

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 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, Assistant City Manager Dana Kollewehr, Finance Director Emily Greene, Public Safety Director Nichole Hudson, and Public Works Director Michael England.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS**

Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve the agendas as presented.

**26-091** Council Member **Kallio** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to amend the agendas by moving Consent Agenda Items D and E to New Business C and D.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**26-092** Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve the agendas as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE**

**Cecil Bradshaw, 31 Sherman:** Commented on Diesel Plant Redevelopment Project.

**Cathy Krammer, 523 Nathan's Way:** Commented on the quality of the sidewalks in the city.

**Lita Bazuin, Human Relations Commission Member:** Encouraged people to attend the Mosaics for Mental Health event on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### PRESENTATION

Gand Haven Area Public Schools Superintendent, Kristin Perkowski, presented on the district's recently adopted Facilities Master Plan. The plan would retain five of the current elementary schools, convert White Pines and Griffin into a new combined Grades 5-8 campus, make career readiness upgrades to the High School campus, and renovate the current Lakeshore Middle School building. The plan is divided into multiple phases. The district is considering placing a bond for Phase 1 on the November 2026 ballot. Phase 1 includes significant upgrades to three elementary schools: Ferry, Peach Planes, and Rosy Mound. Phase 1 also includes the purchase of new buses, technology upgrades, and the purchase of musical instruments.

Public Safety Director Nichole Hudson presented the Heart Safe Community Proclamation.

Mayor Monetza presented the National Public Works Week Proclamation.

### CONSENT AGENDA.

**26-093** Approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2026.

**26-094** Approve the Special Joint City Council/Board of Light and Power Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2026.

**26-095** Approve the bill's memo in the amount of \$1,302,660.49. **Attachment A**

**26-096** Approve Task Order 033, Task 042, North Channel CCR Removal Project with HDR of Michigan in the not-to-exceed amount of \$22,162.00, contingent upon approval from the Board of Light and Power.

**26-097** Approve the Heart Safe Community Proclamation. **Attachment B**

**26-098** Approve the National Public Works Week Proclamation. **Attachment C**

Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**26-099** Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to approve a Michigan Grant in Aid Program Boating Access Site Development Project Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Flahive Boating Access Site Project.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**26-100** Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Dora**, to approve the Grand Haven Area Water and Sewer Extension Agreement with Grand Haven Charter Township.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**26-101** Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to approve the proposed FY 2026-2027 budget, millage rates, 1% tax administration fee, fee schedule, and capital plan for the City of Grand Haven fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Fritz moved, seconded by Council Member Kallio, to direct the City Treasurer to issue FY 2025-2026 snowmelt invoices in the total amount of \$114,016.94 to the applicable downtown snowmelt customers as designated on the Annual Snowmelt Billing 2026 list.

**26-102** Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to postpone the motion until the next City Council Meeting and after staff comes up with an alternative distribution of cost for the FY 2025-2026 snowmelt billing and all future snowmelt billings.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

### REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Fritz shared that the Kite Festival was a fantastic event, and the Pub Crawl was busy.

Council Member Lyon thanked all the Military Service Men and Women ahead of Memorial Day.

Mayor Pro-tem Dora thanked all of the Military Service Members and shared that he is looking forward to all the scheduled events for the upcoming summer.

Council Member Kallio thanked all of the Military Service Members.

Mayor Monetza encouraged everyone to attend the Memorial Day Parade and the Ceremony hosted at the Waterfront Stadium. Mayor Monetza attended the Building Michigan Communities Conference and shared that the conference had good information, and he hopes to see them present locally in the future.

### CITY MANAGER REPORT

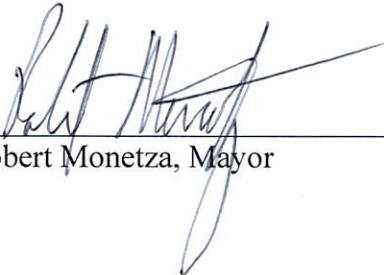
City Manager Ashley Latsch thanked the Finance Staff and City Council for their work creating and passing the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget and thanked the Public Works staff for their work on prepping the city for the summer and other seasonal projects.

### CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY

**Matthew Braginton, Caretaker for the Pere Marquette Locomotive:** Commented on resources for repainting the locomotive.


### ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 8:53 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 *EGA*  
CM Date:  
RE: Bills From Payables Warrant

05.18.26

FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	WARRANT 05.06.26	ACH WARRANT 05.13.26	WARRANT 05.13.26	CREDIT CARD WARRANT 05.12.26	TOTALS
101	General Fund	\$22,082.00	\$44,945.02	\$63,225.56	\$12,816.55	\$143,069.13
151	Cemetery Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
202	Major Street Fund	\$1,752.02	\$2,457.60	\$83.48	\$765.10	\$5,058.20
203	Local Street Fund	\$416.52	\$429.95	\$83.47	\$765.09	\$1,695.03
235	Public Safety Millage Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
242	Brfd LBRF TIF Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
243	Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
244	Economic Development Corp Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245	Downtown TIF Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
246	Brownfield TIF GL Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
248	Grand Haven Main Street DDA Fund	\$126.82	\$596.00	\$2,582.72	\$2,124.19	\$5,429.73
272	2008/17 UTGO Inf Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
273	2014 LTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274	2015 UTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
276	LightHouse Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
278	Community Land Trust Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
352	Brownfield TIF Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
372	2008/17 UTGO Inf Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
373	2014 LTGO Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
374	2015 UTGO Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
375	Public Safety Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
384	2020 LTGO Bond - Warber Drain Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
394	Downtown TIF Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
401	Public Improvements Fund	\$0.00	\$23,694.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,694.00
402	Fire Truck Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
410	Harbor Island Remediation Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$380.09	\$380.09
435	Public Safety Capital Project Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
456	2008/17 UTGO Inf Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
457	2014 LTGO Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
458	2015 UTGO Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
508	North Ottawa Recreation Authority	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$817.52	\$817.52
509	Sewer Authority Operating	\$5,480.52	\$793,817.64	\$0.00	\$365.91	\$799,664.07
509	Sewer Authority SL Force Main	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	Sewer Authority Plant Mod	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-2013 Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-SLPS/Force Main Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-Local Lift Station Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-2018 Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Operating	\$8,713.35	\$1,267.13	\$8,568.36	\$341.64	\$18,890.48
510	NOWS Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
581	Airport Fund	\$65.18	\$187.83	\$217.17	\$0.00	\$470.18
590	City Sewer Fund	\$770.30	\$226,656.07	\$1,786.57	\$0.00	\$229,212.94
591	City Water Fund	\$3,817.63	\$8,094.44	\$9,921.66	\$0.00	\$21,833.73
594	Marina Fund	\$4,852.09	\$7,700.97	\$4,814.83	\$2,703.18	\$20,071.07
597	Boat Launch Fund	\$40.01	\$13.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53.33
661	Motor Pool Fund	\$1,994.40	\$28,520.86	\$530.87	\$186.60	\$31,232.73
677	Self Insurance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
678	OPEB/Retiree Benefits Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$88.26	\$0.00	\$88.26
679	Health Benefits Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
701	Trust & Agency Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
703	Tax Collection Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
704	Payroll Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$50,110.84	\$1,139,360.83	\$91,902.95	\$21,265.87	\$1,302,660.49

\$1,302,660.49 Total Approved Bills  
\$88.26 Minus eligible bills for release without prior approval: including Utility,  
\$1,302,572.23 Retirement, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds

**Attachment B**

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN PROCLAMATION  
Recognizing and Supporting HEARTSafe Community  
Designation**

WHEREAS, sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in the United States, affecting more than 350,000 individuals annually outside of hospitals, and survival depends greatly on immediate intervention including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs);

WHEREAS, the likelihood of survival decreases significantly with each minute that passes without CPR or defibrillation, making rapid community response critical to saving lives;

WHEREAS, HEARTSafe Community initiatives promote a coordinated, community-wide approach to improving cardiac arrest survival through widespread CPR training, public access to AEDs, and the implementation of advanced emergency response practices;

WHEREAS, these initiatives encourage collaboration among local government, emergency medical services, fire and police departments, healthcare providers, schools, businesses, and community organizations to strengthen the "chain of survival" and improve outcomes for residents;

WHEREAS, establishing a HEARTSafe Community reflects a commitment to public health, safety, preparedness, and resilience, ensuring that residents and visitors alike are better protected in the event of a cardiac emergency;

WHEREAS, communities that adopt HEARTSafe standards demonstrate leadership in preventative health, emergency readiness, and community engagement, serving as models for others seeking to reduce preventable deaths;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Haven hereby recognizes and supports the pursuit of designation as a HEARTSafe Community and commits to fostering partnerships, increasing awareness, expanding CPR and AED training, and strengthening emergency response systems to protect the lives of its residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this proclamation is adopted this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026. \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor, City of  
Grand Haven

Attachment C

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Grand Haven; and,

**WHEREAS**, these infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment, solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in Grand Haven to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction are vitally dependent upon the efforts and skills of public works officials, and;

**WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the 66<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association, be it now.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert Monetza, Mayor of the City of Grand Haven, do hereby proclaim the week May 17–23, 2026 as National Public Works Week; I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** under my signature and Seal of the City of Grand Haven, State of Michigan, this 18th, day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-six.

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Robert Monetza, Mayor