

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

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, Erin Lyon, Mayor Pro-tem Mike Dora, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

Absent: Council Member Sarah Kallio.

Others Present: City Manager Ashley Latsch, City Clerk Maria Boersma, Assistant City Manager Dana Kollewehr, Finance Director Emily Greene, Public Works Director Michael England, Project Management Director Derek Gajdos, and Waterfront & Events Manager Brian Jarosz.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NEW APPOINTMENTS

26-189 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to appoint the following:

Robert Sabine, Audit Review Committee, term ending June 30, 2030.

Stephanie Salah, Historic Conservation District Commission, term ending June 30, 2027.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS

26-190 Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve the agendas as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE

Julie Busta, 8 Edwards Ave: Commented on the retaining wall that is scheduled to be repaired at 4 Edwards Ave.

Sarah Lowell, 4 Edwards Ave: Commented on the retaining wall that is scheduled to be repaired at 4 Edwards Ave.

Resident, 1120 S Harbor: Commented on a Special Land Use application that was approved at the August Planning Commission meeting for a short-term rental at 26 Edwards Ave.

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake: Commented on a peaking plant that has been proposed to be located at a property near the Airport.

Jeffrey Miller, 1120 S Harbor: Commented on a Special Land Use application that was approved at the August Planning Commission meeting for a short-term rental at 26 Edwards Ave.

Katherine Ruster, 9 Peterson Ridge: Commented on a Special Land Use application that was approved at the August Planning Commission meeting for a short-term rental at 26 Edwards Ave.

PRESENTATION

Lita Bazuin of the Human Relations Commission presented a proclamation honoring Hispanic Heritage Month.

CONSENT AGENDA.

26-191 Approve the Special Work Session and Regular City Council meeting minutes for August 17, 2026.

26-192 Approve the bills memo in the amount of \$3,302,723.00.

Attachment A

26-193 Approve utilizing Attorney Ryan Shannon, with Dickinson Wright, for the purpose of handling Assessing and Michigan Tax Tribunal cases.

26-194 Approve a proclamation recognizing September as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Grand Haven.

Attachment B

Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Dora**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

26-195 Council Member **Lyon** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Dora**, to approve the State of Michigan's MIDeal Road Salt Contract for 2026/2027 winter season with Compass Minerals

America, Inc., of Overland, KS, for 750 tons of salt at \$72.03 per ton, delivered for a total amount of \$54,022.50.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

26-196 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to approve Site Work Solutions Inc. to repair two sections of the boardwalk, in the not to exceed amount of \$55,900.00.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

26-197 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to approve the use of the City Beach and front row parking for the King of the Great Lakes special event from September 25-27, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

26-198 Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve the use of Central Park for event displays from September 30, 2026, to November 1, 2026, for the Grand Haven Main Street DDA's annual Bones About Town.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

26-188 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Dora**, to award the Harbor Island North Channel CCR Removal Project to Taplin Enterprises located in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in the not to exceed amount of \$1,925,598.78, contingent on approval from the Board of Light and Power.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Fritz shared that he was disappointed with how the 26 Edwards Avenue Special Land Use approval for a short-term rental was handled and wished the residents had received notification of the amended application. The Bridge Walk was a well-attended event.

Mayor Pro-tem agreed with Council Member Fritz that he wished residents had received an additional notification regarding the amendments to the approved special land use application at

26 Edwards Avenue. The Bridge Walk event was great, and the Lighthouse received 40,957 visitors this summer, with the highest day receiving 1,780 visitors.

Council Member Lyon asked the city to reevaluate how many short-term rentals it approves in residential neighborhoods and apologized to residents for not receiving an additional notification.

Mayor Monetza explained the process further as to why neighbors did not receive an additional notification regarding the 26 Edwards Avenue approval; a second public hearing was not needed and expressed that residents should have been made aware that the issue was not resolved at the May meeting. The city will look at processes to make sure a similar situation does not happen again.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Ashley Latsch announced that City Clerk Maria Boersma submitted her resignation, and her final day will be September 16. Since the Clerk position reports to City Council, there will be at least two interviews. The first interview will be conducted by staff and two volunteers from City Council, and the second will take place in a public meeting with all of City Council.

CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY

Jeffrey Miller, 1120 S Harbor: Thanked City Clerk Maria Boersma for her service to the city.

