will henceforth and forever be Black History/African American Heritage month. and

WHEREAS, Grand Haven vows to honor the many achievements and contributions made to our fair city by those citizens who are of African heritage in the areas civic duty, economic growth and success along with contribution to grow and help diversify the overall culture of Grand Haven. and

*WHEREAS, Black history in Grand Haven is not only reflected in national figures and historic movements, but also in the lives of African American residents who have lived, worked, raised families, served our schools, churches, businesses, military, and civic institutions, and whose perseverance and contributions have strengthened the social, cultural, and economic vitality of our community across generations; and*

WHEREAS, in the same manner that Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. proclaimed his great dream for this nation from our nation's capital, we the collective unified body of Grand Haven do proclaim our continued support to the work and goal of that dream from our own City Hall. and

WHEREAS, as our growing city continues to diversify in its cultural make up, it becomes imperative that the City of Grand Haven continues and improves its efforts to educate all members on the culture of our citizens of African descent. We commit to the cultural education and support for our citizens of African descent as we raise awareness, and do the work necessary to rout out all prejudice and discriminatory practices no matter what form they may take. and

WHEREAS, now comes the time that the City Council of Grand Haven calls on its great citizenry to come together hand and hand as Dr. King envisioned, extending the hand of brotherhood and friendship, embracing with love and dignity the citizens in our city of African heritage. As we commit to the dream of all people, regardless of color or creed truly being free at last. And

WHEREAS, in the celebrating of Black History/African American Heritage month we are committed to the support and provision of advocacy for all citizens of African descent, so that it may serve as an opportunity to strengthen the internal alliance of this city with all its citizens equally, as we foster mutual acceptance for all.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Haven does hereby proclaim that, the month of February is now and henceforth be acknowledged as Black History/African American Heritage month in support of all of those of African heritage who call this City of Grand Haven home.

## Attachment C

### Bird City Michigan Resolution

- Whereas, birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities, *and*
- Whereas, many citizens recognize and value birds that are residents and those that pass through during their migration seasons, *and*
- Whereas, birds play an important ecological role in our community, controlling insect pests and contributing to pollination and seed dispersal, *and*
- Whereas, birds play an important economic role in our community, attracting tourists and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide, *and*
- Whereas, migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout America, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter homes, *and*
- Whereas, public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation, *and*
- Whereas, since 1993 World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in our communities and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern U.S., *and*
- Whereas, through Bird City, hundreds of thousands of people will observe WMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun, *and*
- Whereas, citizens are enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and are empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to maintaining health bird populations, *and*
- Whereas, sound policies and practices enhancing natural ecosystems and reducing threats to birds also make healthier communities for people, *and*
- Whereas, Bird City is an initiative to build relationships within local communities and guide actions to protect and conserve birds, *and*
- Whereas, the City of Grand Haven finds that it is in the best interest of the community and its residents to show its support for the Bird City initiative.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GRAND HAVEN COUNCIL as follows:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.
2. The City of Grand Haven, by adoption of this Resolution, hereby shows its support of the Bird City initiative.
- 3.

ADOPTED by Council of City of Grand Haven this Second day of February 2026.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_