

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
ORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021**

The Organizational Meeting of the Grand Haven City Council was set for the purpose of issuing the oath of office to the elected Council Members and to hold an organizational meeting as prescribed in the City Charter.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Oaths of office were given to Mayor McNally, Council Member Lowe, and Council Member McLaughlin.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Organizational Meeting of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Cathy McNally in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Present: Council Members Karen Lowe, Kevin McLaughlin, Mike Fritz, and Mayor Cathy McNally.

Absent: Council Member Cummins, excused.

Others Present: City Manager Patrick McGinnis, City Clerk Linda L. Browand, and Assistant City Manager Ashley Latsch, Public Safety Director Jeff Hawke, Public Safety Sargent Nicole Hudson, and Public Safety Administrative Assistant Mary Ann Poel.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by City Manager McGinnis and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance as led by Mayor McNally.

GENERAL BUSINESS/CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mayor McNally made a call to the audience, allowing audience members to address Council on any issue. There was no response.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

21-337 Moved by Council Member **McLaughlin**, seconded by Council Member **Lowe**, to appoint Council Member Cummins as Mayor Pro-Tem. This motion failed with a vote of 2-2. In favor: McLaughlin and Lowe. Opposed: Fritz and McNally.

21-338 Moved by Council Member **Lowe**, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to postpone the appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem until the December 6 council meeting when all council members would be present. This motion passed with a vote of 3-1. In favor: Lowe, Fritz, and McNally. Opposed: McLaughlin.

21-339 Moved by Council Member **Fritz**, seconded by Council Member **Lowe**, to appoint council members to the Bills Review Committee on a six-month rotating basis. Council Members Fritz and Cummins would serve until December 31. Council Members Fritz and McLaughlin would then serve from January 1 to June 30, 2022 and then continue with Council Members Cummins and Lowe. This motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member McLaughlin thanked the previous council and looked forward to working with the new council. He thanked his wife and friends for their support and former Council Member Dora for his guidance. He stated he would remain accessible, transparent, and accountable to his work for the citizens of Grand Haven.

Council Member Lowe thanked voters for placing their trust in her. She would work hard to get “up to speed” in order to be ready to serve. She was excited to work with this city council. She thanked her husband for his support.

Council Member Fritz welcomed everyone. He had been on council for 18 years and lived in Grand Haven all of his life. He looked forward to moving forward in the future and wanted to do what was best for everyone.

Mayor McNally thanked the past council and noted that this council had inherited a beautiful town. She looked forward to a fair, honest, and open government.

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager McGinnis thanked the council members for their volunteerism and noted the City was in good hands.

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor McNally adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Catherine M. McNally
Catherine M. McNally, Mayor

Linda L. Browand
Linda L. Browand, City Clerk