

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024**

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, Karen Lowe, Kevin McLaughlin, Ryan Cummins, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** City Manager Ashley Latsch, City Clerk Maria Boersma, City Attorney Ron Bultje, Assistant City Manager Tim Price, Finance Director Emily Greene, City Planner Brian Urquhart, and Special Events/Project Manager Dana Kollewehr.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Reverend Art Van Wolde, First CRC of Grand Haven.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

**24-102** Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lowe** to appoint the following:

**Reappointments**

Tyler Berg, Zoning Board of Appeals, Term July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026.

**Appointments**

Rick Norton, Zoning Board of Appeals, Term end June 30, 2026.

Jane Riddle, Musical Fountain Committee, Term end June 30, 2027.

Emily Greene, Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Term end March 31, 2030.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS**

**24-103** Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lowe** to eliminate agenda item 11 A and approve the agendas as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

## FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE

**Jeffrey Miller, 1120 S Harbor Dr:** Commented on the Mayoral Pride Month Proclamation.

**Rich Clapp, Airport Board Member:** Commented on deer at the Grand Haven Airport.

**Dennis Scott, 1530 Waverly, Cemetery Board Member:** Commented on the appearance of Lake Forest Cemetery.

**Kevin McGraw, Peerless Apartments:** Commented on the assessment for Peerless Flats Apartments.

**Jerry, 612 Pennoyer:** Commented on the assessment for Peerless Flats Apartments.

**Hayley Barton, Spring Lake:** Commented on the Grand Haven Pride Festival.

**John Scheid, Allendale:** Commented on the Mayoral Pride Month Proclamation.

**Will Dickinson, 116 Howard:** Thanked the Council of their support of Pride Month and Pride Festival.

**Oliver Shampine:** Thanked the Council of their support of Pride Month and Pride Festival, and commented on the agenda item to consider covering legal fees for Council Member Ryan Cummins.

**Mac Davis, 209 S Third St:** Commented on the Grand Haven Pride Festival.

**Chris Williams, Grand Haven Township:** Commented on the Grand Haven Pride Festival and the Mayoral Pride Month Proclamation.

**Matt Haden, Township Resident:** Commented on using Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium for an International Day of Yoga.

**Dave Bernowski, Port Sheldon Township:** Commented on the Grand Haven Pride Festival.

**Jared Crammer, St. John's Episcopal Church:** Commented on the Grand Haven Pride Festival and the Mayoral Pride Month Proclamation.

## PRESENTATION

Jerry Troke, Chairperson of the Musical Fountain Committee gave a “State of the Fountain” address. Chair Troke discussed fountain upgrades, garage upgrades, the expansion of the music library, and the campaign to increase and train the number of Fountain Choreographers.

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Mayor Monetza presented the June 2024 Pride Month Proclamation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**24-104** Approve the bills memo in the amount of \$916,303.49 **Attachment A**

**24-105** Approve a resolution to direct the City Treasurer to issue FY2023/24 snowmelt invoices in the total amount of \$84,673.35 to the applicable downtown snowmelt customers as designated on the Annual Snowmelt Billing 2024 list provided.

**24-106** Approve a special event request to hold the DDA Summer Author Series, Mondays from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., June 3, 2024, through August 26, 2024, in the first block common area of Washington Avenue, including August 19<sup>th</sup> at Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

**24-107** Approve a special event request to hold the Waterfront Pavilion Yoga on Friday, June 21, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium.

**24-108** Approve a special event request to hold the NORA Kids Series, Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., from June 4, 2024 through August 26, 2024 in the first block common area of Washington Avenue, except for July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**24-109** Approve a resolution recognizing and proclaiming the month of June 2024 as Pride Month. **Attachment B**

**24-110** Approve a traffic control order to install a yield sign and pavement markings at the intersection of South Seventh and Cutler Street.

**24-111** Approve a temporary use permit application for picnic tables and chairs located at 233 Washington Ave (Sherwood Forest) from May 22, 2024, to October 15, 2024.

**24-112** Approve a sound ordinance waiver between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 10, 2024, for the Schumacher wedding at 19627 North Shore Drive.

**24-113** Approve a resolution supporting the Michigan Maritime and Port Facility Assistance Grant Program Application by Verplank Dock Company.

Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Cummins** to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS.**

**24-114** Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded by Council Member **McLaughlin** to approve a resolution to approve the proposed FY2024-25 budget, millage rates, 1% tax administration fee, Capital Plan, and Fee Schedule for the City of Grand Haven fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded by Council Member **McLaughlin** to provide litigation defense for a lawsuit filed against Ryan Cummins by David R. Walters.

**24-115** Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded by Council Member **McLaughlin** to amend the motion to add; “effective after Ryan Cummins is officially served, and the choice of defense council will be mutually agreeable to Ryan Cummins and City Administration”.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Lowe, McLaughlin, Monetza.

Nays: Fritz.

Abstain: Cummins.

**This motion carried.**

**24-116** Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded by Council Member **McLaughlin** to provide litigation defense for a lawsuit filed against Ryan Cummins by David R. Walters, effective after Ryan Cummins is officially served, and the choice of defense council will be mutually agreeable to Ryan Cummins and City Administration.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Lowe, McLaughlin, Monetza.

Nays: Fritz.

Abstain: Cummins.

**This motion carried.**

**REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member **McLaughlin** shared it was a great weekend between Jeep Fest and the Kite Festival.

Council Member **Fritz** shared the Open House for the Department of Public Works was a great showcase of the department and their equipment.

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Mayor Monetza reminded everyone Memorial Day is next Monday and to support the Memorial Service and Parade, and the First block of Washington will be closing this week for the Social District and Outdoor Dinning. This year there will be several events and activities in the First Block throughout the summer.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Latsch shared City Administration is presenting RFP's for Chinook Pier to various stakeholders in the community. The Schedule is posted on the City Website.

**CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY**

**Jeffrey Miller, 1120 S Harbor Dr:** Asked Administration for information on RFP's for Chinook Pier.

**Dave Barnowski:** Shared information on the Ottawa County Conservation District.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

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Robert Monetza, Mayor

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Maria Boersma

Maria Boersma, City Clerk

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Attachment A

To: Ashley Latsch, City Manager  
 From: Emily Greene, Finance Director  
 CM Date: 05.20.24 *PL*  
 RE: Bills From Payables Warrant

NEW FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	WARRANT 05.08.24	ACH WARRANT 05.15.24	WARRANT 05.15.24	CREDIT CARD WARRANT 05.14.24	TOTALS
101	General Fund	\$112,642.38	\$27,127.84	\$40,894.49	\$7,374.28	\$188,038.99
151	Cemetery Fund	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
202	Major Street Fund	\$14,583.77	\$32,627.13	\$869.40	\$31.76	\$48,132.06
203	Local Street Fund	\$10,755.07	\$1,693.12	\$0.00	\$31.75	\$12,479.94
225	Land Acquisition Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
242	Brd LSRRF TIF	\$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	Econ. Dev. Corp. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245	Downtown TIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
246	GLTIF Spec Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
248	Main St Dist. Dev	\$490.40	\$18.95	\$437.76	\$2,152.92	\$3,100.03
272	UTGO Inf Spec Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
273	LTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274	2015 UTGO Bond Rev	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
276	LightHouse Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,115.00	\$0.00	\$2,115.00
278	Community Land Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
310	Assessment Bond Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
351	Operating Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
352	Brownfield TIF Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
355	GLTIF Debt Serv Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
369	Building Auhl Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
372	UTGO Inf Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
373	LTGO Debt	\$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
384	2020 LTGO Bond - Warber Drain	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
394	Downtown TIF Debt	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
401	Public Improvements Fund	\$3,976.00	\$16,009.65	\$1,081.50	\$0.00	\$21,067.15
402	Fire Truck Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
403	Brownfield TIF Const	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
404	Downtown TIF Const.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
410	Harbor Island	\$0.00	\$67,754.54	\$0.00	\$362.12	\$68,116.66
455	GLTIF Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
456	UTGO Inf Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
457	LTGO Bond Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
458	2015 UTGO Bond Inf Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
469	Building Auhl. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
508	North Ottawa Rec Authority	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,170.06	\$1,170.06
509	Sewer Authority Operallons	\$4,066.80	\$6,359.00	\$1,637.78	\$214.75	\$12,276.33
509	Sewer Authority SL Force Mn	\$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	\$26,917.41	\$2,262.86	\$5,513.82	\$0.00	\$34,694.09
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
535	Housing Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
572	Chinook Pier Rental Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
581	Airpark Fund	\$15,322.60	\$0.00	\$83.57	\$0.00	\$15,406.17
590	City Sewer Fund	\$72,151.87	\$251,837.28	\$1,970.10	\$0.00	\$325,959.25
591	City Water Fund	\$6,589.74	\$32,732.64	\$48,627.31	\$45.98	\$87,995.67
594	City Marina Fund	\$1,110.08	\$193.85	\$221.51	\$505.91	\$2,031.35
597	City Boat Launch Fund	\$1,073.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.74	\$1,096.46
661	Motorpool Fund	\$10,816.57	\$29,542.15	\$3,228.91	\$289.00	\$43,876.63
677	Self Insurance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
678	OPEB/Retiree Benefits Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,612.82	\$0.00	\$46,612.82
679	Health Benefit Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$632.83	\$0.00	\$632.83
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
		\$280,996.41	\$469,159.01	\$153,946.80	\$12,201.27	\$916,303.49

\$916,303.49 Total Approved Bills  
 \$47,245.65 Minus eligible bills for release without prior approval: including Utility,  
 \$689,057.84 Retirement, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds

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Attachment B

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
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PROCLAMATION  
PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, the Grand Haven, Michigan City Council recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2024 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 an immeasurable impact on the cultural, civic, and economic successes of our country; and,

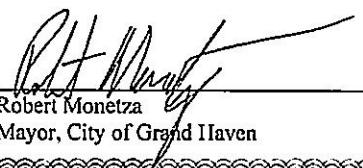
WHEREAS, the City of Grand Haven is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equality for LGBTQ people in our diverse community; and,

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 2024 as Pride Month in support of the LGBTQ community and directs that the rainbow symbol 1 with the word "Pride" be placed on the City Welcome sign at Washington Avenue and 5th Street as a visible representation of the City's support.

  
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Robert Monetza  
Mayor, City of Grand Haven