

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021**

The Special Work Session of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:00 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 Manager Patrick McGinnis, Assistant City Manager Ashley Latsch, Public Works Director Derek Gajdos, Community Development Manager Jennifer Howland, Streets and Utilities Manager Matt Wade and Community Affairs Manager Char Seise.

1. 5th & Adams Presentation

- Derek Gajdos, DPW Director

Tony McGhee, with Abonmarche, presented information about the historically high water levels and impacts felt by communities along the lakeshore. McGhee presented three options to resolve the high water impacts in the 5th and Adams neighborhood. Option one being a more permanent capacity fix, creating a storm water management system including a pump station and force main with the cost being \$5.1- \$5.3 million. Option two involves increasing storage capacity through either the acquisition of nearby properties in order to create a retention pond and/or rain garden or the installation of a cistern, with the cost being \$2.5- \$3.75 million. The final option presented was to continue pumping at an annual cost of \$75,000- \$125,000.

Council Member Scott inquired whether the third option would include a backup pump.

McGhee noted that the third option included one pump, but with a backup generator, acknowledging that additional pumps create additional cost.

Public Works Director Gajdos added that the life expectancy of the pumps is roughly 7 to 10 years.

Council Member Dora asked what Abonmarche has experienced with other communities and what actions they are taking to mitigate the high water issues they are experiencing.

McGhee explained that many communities are doing the same thing Grand Haven is or simply waiting it out.

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Council Member Scott asked about potential for grant funding.

McGhee confirmed they are watching for opportunities, especially with additional federal funding on the horizon.

2. Adjournment

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



Robert Monetza, Mayor

Ashley Latsch, Assistant City Manager