

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022**

The Special Meeting of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 9:00 a.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 Cummins and Mayor Catherine McNally.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Interim City Manager Ashley Latsch and City Clerk Maria Boersma

**INTERVIEWS FOR MEMBER OF BOARD AND LIGHT AND POWER
VACANCY
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. Robert (Bob) Monetza
Kurt Knoth
George VerDuin
Mike Welling
Chad Fisk
James Hagen

Each candidate was given 30 minutes to answer questions by City Council.

After the interviews, City Council each listed their first choice candidate on a piece of paper administered by the Clerk. Clerk Boersma read the following results:

Council Member Lowe: Kurt Knoth
Mayor Pro-tem Cummins: Chad Fisk
Mayor McNally: Kurt Knoth
Council Member McLaughlin: Chad Fisk
Council Member Fritz: Bob Monetza

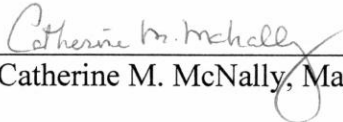
Each Council Member discussed their choices. After deliberating, City Council decided to put forward Kurt Knoth on the October 3rd agenda to potentially be appointed. City Council expressed how impressed they were by the candidates and hopes to see them volunteer for other boards and commissions in the future.

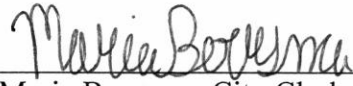
CALL TO AUDIENCE

Andrea Hendrick, BLP Member: Thanked City Council for handling the appointment in a transparent manner, and she thanked Council Member Fritz for inspiring consensus. Andrea is hopeful for the day that City Council and Board of Light and Power can meet together again.

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor McNally adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.


Catherine M. McNally, Mayor


Maria Boersma, City Clerk

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Council Member

Candidate

Introduction:

Welcome. We would like to thank you for taking the time to talk with us today and interview for the open seat on the BLP board. I would like to give you an outline of what's going to happen today. This is a panel interview. Each candidate is going to be asked the same set of questions by the Council and will be provided 3-5 minutes to respond to each question. There will be no follow-up questions so that we maintain the integrity of the interview process for all being interviewed. You will be provided an opportunity in the last question to provide any additional information you feel will help us make our decision.

Prior to beginning this interview I would like to take this time to remind you of a few policies within our City Charter.

Section 4.1 (a) partially defines enumerated city officers as members of the board of light and power.

Further, section 7.13 (b) states that unless otherwise provided by this charter, no person shall serve on more than one board or commission of the city.

Section 7.22, states that relatives by blood or marriage who are a brother, sister, spouse, parent, grandparent, child, or grandchild of the mayor, and councilman, the city manager, any member of the board of light and power or its director, or bear such relationship to any of their spouses, shall not be qualified to hold any appointive office or to be employed by the city during the term for which any such officers were elected, or during the tenure of office of such city manager or director, except and unless they are bona fide appointive officers or employees of the city at the time of election or appointment of such officers or director. If the status or relationship between any employee of the city and a person holding one of the positions enumerated herein changes to a relationship prohibited hereby, following employment of such employee or the election or appointment of a person holding one of the enumerated positions, the provisions of this section shall not apply.

Based on these policies within our City Charter, would you still like to proceed today?

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Council Member

Candidate

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1. Please share with us a brief summary of your background and experience, making sure to highlight for the Council any education, qualifications or other boards, commission or committee experience that you believe make you uniquely qualified for the role of BLP Trustee.

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2. What are some of the most important lessons you have learned from your prior experience on boards, teams, committees, etc.

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3. What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the energy and public utilities industries today? Please explain why.

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Council Member

Candidate

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4. What do you see are the challenges facing the Grand Haven's Board of Light and Power and how will your appointment make a positive contribution to addressing any of those challenges?

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5. In closing, please share with us why you believe you are the best candidate to fill the BLP Trustee seat.

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6. Do you have any questions for us?
