

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
519 WASHINGTON AVE.  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**The May 2, 2022 regular meeting of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Cathy McNally in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 519 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, MI**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** City Manager Patrick McGinnis; City Clerk Kelly M. Beattie; Community Affairs Manager Char Seise; Main Street/DDA Executive Director Jeremy Swiftney; and Interim Finance Director Emily Greene.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Ron Heiler, Church of the Nazarene, provided an invocation; following this, Mayor McNally led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**The Mayor opened the Public Hearing regarding the proposed budget, millage rates, 1% tax administration fee, fee schedule and capital improvement plan for the City of Grand Haven fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 for the Budget at 7:36 p.m.**

1. Jim Hagen, 400 Lake Ave., spoke about the about the airport expenditures listed in the proposed capital plan. Hagen supports other uses of the land that would allow for the taxation of the land, also noting that there is a nearby airport in Norton Shores.

**There being no additional members of the public wishing to speak at the public hearing, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.**

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET**

CM Lowe recommended reviewing and adjusting the fee schedule to use at least a 2x salary multiplier for fee schedule items.

CM Lowe asked if there were any changes since the budget work session. Pat McGinnis responded:

- Paid Parking Revenue Removed (\$300,000)
- Added professional development back into some department budgets
- Added \$25,000 as a placeholder for an energy plan

CM Lowe asked if plans to close the pension were included in this budget. McGinnis responded that those costs are not included in this budget.

CM Cummins asked if the projected budget was adjusted following the work session. Greene and McGinnis responded that the projected budget had not changed since it was last presented.

CM Cummins also stated he was surprised that closing the pension plan was not included in this budget and expressed concerns about the projected and budgeted net losses in assets that would significantly deplete the fund balance.

CM McLaughlin spoke in support of providing suggestions for revenue to balance a budget without paid parking. McLaughlin suggested waterfront parking (Chinook Pier to the City Beach) CM Lowe responded that paid parking did not appear in the budget as a revenue, because costs to implement was not provided as a cost.

CM Fritz spoke in support of the proposed budget, attesting that deficit budgets do not typically result in actual significant losses. Fritz also spoke in support of providing services and utilizing money rather than simply saving money. CM McLaughlin responded that deficit budgets are not sustainable. McLaughlin added that at a certain point a moratorium would need to be placed on hiring, raises, and capital improvements until budgetary shortfalls are resolved.

Mayor McNally suggested an additional work session. McGinnis suggested a Revenue/Expenditure work session, and committed to coordinating with staff to make this happen in the near future.

CM Lowe provided clarification on the different expenses related to closing the defined benefit plan. McGinnis responded that conversion would be about \$600,000 according to MERS and the cost to closing the plan starts low, but climbs over the years, but he did not have the projections readily available at the moment.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS**

**22-183 Motion by Council Member Cummins, seconded by Council Member**

**McLaughlin to approve the consent and regular agendas.** This motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote, with all five members voting yes.

#### **FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE**

1. Ashley VanderPloeg, 100 Washington Ave., spoke in support of improving parking for downtown residents that would allow downtown residents to leave their cars in one location near their residences.
2. Jim Hagen, 400 Lake Ave., suggested an increased cost for stadium rentals that include alcohol sales.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**22-184 Motion by Council Member Cummins, second by Council Member**

**McLaughlin to approve the Consent Agenda.** This motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote, with all five members voting yes.

**22-185 Motion by Council Member Cummins, second by Council Member McLaughlin to approve the City Council Minutes from special meeting held on April 18, 2022, regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2022 and corrected minutes of March 7, 2022.** This motion passed as part of the consent agenda.

**22-186 Motion by Council Member Cummins, second by Council Member McLaughlin to approve the bills memo in the amount of \$393,166.85.** This motion passed as part of the consent agenda.

**22-187 Motion by Council Member Cummins, second by Council Member McLaughlin to approve a resolution to declare May 15–21, 2022 as, “National Public Works Week” in the City of Grand Haven.** This motion passed as part of the consent agenda.

**22-188 Motion by Council Member Cummins, seconded by Council Member McLaughlin to approve the recurring special event application to hold the Rotary “D’Vine” event on Thursday, June 30, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. under the Chinook Pier Canopy and Parking Lot and to allow amplified sound and consumption of alcohol.** This motion passed as part of the consent agenda.

**22-189 Motion by Council Member Cummins, second by Council Member McLaughlin to approve a request to update the existing liquor license at Lucy’s Market, Inc., located at 133 Columbus Avenue, Grand Haven, MI, from a Tavern Liquor License to a Class C Liquor License that would allow the inclusion of the sale of spirits at this location.** This motion passed as part of the consent agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**22-190 Motion by Council Member McLaughlin, seconded by Council Member Cummins to approve a requests from Stanz Café, JW’s Food and Spirits, and Grand Haven Elks for expanded outdoor seating on public property from May 16 to October 31, 2022.** This motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote, with no members absent and all five members voting yes.

Mayor McNally asked if there was any interest in looking at reduced fees for nonprofits requesting expanding outdoor seating on public property.

