

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17, 2025**

The Special Work Session of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Monetza in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 519 Washington Ave.

**Present:** Council Members Mike Fritz, Sarah Kallio, Erin Lyon, Mayor Pro-tem Mike Dora, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

**Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** City Manager Ashley Latsch, City Clerk Maria Boersma, Assistant City Manager Dana Kollewehr, Finance Director Emily Greene, Public Safety Chief Nichole Hudson, and Public Works Director Michael England.

**PRESENTATIONS**

City Manager Ashley Latsch presented the achievements of fiscal year 2025/2026 and the results of the Community Budget Survey. **Attachment A**

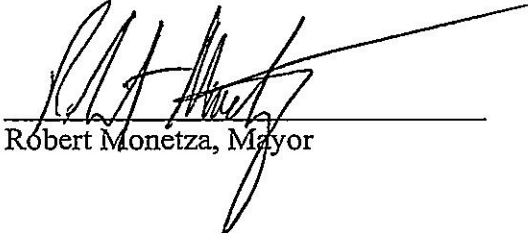
**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

City Council members shared their goals for the City in Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Key topics that were discussed included going out to bid for contracted city services, working with partners to seek more affordable housing opportunities, the return of city-wide sidewalk plowing, increasing code enforcement presence and fines, continuing overpayments to MERS without cutting other services, continuing to seek outside grants/funds for remediation on Harbor Island, and evaluating building updates starting with Public Safety.

**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

  
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Robert Monetza, Mayor

  
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Maria Boersma, City Clerk

## Attachment A

# City of Grand Haven Year in Review

2025 Highlights

 <p><b>Forest Management</b> Implemented the City's Forest Management Plan and allocated over \$160,000 towards treating trees within the City's Urban Forests.</p>	 <p><b>Deer Management</b> Approved a deer management plan to begin addressing issues relating to restoration within the City's Urban Forests.</p>	 <p><b>Harbor Island Remediation</b> Public engagement continues. The City and BLP recently completed a major first step in the project with the cleanup of the Cool Yard.</p>	 <p><b>Deferred Capital Projects</b> Budgeted for and tackled deferred capital projects: Riverview Dock replacement, Bicentennial Park retaining wall replacement, Beechtree corridor parking lot, Beechtree path improvements, Sluka Field, etc.</p>	 <p><b>EMS Service Change</b> Evaluated current ambulance services and completed an RFP process resulting in a change in provider to best meet the needs of the region.</p>	 <p><b>Streets Investment</b> Utilized over 300 tons of asphalt for patching, and resurfaced 1.6 miles of street.</p>
 <p><b>Economic Development</b> Facilitated the most anticipated local investment in decades: the Downtown Hotel, Chinook Pier, South Village, and the Westwind (Columbus) Project, alone will result in over \$132 million in investment.</p>	 <p><b>Chinook Pier</b> Completed an RFP process inclusive of robust public engagement for the award of a land lease to a development team for the redevelopment of Chinook Pier.</p>	 <p><b>Lakeshore Advantage</b> Reinvigorated Economic Development Services and contracted with Lakeshore Advantage.</p>	 <p><b>Fulton St. Reconstruction</b> Completed the reconstruction of Fulton Street with the assistance of State funding. Project total was \$2.98 million.</p>	 <p><b>Centertown Vision Plan</b> Awarded a contract to McKenna to complete a Centertown Vision Plan Update, with \$15,000 in State grant funding.</p>	 <p><b>Sewer Work</b> Staff investigated and cleaned over 10,000 feet of sewer lines.</p>
 <p><b>Pension Liability</b> Contributed \$384,000 in a strategic overpayment plan to begin reducing the City's pension liability.</p>	 <p><b>Dredging Challenges</b> Worked collaboratively with State and Federal legislators and agencies to navigate regulatory issues and successfully secure inner harbor dredging in 2025.</p>	 <p><b>Grant Funding</b> In the previous year staff has secured or been awarded over \$4 million in local, state and federal grant funding for projects in the City of Grand Haven.</p>	 <p><b>Public Safety Millage</b> Completed education efforts and successfully passed a 10-year DPS Millage to address critical department needs.</p>	 <p><b>Asset Management Plan</b> Completed an assessment of all infrastructure with regard to current status and replacement needs for road, water, sewer, storm</p>	 <p><b>Meters &amp; Service Lines</b> Replaced 200+ large water meters, and over 49 lead service lines.</p>