

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Catherine M. McNally in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 519 Washington Ave.

Present: Council Members Mike Fritz, Karen Lowe, Kevin McLaughlin, Mayor Pro-tem Ryan Cummins, and Mayor Catherine McNally.

Absent:

Others Present: City Manager Ashley Latsch, City Clerk Maria Boersma, City Attorney Ron Bultje, Assistant City Manager Tim Price, Department of Public Works Director Derek Gajdos, Finance director Emily Greene, Streets and Utilities Manager Matt Wade, and City Planner Brian Urquhart.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Emmett Brown, Trinity Reformed Church of Grand Haven.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

23-227 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Cummins** to appoint Meredith Jackson to the Main Street Downtown Development Authority with a term end of June 30, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Fritz, McNally.

Nays: Cummins, Lowe, McLaughlin.

This motion failed.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS

23-228 Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded by Council Member **McLaughlin** to approve the agendas as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE

Meredith Jackson, 12 Washington: Commented on MSDDA appointment.

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Jeffrey Miller, 1120 Harbor Dr: Commented on BLP insert included with the latest bills in regards to the proposed charter amendment.

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake: Commented on draft economic incentive policy.

Dave Barnowski, Port Sheldon Township: Commented on Ottawa County Commissioners.

Todd Crum, 415 Sandpiper: Commented on Diesel Plant property.

Mike Westbrook, Board of Light and Power Chairperson: Commented on the proposed charter amendment.

Richard Clapp, 217 Grand Ave: Commented on city officials and staff participating in political campaigns.

Jeannie Sherman, 421 Sand Dr: Commented on the Diesel Plant proposed OPRA district.

Brandon Hall, Lansing area resident: Commented on Pride Festival, and a soon to be proposed “pole artist” event.

PRESENTATIONS

Department of Public Works Director gave an update on the Forest Management Plan and tree canopy threats. Recommendations for action include a possible invasive species ordinance, fundraising for years to come until the diseases and invasive species are contained, treatment of trees, isolation of trees, and clean-up of the forests.

CONSENT AGENDA

23-229 Approve the bills memo in the amount of \$2,468,289.61.

Attachment A

23-230 Approve Change Order 001 to Task Order 003 with HDR to conduct Coal Combustible Residual compliance requirements through December 31, 2024, in the not to exceed amount \$426,775 to be reimbursed by the Board of Light and Power and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

23-231 Approve a resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15 throughout the City of Grand Haven.

Attachment B

23-232 Ratify the MPPA Energy Services Project Amended and Restated Power Purchase Commitment Authorization relating to MPPA’s Calhoun County Solar Project, as approved by the Board of Light and Power.

23-233 Approve the State of Michigan's MDeal Road Salt Contract for the 2023/2024 winter season with Compass Minerals America, Inc, of Overland, KS, for 750 tons of salt at \$64.91 per ton, delivered, for a total amount of \$48,682.50 and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Council Member **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lowe** to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opens the public hearing regarding the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District at 518 S. Harbor Dr. (70-03-20-399-006) and to establish a finding that it is an obsolete property in an area characterized by obsolete commercial property or commercial housing property pursuant to Section 3(1)a of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (PA 146 of 2000).

City Planner Brian Urquhart introduced the creation of the district as the first step in the process to obtain an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District Tax abatement.

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake: Requested City Council to seek and receive an opinion on whether or not 518 S Harbor Drive qualifies as commercial property.

Brant Cohen from CLRED spoke on the request submitted by CLRED to have the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District created. Mr. Cohen offered to answer any questions from City Council about CLRED's application.

Hearing no further Comment, the Mayor Closed the Public Hearing.

23-234 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lowe** to approve a resolution to establish an Obsolete Rehabilitation District at 518 S. Harbor Dr. (70-03-20-399-006) and to establish a finding that it is an obsolete property in an area characterized by obsolete commercial property or commercial housing property pursuant to Section 3(1)a of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (PA 146 of 2000).

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

23-235 Council Member **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Cummins** to approve an introductory resolution to amend the zoning map, recognizing 626 Columbus Ave. (parcel #70-03-21-353-002) from Old Town (OT) to Neighborhood Mixed-Use (NMU) and within the Centertown Overlay District.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23-236 Council Member **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz** to approve the Easement Agreement for 6 Sherman Avenue between Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) and the City of Grand Haven.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

23-237 Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded by Council member **McLaughlin** to deny an introductory resolution to amend Sec. 40-201.19 of the Zoning Ordinance, amending the definition of Self-Service Storage Facility.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Pro-tem Cummins commented on the record turnout for the Labor Day Bridge Walk and thanked City Manager Latch for her work organizing the event.

Council Member Fritz shared that the Bridge Walk was phenomenal and thanked City manager Latsch and her family for volunteering. Council Member Fritz also congratulated City Manager Latsch on being a finalist for the Athena award.

Council Member McLaughlin shared that the American Dunes Golf Tournament was a successful event.

Mayor McNally Shared the history of the bridge walk as shared by former Mayor and County Commissioner Roger Bergman. Mayor McNally also thanked the Lighthouse Conservancy for the work on the Lighthouse Tours.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

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City Manager Latch reported on a meeting with MDOT in regards to the Airport. MDOT spoke highly of the management of the Airport.

CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY

Dave Barnowski, Port Sheldon Township: Commented on the future proposed event discussed by Brandon Hall during the first public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded by Council Member **McLaughlin**, to enter into Closed Session at 9:49 p.m. to consider an attorney opinion regarding municipal conduct per Michigan Election Law pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

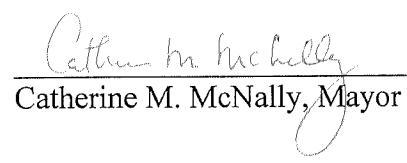
Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Cummins**, to exit Closed Session at 10:55 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor McNally adjourned the meeting at 10:56 p.m.



Catherine M. McNally, Mayor



Maria Boersma, City Clerk

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Attachment A

To: Ashley Latsch, City Manager
 From: Emily Greene, Finance Director
 CM Date: 09.05.23 *JK*
 RE: Bills From Payables Warrant

OLD FUND NUMBER	NEW FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	WARRANT 08.23.23	ACH WARRANT 08.23.23		WARRANT 08.30.23	ACH WARRANT 08.30.23	TOTALS
				WARRANT	WARRANT			
101		General Fund	\$18,054.02	\$32.00	\$81,163.48	\$5,850.55	\$105,100.05	
202		Major Street Fund	\$8,324.69	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$48.01	\$8,447.70	
203		Local Street Fund	\$188.01	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$48.01	\$311.02	
225		Land Acquisition Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
236	248	Main St. Dist. Dev	\$1,538.00	\$0.00	\$30.77	\$0.00	\$1,569.77	
251	244	Econ. Dev. Corp. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
252	243	Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	\$6,238.62	\$52,536.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,775.39	
252	243	BRA Peerless Flats EGLE Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
253	242	Brfd LSRRF TIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
254	245	Downtown TIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
255	246	GLTIF Spec Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
256	272	UTGO Inf Spec Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
257	273	LTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
258	274	2015 UTGO Bond Rev	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
275	535	Housing 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	\$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	
353	394	Downtown 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	
356	372	UTGO Inf Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
357	373	LTGO Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
358	374	2015 UTGO Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
360	384	2020 LTGO Bond - Warber Drain	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
369		Building Auth Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
401		Public Improvements Fund	\$12,255.00	\$0.00	\$3,749.70	\$4,860.00	\$20,864.70	
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$816.00	\$816.00	
455		G/L TIF 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		2016 UTGO Bond Inf Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
469		Building Auth. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
508		North Ottawa Rec Authority	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
581		Airpark Fund	\$407.07	\$0.00	\$12,804.16	\$0.00	\$13,211.23	
582	572	Chinook Pier Rental Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
590		City Sewer Fund	\$8,254.13	\$0.00	\$106,560.78	\$745.56	\$115,560.47	
591		City Water Fund	\$15,871.48	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$997.39	\$16,943.87	
594		City Marina Fund	\$129.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53.15	\$183.14	
597		City Boat Launch Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	
661		Motorpool Fund	\$81,856.78	\$0.00	\$1,644.58	\$585.54	\$84,086.90	
677		Self Insurance Fund	\$58,761.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,761.00	
678		OPEB/Retiree Benefits Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
679		Health Benefit 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	\$1,863,915.01	\$85,369.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,949,284.09	
711	151	Cemetery Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
750	704	Payroll Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
800	509	Sewer Authority Operations	\$6,164.17	\$0.00	\$167.92	\$1,473.40	\$7,805.49	
800	509	Sewer Authority SL Force Mn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
800	509	Sewer Authority Plant Mod	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
800	509	GH/SL SA-2013 Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
800	509	GH/SL SA-SLPS/Force Main Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
800	509	GH/SL SA-Local Lift Station Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
800	509	GH/SL SA-2018 Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
810	510	NOWS Operating	\$4,004.45	\$0.00	\$5,123.57	\$17,170.77	\$26,298.79	
810	510	NOWS Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
810	510	NOWS Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

\$2,085,963.42 \$137,937.85 \$211,469.96 \$32,918.38 \$2,468,289.61

Tonight, City Council will be approving, subject to audit, bills for this period, totaling as follows:

Total Approved Bills

Minus eligible bills for release without prior approval: including Utility, Retirement, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds

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Attachment B

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN**

**PROCLAMATION
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Haven, Michigan's City Council recognizes and proudly proclaims that September 15 through October 15 will be acknowledged and respected as Hispanic Heritage Month throughout the City of Grand Haven, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Haven honors and acknowledges the contributions of our members of the Hispanic community to the growing cultural, civic, and economic success of our city, state and country in invaluable ways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Haven is in unified and in total commitment to the visible support of the dignity and equality for all members of the Hispanic community as part of the Grand Haven Community; and

WHEREAS, even as the Hispanic Community continues to grow and become more intertwined with the overall national community, there lies a need for a cultural education and understanding as well as an awareness for the people of the Hispanic Community so as to rout out any and all discrimination and prejudice that may exist; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Grand Haven now calls upon the people of this fair city to embrace the principles that our nation was founded on in that every person is an individual endowed with infinite dignity, and worth. As such may we take up the mantle to expunge the blight of prejudice and the mar of racism wherever it may exist; and

WHEREAS, in the celebrating of Hispanic Heritage Month we commit to providing support and advocacy for every member of the Hispanic community, and it can serve as an open opportunity for the taking of action while engaging in a dialogue that will serve to strengthen our alliance with the community as we continue to build acceptance as we advance equal rights for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Grand Haven does hereby proclaim that, September 15 through October 15 be acknowledged as Hispanic Heritage Month in support of our members of the Hispanic Community who call Grand Haven home.