- CM Fritz and CM Lowe said they would be interested in looking at this in the future, no members of the City Council voiced any objections.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**22-191 Motion by Council Member McLaughlin, seconded by Council Member Cummins to adopt a final resolution to amend Section 40-411.02.D, Section 40-411.02.G, Section 40-411.03 and Figure 4-14 of the Grand Haven Zoning Ordinance to amend the side yard setback and number of stories for nonresidential uses in the NMU, Neighborhood Mixed Use District.** This motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote, with no members absent and all five members voting yes.

**22-192 Motion by Council Member McLaughlin, seconded by Council Member Cummins to adopt a final resolution to amend Section 40-402.01, Section 40-402.02, Section 40-408.02.C, Section 40-409.02, Section 40-410.02, Section 40-411.02.C, Section 40-411.02.E, Section 40-412.02, Figures 4-9, 4-10, 4-11, 4-13, 4-15a, and 4-16 of the Grand Haven Zoning Ordinance to increase lot width, lot area, and side yard setbacks in the S, E, OT, NMU AND OS Districts and to require a special land use permit for two unit dwellings in the E, OT, and OS Districts.** This motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote, with no members absent and all five members voting yes.

**AMENDED** Motion by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member McLaughlin to approve the new special event application, "Digitally Visual Music Entertainment," to be held at Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium, on Saturdays, up to six times throughout the summer on the following dates, May 11, 21, 28; July 11, 23; and September 10, and to allow amplified sound.

**22-193 Motion by Council Member Lowe, seconded by Council Member Fritz to amend the resolution to: a resolution to approve the new special event application, "Digitally Visual Music Entertainment," to be held at Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium, on Saturdays, up to three times throughout the summer on the following dates: July 9, 23; and September 10. And to allow amplified sound, waive rental fees, and set the electric use fee to \$100 per day for this event.** This motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote, with no members absent and all five members voting yes.

**22-194 Motion by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member McLaughlin to approve the new special event application, "Digitally Visual Music Entertainment," to be held at Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium, on Saturdays, up to three times throughout the summer on the following dates: July 9, 23; and September 10. And to allow amplified sound, waive rental fees, and set the electric use fee to \$100 per day for this event.** This motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote, with no members absent and all five members voting yes.

At the invitation of the City Council, J.C. Stewart, the applicant, introduced himself and provided details on his application. Stewart envisions this event as an opportunity to donate his time in support of Grand Haven area businesses.

Mayor McNally asked for clarification on what an event looks like. Stewart responded that a four-hour block was selected at night to allow other groups to use during the morning. As an example a dance event might include an hour lesson free or a trivia event might include prizes donated from local businesses.

CM Fritz spoke in support of the benefit this will provide to the community, and asked if any other events conflict with July 9. Chair Seise responded that July 9 has no conflicts.

Mayor McNally asked if Stewart had begun reaching out to businesses. Stewart started he spoke to a few businesses, but wanted to wait until approval before seeking new partners.

### **Report by City Council**

CM Fritz reported on the Arbor Day tree planting with students from Griffin and Mary A. White Elementary Schools. Fritz also reported on the turnout for the WAWL event at D. Baker & Son Lumber Company, an event with good turnout and included the opportunity for Council Member Fritz to speak with many members of the community. Fritz also asked about possible revenue opportunities from leasing the City's broadcasting tower. Fritz concluded by reporting that there are remaining holes from fiber install and by thanking DPW for their work filling potholes around town.

### **City Manager Report**

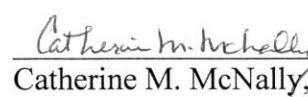
McGinnis thanked the City Council for the proclamation for public works week. McGinnis also reported on the Arbor Day tree planting with students from Griffin and Mary A. White Elementary Schools.

### **Second Call to the Audience**

Ron Streng, 607 Oakridge Ct., spoke in support of issuing parking permits with greater flexibility for downtown residents.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor McNally adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

  
Catherine M. McNally, Mayor

  
Anna Darwin, Deputy City Clerk



## PRIDE MONTH PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** the Grand Haven, Michigan City Council recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2022 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) "Pride Month" throughout the City of Grand Haven; and

**WHEREAS** all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. LGBTQ individuals have had immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic and economic successes of our country; and

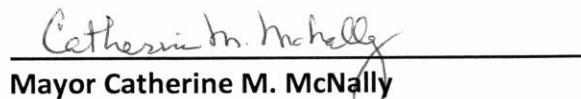
**WHEREAS** the City of Grand Haven is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for LGBTQ people in our diverse community; and

**WHEREAS** while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

**WHEREAS** this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the City Council calls upon the people of this municipality to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

**WHEREAS** celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for Grand Haven's LGBTQ community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Grand Haven City Council hereby proclaims the month of June 2022 as Pride Month in support of the LGBTQ community and directs that the rainbow symbol with the word "Pride" be placed on the City Welcome sign at Washington Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street as a visible representation of the City's support.

  
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**Mayor Catherine M. McNally**