

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022**

The Special Work Session of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 6:30 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 Cummins and Mayor Catherine McNally.

Absent: None.

Others Present: City Clerk Maria Boersma, Human Resources Manager Amanda Burnett, and Public Works Director Derek Gajdos.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council Member McLaughlin thanked Frank Walsh for his work, and all of the candidates who applied and interviewed for the City Manager position. Council Member McLaughlin remarked on one of the candidates who said in his interview "it would take 6-12 months to learn the city". Due to the current issues facing the city, Grand Haven does not have time to wait 6-12 months for a City Manager to learn the city. Council Member McLaughlin shared his strong support to select Ashley Latsch as the next City Manager. She received numerous letters of support from staff, business owners, and residents.

Council Member **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz** to extend an offer of employment for the Grand Haven City Manager to Ashley Latsch contingent on successful contract negotiations, background check, and adding this motion to the regular agenda.

Council Member Fritz agreed with the sentiments expressed by Council Member McLaughlin and supports extending an offer to Ashley Latsch. Council Member Fritz also thanked the candidates who applied and interviewed for the position.

Council Member Lowe agreed that Ashley Latsch would be the best candidate for the City Manager position and supports extending her an offer. Council Member Lowe also thanked Frank Walsh, and the candidates who applied and interviewed.

Mayor Pro-tem Cummins agreed with everything mentioned by the previous Council Members and supports extending an offer to Ashley Latsch.

Mayor McNally expressed her support to extend Ashley Latsch an offer of employment. The Mayor stated Ashley is quietly competent with a strong moral center. These qualities make her the best fit.

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City Council shared they would like Frank Walsh and possibly the City Attorney Ron Bultje to review the contract offered to Ashley Latsch.

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor McNally adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Catherine M. McNally
Catherine M. McNally, Mayor

Maria Boersma
Maria Boersma, City Clerk