

**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**

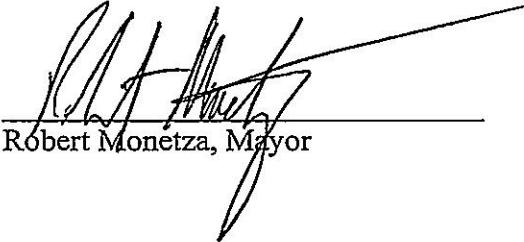
**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

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.



Robert Monetza, Mayor



Maria Boersma, City Clerk

Attachment A

# City of Grand Haven Year in Review

## 2025 Highlights

**Forest Management**  
Implemented the City's Forest Management Plan and allocated over \$160,000 towards treating trees within the City's Urban Forests.

**Economic Development**  
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 \$122 million in investment.

**Municipal Employees**  
Contributed \$584,000 in a strategic overpayment plan to begin reducing the City's pension liability.

**Deer Management**  
Approved a deer management plan to begin addressing issues relating to deer restoration within the City's Urban Forests.

**Chinook Pier**  
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.

**Dredging Challenges**  
Worked collaboratively with State and Federal regulators and agencies to navigate regulatory issues and agencies to navigate regulatory issues and dredging in 2025.

**Harbor Island Remediation**  
Public engagement continues. The City and BLP recently completed a major first step in the project with the cleanup of the Coal Yard.

**Lakeshore Advantage**  
Revamped Economic Development Lakeshore Advantage.

**Grant Funding**  
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.

**Deferred Capital Projects**  
Budgeted for an array of deferred capital projects: Riverview Dock replacement, Bicentennial Park retaining wall replacement, Beechtree corridor parking, Beechtree path improvements, Stuka Field, etc.

**Fulton St. Reconstruction**  
Completed the reconstruction of Fulton Street with the assistance of State funding. Project total was \$2.8 million.

**Public Safety Millage**  
Completed education efforts and successfully passed a 10-year DPS Millage to address critical department needs.

**EMS Service Change**  
Evaluated current ambulance services and completed an RFP process resulting in a change in provider to best meet the needs of the region.

**Asset Management Plan**  
Completed an assessment of all current status and replacement needs for road, water, sewer, storm

**Streets Investment**  
Utilized over 300 tons of asphalt for patching, and resurfaced 1.6 miles of street.

**Meters & Service Lines**  
Replaced 200+ large water meters, and over 49 lead service lines.