

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
519 WASHINGTON AVE.  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 21, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Cathy McNally in the City Council Chambers located in Grand Haven City Hall, 519 Washington Ave.

**ROLL CALL**

**City Council**

Present:

Council Members Karen Lowe, Ryan Cummins, Kevin McLaughlin, Mike Fritz, and Mayor Cathy McNally.

Absent:

None

**Others Present**

City Staff Present:

City Manager Patrick McGinnis, Assistant City Manager Ashley Latsch, and City Clerk Kelly M. Beattie,

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**22-039** Motion by Council Member Cummins, seconded by Council Member Fritz to approve the agenda as presented. This Motion carried unanimously.

**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Five members of the public provided public comment:

1. Mike Smith 113 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival, spoke about the special event fees paid by the Coast Guard Festival and expressed concerns that the overall cost incurred by organizations would be problematic if a fee increase is adopted. Smith estimated that holding the festival with the price structure in the proposed updates would result in fees of over \$56,000 for the Coast Guard Festival.
2. Ted Ragg, 20 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., VFW Post 2326, spoke about the services and activities the VFW provides to the community and the ways in which proceeds from Rib Fest benefit local veterans.
3. Mike Baauw, 20 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., VFW Post 2326, spoke in support of the events the VFW holds and the impact the proceeds from the events have on the community.
4. Al Schmidt, 20 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., VFW Post 2326, shared information about support services provided to veterans in the area provided by VFW Post 2326.
5. Daniel Bowers, 18 Washington Ave., Long Road Distillers, spoke on behalf of Long Road Distillers in support of the outdoor dining proposal on Washington Ave.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Housing Next Updates

Ryan Kilpatrick, Executive Director, Ottawa County Housing Next have a presentation to provide an overview of Housing Next activities which included:

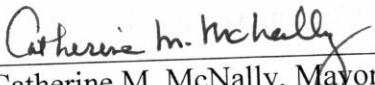
- Specific projects in the City of Grand Haven and Holland Township.
- A comparison of the rental housing needs assessment between 2018 and 2021 for the region.
- A comparison of for-sale housing needs between 2018-2022 and 2021-2025 for the region.
  - Both comparisons utilize many data points, including Census Data, credit card data, economic development data, macro-trends, job creation, age and condition of housing stock.
- Construction prices for various types of housing developments (single family, multifamily, etc.)
- Advocacy for a combination of public policy and philanthropy.

CM Lowe asked for information about where jobs were being created in the region. No response was provided during the work session.

CM Cummins asked if more housing decreased value for existing housing. Kilpatrick stated that diversity of housing type typically stabilizes prices.

## ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor McNally adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. to begin the regular meeting.

  
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Catherine M. McNally, Mayor

  
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Kelly M. Beattie, City Clerk