CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 Sarah Kallio, Erin Lyon, Mayor Pro-tem Mike Dora, Mike Fritz, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Ashley Latsch, Assistant City Manager Dana Kollewehr, City Planner Brian Urquhart, MSDDA Executive Director Chandi Pape, and Waterfront & Events Manager Brian Jarosz.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nathan Strom, Grand Haven Church of God

NEW APPOINTMENTS

26-214 Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to appoint Josh Brugger, Construction Board of Appeals, term ending December 31, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS

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

26-215 Council Member **Lyon** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to amend the agendas by moving Consent Agenda item 11C to New Business Item 14F and Consent Agenda item 11A to New Business item 14G.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

26-216 There being no objections to the agendas as amended, Mayor Monteza called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE

Jeff Miller, 1120 S Harbor Dr: Commented on the memorial service for John Nasser. He also commented on agendas.

Daniel Muellerleile, 15028 Westray Street: Commented on his sculpture that was featured in ArtPrize 2026.

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

Hon. Juanita F. Bocanegra, 58th District Court Judge: Commented on her campaign for re-election.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Monetza presented the proclamations recognizing Matt and Will Hoffmeyer for their respective Scout projects at the Lake Forest Cemetery, as well as their continued dedication, service, and contributions to the Grand Haven community. Matt and Will Hoffmeyer took turns to speak briefly about their projects which focused on honoring deceased veterans buried at the Lake Forest Cemetery.

Executive Director Chandi Pape of the Grand Haven Main Street Downtown Development Authority presented the Annual Report for the MSDDA. The MSDDA renewed their Principal Shopping District Designation in February, which allowed them to hire an administrative assistant. The MSDDA's focus for the last year was their transformation strategy and they are focusing on fund development this upcoming year.

Josh Brugger, County Commissioner, introduced Patrick Waterman, Ottawa County Administrator and Brian Dissette, Ottawa County Deputy Administrator, who presented Ottawa County's Strategic Plan. Ottawa County is focused on growth and restoring community trust.

CONSENT AGENDA

26-217 Approve the bills memo in the amount of $2,010,122.56. **Attachment A**

26-218 Approve proclamations recognizing Matt and Will Hoffmeyer for their respective Scout projects at Lake Forest Cemetery, as well as their continued dedication, service, and contributions to the Grand Haven community.

Council Member **Kallio** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Monetza noted that Council Member Kallio is not anticipated to recuse herself tonight because her association with Capstone no longer exists.

John Grodis, 115 Sherman, commented regarding an engineering report.

26-219 There being no objections to approve an Agreement for Redevelopment between the City of Grand Haven and Grand Power Works LLC, for the former Diesel Plant located at 518 S. Harbor Drive, Mayor Monteza called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to approve a resolution to appoint a City Clerk.

City Council conducted a vote by ballot to select the City Clerk.

26-220 Council Member **Lyon** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio,** to amend a resolution to appoint Eric Roberts as City Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

26-221 There being no objections to the resolution as amended to appoint Eric Roberts as City Clerk, Mayor Monetza called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to approve a resolution to transition to the Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool and to appoint Tahlor Heft as Trustee, and Ashley Latsch as Alternate Trustee.

26-222 Council Member **Lyon** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Dora**, to amend the resolution to appoint Emily Greene as Trustee instead of Tahlor Heft.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

26-223 There being no objections to the resolution as amended to approve a resolution to transition to the Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool and to appoint Emily Greene as Trustee, and Ashley Latsch as Alternate Trustee, Mayor Monetza called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

26-224 Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio,** to approve the Centertown Vision Plan as an amendment to the Master Plan.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

26-225 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lyon**, to approve a resolution to allow Grand Armory Brewing to host a temporary food truck in the two public parking spaces in front of the business entrance from October 22nd to December 31st, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

26-226 Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz,** to approve a resolution to release an RPF for architectural services for the renovation of Department of Public Safety building at 525 Washington Avenue.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

Council Member **Fritz**, seconded by Council Member **Kallio,** to approve the Special Council Meeting, Special Work Session, and Regular City Council meeting minutes for October 05, 2026.

26-227 Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio,** to amend the Special Council Meeting and Regular City Council meeting minutes for October 05, 2026, as follows:

1. Special Council Meeting minutes: replace her with his under Interview for City Clerk Position, candidate Eric Roberts.
2. Regular City Council minutes under Consent and Regular Agendas: add motion to amend the agendas by removing New Business item 14A and postponing it until the next meeting.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

26-228 There being no objections to the October 05, 2026, minutes as amended, Mayor Monteza called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

Council Member **Fritz**, seconded by Council Member **Lyon,** to approve a resolution recognizing GHAPS Duneside PTO as a nonprofit organization operating in the community of Grand Haven, for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license for a raffle event on November 10, 2026.

26-229 Council Member **Lyon,** seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **Dora,** to amend the approved resolution recognizing GHAPS Duneside PTO as a nonprofit organization operating in the community of Grand Haven, for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license for a raffle event on November 10, 2026, contingent upon them providing City Council with their 503(c) paperwork.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

26-230 There being no objections to the amended resolution recognizing GHAPS Duneside PTO as a nonprofit organization operating in the community of Grand Haven, for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license for a raffle event on November 10, 2026, contingent upon them providing City Council with their 503(c) paperwork, Mayor Monteza called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Pro-tem Dora thanked all the applicants and finalists for the City Clerk's position. He also commented on his experience at the MML conference.

