

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021**

The Special Work Session of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 5:01 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 Manager Patrick McGinnis, Administrative Assistant Anna Darwin, Assistant City Manager Ashley Latsch, President of Shape Corp. Tony Verplank, President and CEO of JSJ Nelson Jacobson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary of JSJ Erick Johnson, President of Grasman Investment Group Rick Grasman, General Manager of Shape Corp. Kyle Verplank, Director of Production at West Michigan Molding Kris Wagenmaker, BLP Vice Chairperson Gerald Witherell, BLP Operations and Power Supply Manager Erik Booth, BLP Administrative Services Manager Renee Molyneux, Mark Wolshire representing Utility Financial Services, BLP General Manager Dave Walters, BLP Chairperson Jack Smant, BLP Distribution and Engineering Manager Robert Shelley

1. Discussion with Industrial Leaders Regarding Concerns of Proposed Issuance of Bonds to Support Board of Light and Power Investments on Harbor Island.

Mr. Kyle Verplank read a letter addressed to City Council from area industrial leaders that included questions and concerns about the proposed issuance of bonds to support construction on Harbor Island. (See attached)

A lengthy discussion between Council, BLP, and Industry Leaders ensued along with follow up questions after each question from the letter was asked.

After the discussion, each council member thanked the industry leaders for attending and taking the time to ask their questions.

2. Call to the Audience

Mayor Monetza made a call to the audience, allowing audience members to address Council on any issue.

Mr. Kevin McLaughlin, 407 Ohio Ave, thanked the business community for taking the time to

attend the meeting. He mentioned the petition going around the community and encouraged Council to pause on making a decision.

Mr. Jim Hagen, 400 Lake, wanted to see the economics on having different forms of power plants.

Mr. Brent Clark, Grand Haven resident, thanked Council and BLP for putting the meeting together. He asked Council to take a step back and think about what the bond money was actually going towards.

Mrs. Geri McCaleb, 1235 Slayton Ave, thought that having the peaking plant in Grand Haven was a good idea. She thought another study was not necessary and it would also be difficult to find an independent company to do so.

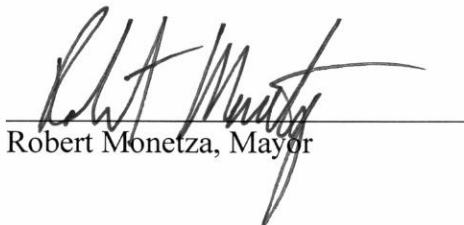
Mr. Jeffery Miller, 1120 S Harbor, asked why Council couldn't put a pause to this process like they did with other projects going on in the City.

Mr. Brendan Thomas, 427 Sand St, was concerned with how much pollution to the climate this plant would emit and stated our community needed to do more for our climate.

Mr. Jon Jellema, 510 Park Ave, thanked the industry leaders and hoped that Council listened very carefully to the questions and answers. He wondered where the community involvement was when this process started years ago.

3. Adjournment

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.



Robert Monetza, Mayor



Anna Darwin, Administrative Assistant