

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024**

The Special Meeting of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mayor Bob Monetza in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 519 Washington Ave.

**Present:** Council Members Mike Fritz, Karen Lowe, Mayor Pro-tem Kevin McLaughlin, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

**Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** City Manager Ashley Latsch and City Clerk Maria Boersma.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**24-207** Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** to approve and amend the agenda to allow for deliberations and the selection of a candidate after the interviews.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Lowe, McLaughlin, Monetza.

Nays: Fritz

**This motion carried.**

*\*This meeting was correctly noticed to allow for deliberations and a decision in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the Grand Haven City Charter. Added by City Council at the 10/21/2024 City Council Meeting.*

**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

**Jeffrey Miller, 1120 S Harbor:** Commented on recent actions of the Board of Light and Power.

**INTERVIEWS FOR THE BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER VACANCY**

Ryan Cotton  
Phil Polyak  
David "Andy" Cawthon  
Jim Hagen

Each candidate was provided the same set of questions to answer, and each candidate had the opportunity to ask questions of the City Council.

City Council took a thirty-minute recess after Phil Polyak's interview and a ten-minute recess after David Cawthon's interview.

### CANDIDATE SELECTION

City Council began the selection process by completing one round of rank-choice voting on an anonymous paper ballot. Phil Polyak and Jim Hagen were the top two choices.

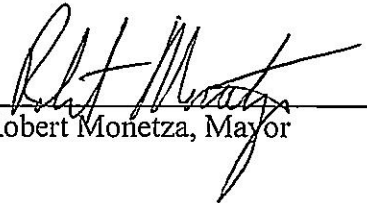
24-208 Council Member Fritz moved, seconded by Council Member Lowe to appoint Phil Polyak to the vacant Board of Light and Power seat with a term ending in November 2025.

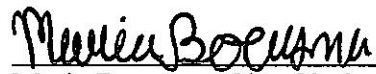
Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

### ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

  
Robert Monetza, Mayor

  
Maria Boersma, City Clerk