Council Member Lyon thanked all the applicants for the City Clerk's position and urged residents to create a voting plan and vote in the upcoming general election.

Council Member Fritz urged residents to vote in the upcoming general election. He also commented on his experience at the MML Conference.

Council Member Kallio commented on her experience at the MML conference, reiterated the need for residents to create a voting plan, and urged residents to apply for our open Boards and Commissions positions.

Mayor Monetza thanked all of the applicants for the City Clerk position. He also commented on his experience at the MML conference and congratulated Council Member Fritz on becoming a member of the MML Board of Trustees.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Latsch spoke about the City of Grand Haven's Halloween indoor trick-or-treat event at Central Park Place on Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, and encouraged everyone to participate or to volunteer.

City Manager Latsch also spoke about the city's seasonal vs transient marina slips. Over the past four years the marina has seen a steady decline. In 2023, we saw an occupancy rate of 42.6% which has since dropped to 37% in 2026, with weekends remaining strong. Staff is proposing converting five transient slips to seasonal use.

CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pro-tem **Dora** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to enter closed session at 10:20 p.m. to consider a periodic personnel evaluation pursuant to Section 8(1)(a) of the Open Meeting Act at the request of the employee.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

Council Member **Lyon** moved, seconded by Council Member **Kallio**, to exit Closed Session at 11:05 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:
This motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Deputy Clerk, Amy M. Vos.

Robert Monetza, Mayor

Amy M. Vos, Deputy Clerk

Attachment A

To: Ashley Latsch, City Manager
From: Emily Greene, Finance Director EG
CM Date: **10.19.26**
RE: Bills From Payables Warrant

FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	WARRANT 10.07.26	ACH WARRANT 10.07.26	WARRANT 10.14.26	ACH WARRANT 10.14.26	CREDIT CARD WARRANT 10.13.26	TOTALS
101	General Fund	$26,279.55	$3,707.04	$43,151.95	$82,899.24	$10,313.89	$166,351.67
151	Cemetery Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
202	Major Street Fund	$301.19	$0.00	$9,104.18	$1,548.53	$171.19	$11,125.09
203	Local Street Fund	$203.19	$0.00	$8,092.24	$1,382.09	$171.19	$9,848.71
235	Public Safety Millage Rev Fund	$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
243	Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	$30.00	$0.00	$0.00	$27,721.00	$0.00	$27,751.00
244	Economic Development Corp Fund	$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	$0.00
246	Brownfield TIF GL Rev Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
248	Grand Haven Main Street DDA Fund	$6,211.19	$0.00	$1,010.00	$2,005.16	$995.19	$10,221.54
272	2008/17 UTGO Inf Bond Rev Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
273	2014 LTGO Bond Rev Fund	$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
276	LightHouse Maintenance Fund	$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
352	Brownfield TIF Debt Fund	$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
373	2014 LTGO Bond Debt Fund	$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	$0.00
375	Public Safety Bond Debt Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
384	2020 LTGO Bond - Warber Drain Fund	$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	$0.00
401	Public Improvements Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$31,329.06	$4,404.50	$0.00	$35,733.56
402	Fire Truck Replacement Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
410	Harbor Island Remediation Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$100.00	$45,280.38	$1,246.52	$46,626.90
435	Public Safety Capital Project Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
456	2008/17 UTGO Inf Construction Fund	$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
458	2015 UTGO Construction Fund	$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	$465.48	$465.48
509	Sewer Authority Operating	$36,000.81	$0.00	$9,299.86	$53,502.19	$677.26	$99,480.12
509	Sewer Authority SL Force Main	$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
509	GH/SL SA-2013 Debt	$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
509	GH/SL SA-Local Lift Station Debt	$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
510	NOWS Operating	$33,754.64	$0.00	$923.18	$80,566.01	$994.30	$116,238.13
510	NOWS Plant Debt	$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
581	Airport Fund	$255.02	$0.00	$193.58	$1,331.99	$0.00	$1,780.59
590	City Sewer Fund	$9,455.54	$0.00	$1,141.49	$127,252.89	$379.43	$138,229.35
591	City Water Fund	$2,643.25	$0.00	$4,853.86	$95,103.92	$449.44	$103,050.47
594	Marina Fund	$927.32	$0.00	$5,791.48	$3,567.57	$47.34	$10,333.71
597	Boat Launch Fund	$40.01	$0.00	$608.33	$169.76	$0.00	$818.10
661	Motor Pool Fund	$106,449.50	$0.00	$2,496.85	$33,720.43	$99.96	$142,766.74
677	Self Insurance Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$128.88	$0.00	$0.00	$128.88
678	OPEB/Retiree Benefits Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$44,219.73	$0.00	$0.00	$44,219.73
679	Health Benefits Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$91.80	$0.00	$0.00	$91.80
701	Trust & Agency Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
703	Tax Collection Fund	$234,264.02	$808,596.97	$2,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,044,860.99
704	Payroll Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
		$456,815.23	$812,304.01	$164,536.47	$560,455.66	$16,011.19	$2,010,122.56

$2,010,122.56 Total Approved Bills
$1,089,301.40 Minus eligible bills for release without prior approval: including Utility,
$920,821.16 Retirement, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds