

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2020**

The Special Work Session of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Monetza.

**Present:** Council Members Mike Dora, Ryan Cummins, Dennis Scott, Mike Fritz, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

**Absent:** None.

**Others Present (City):** City Manager Patrick McGinnis, City Clerk Linda L. Browand, Assistant City Manager Ashley Latsch, Public Safety Director Jeff Hawke, MSDDA Executive Director Jeremy Swiftney, Community Affairs Manager Char Seise, and Community Development Manager Jennifer Howland.

**Others Present (Coast Guard Festival):** Executive Director Commander Mike Smith, Chair Ken Bordua, Ex. Vice Chair Bill Herbst, OP Vice Chairs Kristen Klempel and Tracy Riley, Secretary Dawn Davis, Treasurer Sharon Behm, Past Chair Joni Bennett, Marketing Director Annie Lengkeek, and Carnival Chair Scott Klaassen.

**1. Discussion Regarding 2021 Coast Guard Festival Plan**

Public Safety Director Hawke reviewed a threat analysis and recommendation to re-locate the carnival and have streets remain open. He noted changing the hours would still allow for crowds to gather. With an alternate location there would be a reduced amount of street closures which would occur closer to the time of the fireworks launch. Normal traffic would remain on Washington on Friday night.

Discussion was held regarding alternate locations for the carnival:

- The Festival might be able to utilize some of the private properties in the downtown area in the future but would be unable to do that this year.
- Harbor Island was ruled out due to the distance away from the downtown area and the fact that the ground would not be able to support the weight of the rides.
- The larger rides could remain in the Harborfront Place parking lot and the “kiddie rides” moved to the former Chinook Pier Shops location. There could be a defined entrance and, since it would also be close to the Splash Pad, it would be a safe, family-friendly area.

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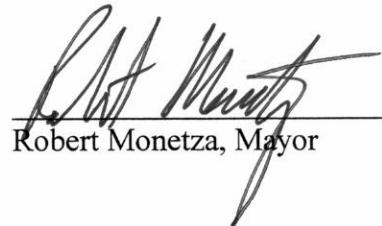
Festival Executive Director Smith stated the next step was to contact the carnival operator for their input. The Department of Public Safety's concerns were valid. A temporary fix for this year needed to be done with a new game plan for the future. He did not want to see the festival as "that festival" where something terrible happened. The carnival should be held safely with some revenue.

The festival this year would be somewhat different but would be somewhat similar to those held in the past.

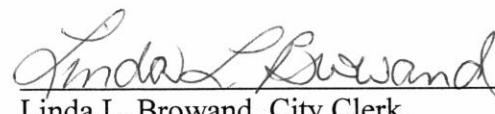
Council planned to hold a special work session on June 21 to discuss the other Coast Guard Festival events.

**2. Adjournment**

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.



Robert Monetza, Mayor



Linda L. Browand, City Clerk