

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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, City Clerk Linda L. Browand, Assistant City Manager Ashley Latsch, Human Resources Manager Zac VanOsdol, Public Safety Officer Matt Padding, Community Affairs Manager Char Seise, Neighborhood Housing Coordinator Rhonda Kleyn, Finance Director/Treasurer Amy Bessinger, and MSDDA Director Jeremy Swiftney.

**Community Center Board Members Present:** Sandy Katt, Jim Porenta, Maggie Bandstra, and Doug VanOss.

**1. Community Center Strategic Plan**

- Char Seise, Community Affairs Manager

A presentation of the Business Plan Analysis and Implementation Guide included in the agenda packet was made. By rebranding the Community Center, it could become a desirable event center.

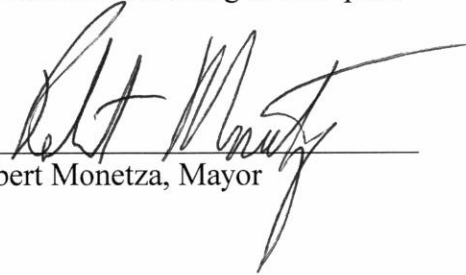
Council Member Fritz noted that the Community Center was never meant to be a profit center. Making suggested changes would make the Center a great asset for the City. More focus and a better mix of costs and expenses were needed. The City needed to be very careful when increasing any rates.

Council Member Scott believed it would be a good idea to have a separate website for the Center. He felt rates would have to be raised in order to increase revenue. He thanked the Community Center Board for all of their hard work put into this plan.

Council Member Cummins agreed that the Community Center had a lot of strengths. It was good to hear new ideas and see new energy from the Board. The current rates were well below market rate. The Center would never make money, but taxpayers expected it to do better. Development of the former BLP diesel plant might compete for event space.

**2. Adjournment**

The work session was continued during the following regular council meeting. Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

  
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Robert Monetza, Mayor  
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Linda L. Browand, City Clerk