

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
519 WASHINGTON AVE.
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The April 11, 2022 Special Meeting of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Cathy McNally in the Mackinaw Ballroom of the Grand Haven Community Center, 421 Columbus Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417 .

Present: Council Members Ryan Cummins, Karen Lowe Mike Fritz, and Mayor Cathy McNally.

Absent*: Council Member Kevin McLaughlin

Others Present: Director of Public Safety Jeff Hawke, Facilities Manager Todd Brand, Public Safety Lieutenant Lee Adams, Public Safety Lieutenant Joe Boyle, Director of Public Works Derek, Streets and Utilities Manager Matt Wade, Main Street/DDA Executive Director Jeremy Swiftney, Deputy Treasurer Nick Brown, Interim Finance Director Emily Greene, Assistant City Manager Ashley Latsch, City Manager Pat McGinnis, City Clerk Kelly Beattie, Wastewater Plant Superintendent Ryan Vredeveld, Water Filtration Manager Eric Law.

* The absence of Council Member McLaughlin was planned as part of a known vacation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ryan Cotton, 115 Park Ave, presented information on the Community Energy Plan and requested the inclusion of the budget the amounts of 50,000 for expenditures, 25,000 for revenue.
2. Jim Hagen, 400 Lake Ave., spoke in support of the City collecting parking fees and shared numbers from the FBI uniform crime report to compare the number of police officers in Grand Haven to other similarly sized municipalities with less tourism.
3. Nancy O'Neill 216 S 2nd St., spoke in support of the community sustainability plan.
4. Lynn Negen, MACKite, 106 Washington, spoke in opposition to paid parking, adding that the study suggested a process that is not being followed step-by-step. Negen has studies she would be willing to share.
5. Josh Brugger, 626 Slayton, spoke in support of any actions that will keep property taxes down, including paid parking.

NEW BUSINESS

22-142 A motion was made by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Cummins to approve a resolution to extend a temporary moratorium to May 23, 2022, last authorized by action of the City Council on December 20, 2021, on acceptance of new lot split applications for residential lots in the S, E, OT, and NMU zoning districts and new two unit dwelling applications in the S, E, OT, and OS zoning districts unless the applicant proposes to divide an existing single-family dwelling into a two-unit dwelling. This motion carried with four members voting in favor and one member absent. Yes: Lowe, Cummins, Fritz, McNally. Absent: McLaughlin.

DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS

Pat McGinnis gave a short presentation on budgetary topics, including:

- Taxable Values History
- Difference in Homestead Property Breakdown vs no homestead
- General Fund Revenues by Type
- Current Property Taxes
- Expenditures by type
- Debt Information
- ARPA Funds

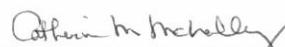
The City Council reviewed and discussed the proposed budget.

Key points from this discussion included:

- Additional information regarding paid parking options was requested. Members in attendance were split on including paid parking in the budget; there did not seem to be majority support of those in attendance for the inclusion of this item in the budget.
- The capital plan has major expenses that required additional information, including significant costs for some DPW and DPS vehicles, HVAC systems, and DPS equipment.
- The budget includes a 3.3 % COLA for employees and associated costs, e.g. a proportional increase in MERS employer contributions.
- MERS Defined Benefit Expenditures should not reflect poorly on management, but the increase in cost of funding a DB plan eats into the available resources to deliver services. The City Council is considering closing the defined benefits plan to new hires.
- The budget this year is leaner, because of an appropriation proposal that would allow the City Manager and Finance Director to reallocate money within funds.
- Discussions on the elimination of the neighborhood housing department included the budgetary increase over the years and a soft commitment to try to find ways to provide housing services.
- Discussion on the future of revenue from Grand Landing.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McNally adjourned the special meeting at 8:26 p.m.



Catherine M. McNally, Mayor



Kelly M. Beattie, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
Ottawa County, Michigan**

Council member Fritz, supported by Council member Cummins, moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 22-142

A RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE A REVISED MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF LOT SPLIT APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL LOTS IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TWO-UNIT DWELLINGS IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS UNLESS THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO DIVIDE AN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING INTO A TWO-UNIT DWELLING

WHEREAS, the City Council passed a temporary moratorium on December 20, 2021 on accepting new lot split applications in certain zoning districts, and on accepting new applications for two-unit dwellings unless the applicant proposes to divide an existing single-family dwelling into a two-unit dwelling in certain zoning districts to allow further study and consideration; and

WHEREAS, the temporary moratorium expires on April 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2022 the Planning Commission recommended approval of several text amendments which fully address the concerns covered by the temporary moratorium; and

WHEREAS, the City Council will consider an introductory resolution to adopt the text amendments on April 25, 2022 and an anticipated final resolution on May 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the text amendment ordinance would take effect 20 days after adoption, which is anticipated to be May 22, 2022 at which time the current moratorium will have expired.

Now, therefore, the City Council resolves as follows:

- A. Beginning on the date of this resolution and continuing until May 23, 2022, the City shall not accept any new lot split applications for residential lots in the S, E, OT, and NMU zoning districts. All substantially complete applications that are already on file with the City shall be processed in the customary manner.
- B. Beginning on the date of this resolution and continuing until May 23, 2022, the City shall not accept any new applications for two-unit dwellings in the S, E, OT, and OS districts other than those that propose to divide an existing single-family dwelling into a two-unit dwelling.
- C. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

Yea: Council member: Lowe, Cummins, Fritz, and Mayor McNally

Nay: Council member: None

Abstain: Council member: None

Absent: Council member: McLaughlin

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