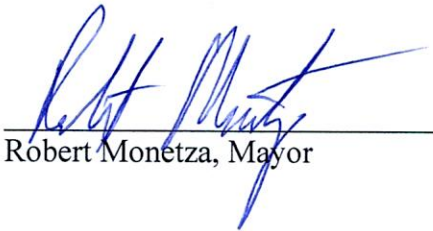
Sarah Lowell, 4 Edwards Ave: Provided pictures and estimates regarding the 4 Edwards Ave retaining wall and commented on the 26 Edwards Ave short-term rental approval.

Lita Bazuin, Human Relations Commission: Shared that an International Day of Peace Art Exhibit will be taking place starting September 14 -September 25 at Central Park Place.

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by City Clerk Maria Boersma.


Robert Monetza, Mayor
Amy M. Vos, Deputy Clerk

Attachment A

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

09.08.26

FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	WARRANT 08.19.26	ACH WARRANT 08.19.26	WARRANT 08.26.26	ACH WARRANT 08.26.26	WARRANT 09.02.26	ACH WARRANT 09.02.26	TOTALS
101	General Fund	\$126,228.00	\$8,688.26	\$7,202.50	\$26,201.38	\$32,001.34	\$135,216.17	\$335,537.65
151	Cemetery Fund	\$795.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$795.00
202	Major Street Fund	\$43,154.53	\$0.00	\$92.19	\$0.00	\$92.19	\$2,458.15	\$45,797.06
203	Local Street Fund	\$8,157.75	\$0.00	\$92.19	\$0.00	\$92.19	\$2,410.55	\$10,752.68
235	Public Safety Millage Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
242	Brfd LBRF TIF Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
243	Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
244	Economic Development Corp Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245	Downtown TIF Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
246	Brownfield TIF GL Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
248	Grand Haven Main Street DDA Fund	\$4,929.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
272	2008/17 UTGO Inf Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,132.16	\$2,267.57	\$8,328.73
273	2014 LTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274	2015 UTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
276	LightHouse Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
278	Community Land Trust Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
352	Brownfield TIF Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
372	2008/17 UTGO Inf Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
373	2014 LTGO Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$23,600.00	\$23,600.00
375	Public Safety Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,900.00	\$40,900.00
384	2020 LTGO Bond - Warber Drain Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
394	Downtown TIF Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,384.68	\$7,384.68
401	Public Improvements Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$438,516.48	\$438,516.48
402	Fire Truck Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$26,231.16	\$28,731.16
410	Harbor Island Remediation Fund	\$0.00	\$49,948.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
435	Public Safety Capital Project Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,411.48	\$64,360.15
456	2008/17 UTGO Inf Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
457	2014 LTGO Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
458	2015 UTGO Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
508	North Ottawa Recreation Authority	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	Sewer Authority Operating	\$7,163.16	\$59.41	\$2,522.56	\$0.00	\$1,952.83	\$97,648.54	\$109,346.50
509	Sewer Authority SL Force Main	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-2013 Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-Local Lift Station Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Operating	\$6,936.92	\$0.00	\$4,813.80	\$0.00	\$9,462.72	\$160,409.63	\$181,623.07
510	NOWS Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
581	Airport Fund	\$164.12	\$0.00	\$54.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,637.88	\$16,856.98
590	City Sewer Fund	\$2,881.86	\$0.00	\$596.88	\$0.00	\$79.30	\$176,565.34	\$180,123.38
591	City Water Fund	\$4,355.68	\$0.00	\$65.18	\$0.00	\$2,899.08	\$36,245.93	\$43,565.85
594	Marina Fund	\$7,262.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,855.59	\$12,118.13
597	Boat Launch Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$309.85	\$309.85
661	Motor Pool Fund	\$3,814.46	\$0.00	\$245.67	\$0.00	\$11,958.35	\$90,330.66	\$106,349.14
677	Self Insurance Fund	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00
678	OPEB/Retiree Benefits Fund	\$91,557.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91,557.50
679	Health Benefits Fund	\$91.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91.80
701	Trust & Agency Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
703	Tax Collection Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$411,282.01	\$1,132,095.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,543,377.11
704	Payroll Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$310,192.42	\$58,696.34	\$426,967.96	\$1,158,296.48	\$62,170.14	\$1,286,399.66	\$3,302,723.00

\$3,302,723.00 Total Approved Bills

\$1,637,726.51 Minus eligible bills for release without prior approval: including Utility,

\$1,664,996.49 Retirement, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds

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.