

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025**

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 Mike Fritz, Karen Lowe, Mayor Pro-tem Kevin McLaughlin, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** Finance Director Emily Greene and City Manager Executive Assistant Melissa Bos.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Nathan Strom, Grand Haven Church of God.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS**

**25-032** Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz** to approve the agendas as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE**

**Mac Davis, 209 S Third St:** Commented on Sanctuary Cities.

**Oliver Shampine 540 D Ave:** Commented on sidewalk snow removal, and announced his candidacy for City Council.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Monetza presented a proclamation recognizing Black History Month throughout the City of Grand Haven.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

**25-033** Approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2025.

**25-034** Approve the bill's memo in the amount of \$739,543.20.

**Attachment A**

**25-035** Approve a 185-square-foot easement within Rix Robinson Park to Merit Network Inc. of Ann Arbor, MI, for the purpose of connecting fiber optic utilities.

**25-036** Approve a proclamation drafted by the Human Relations Commission recognizing Black History Month throughout the City of Grand Haven. **Attachment B**

Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**25-037** Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** to award a Street Resurfacing and Beechtree Nonmotorized Pathway contract to Michigan Paving and Materials of Comstock Park, MI in the amount of \$418,185.55 and authorize City Staff to add additional road segments in the not to exceed budgeted amount of \$89,276.20, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**25-038** Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz** to approve a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for project contract 24-5496, the Beechtree and Robbins Traffic Signal Replacement, in the not to exceed amount of \$106,849.00 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**25-039** Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lowe** to approve an agreement for Property Assessment Administration Services with Ottawa County for a three-year period (FY2025/26, FY2026/27, FY2027/28) with a three-year optional extension and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**25-040** Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** to award the custodial services contract to Zervas Facility Maintenance in the amount of \$5,343.75 monthly and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Roll Call Vote:

**This motion carried unanimously.**

## **REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL**

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

On behalf of City Manager Ashley Latsch, Finance Director Emily Greene announced that Public Works Director Derek Gajdos would be transitioning to a new role with the City as the Project Management Director. Two volunteers from City Council were requested to join the hiring process for a new Public Works Director.

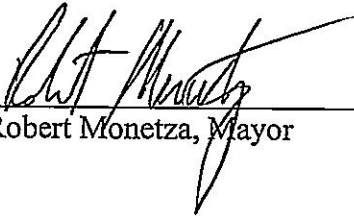
### **CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY**

**Mac Davis, 209 S Third St:** Continued his comments on Sanctuary Cities.

**Oliver Shampine 540 D Ave:** Commented on Sanctuary Cities.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

  
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Robert Monetza, Mayor  
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Melissa Bos, City Manager Executive Assistant

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Attachment A

To: Ashley Lalsch, City Manager  
From: Emily Greene, Finance Director  
CM Date: 02.17.25  
RE: Bills From Payables Warrant

NEW FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	WARRANT 02.05.25	ACH WARRANT 02.05.25	WARRANT 02.12.25	ACH WARRANT 02.12.25	CREDIT CARD WARRANT 02.11.25	TOTALS
101	General Fund	\$39,484.05	\$2,500.00	\$42,518.03	\$35,923.58	\$11,170.10	\$131,595.76
151	Cemetery Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
202	Major Street Fund	\$4,949.31	\$0.00	\$57,469.64	\$383.18	\$858.86	\$63,661.09
203	Local Street Fund	\$24.31	\$0.00	\$293.24	\$354.18	\$727.37	\$1,399.10
225	Land Acquisition Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
242	Brid LSRF TIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
243	Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,757.00	\$0.00	\$12,757.00
244	Econ. Dev. Corp. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245	Downtown TIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
246	GLTIF Spec Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
248	Main St. Dist. Dev	\$6,590.44	\$0.00	\$2,002.58	\$0.00	\$1,398.07	\$9,989.09
272	UTGO Inf Spec Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
273	LTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274	2015 UTGO Bond Rev	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
276	LightHouse Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,730.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,730.00
278	Community Land Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$276.00	\$276.00
310	Assessment Bond Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
351	Operating Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
352	Brownfield TIF Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
355	GLTIF Debt Serv Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
369	Building Auth Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
372	UTGO Inf Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
373	LTGO Debt	\$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
384	2020 LTGO Bond - Warber Drain	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
394	Downtown TIF Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
401	Public Improvements Fund	\$40,854.00	\$0.00	\$377.19	\$448.22	\$221.40	\$41,900.81
402	Fire Truck Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
403	Brownfield TIF Const.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
404	Downtown TIF Const.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
410	Harbor Island	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,446.17	\$0.00	\$30,446.17
455	G/L TIF Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
456	UTGO Inf Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
457	LTGO Bond Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
458	2015 UTGO Bond Inf Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
469	Building Auth. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
508	North Ottawa Rec Authority	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21.00	\$1,412.72	\$1,433.72
509	Sewer Authority Operations	\$77,395.01	\$0.00	\$64,890.64	\$4,570.29	\$107.07	\$146,963.01
509	Sewer Authority SL Force Mn	\$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	\$167.11	\$0.00	\$15,791.31	\$718.03	\$251.50	\$16,927.95
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
535	Housing Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
572	Chinook Pier Rental Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
581	Alpark Fund	\$48.82	\$0.00	\$441.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$490.78
590	City Sewer Fund	\$1,387.51	\$0.00	\$1,084.13	\$7,303.29	\$302.49	\$10,057.42
591	City Water Fund	\$7,558.90	\$0.00	\$9,305.31	\$5,649.53	\$442.57	\$22,966.31
594	City Marina Fund	\$129.09	\$0.00	\$801.32	\$160.20	\$0.00	\$890.61
597	City Boat Launch Fund	\$40.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.01
661	Motorpool Fund	\$3,926.75	\$0.00	\$2,073.69	\$34,078.43	\$341.88	\$40,420.75
677	Self Insurance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
678	OP&B/Retiree Benefits Fund	\$81,655.05	\$0.00	\$2,375.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$84,030.13
679	Health Benefit Fund	\$1,609.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,609.60
701	Trust & Agency Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
703	Tax Collection Fund	\$109,878.61	\$8,667.66	\$411.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$118,957.89
704	Payroll Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$375,708.57	\$11,167.66	\$202,345.74	\$132,813.10	\$17,508.13	\$739,543.20

\$739,543.20 Total Approved Bills  
\$204,597.62 Minus eligible bills for release without prior approval: Including Utility,  
\$534,945.58 Retirement, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds

## Attachment B

### CITY OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN

#### PROCLAMATION

##### BLACK HISTORY/AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, it was the late great Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who had a dream of equality, and shared mutual acceptance for true freedom: "And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old spiritual: Free at last. Free at last. Thank God almighty, we are free at last." And so it is that we the City of Grand Haven, Michigan does proudly acknowledge and proclaim that the month of February will henceforth and forever be Black History/African American Heritage month. and

WHEREAS, Grand Haven vows to honor the many achievements and contributions made to our fair city by those citizens who are of African heritage in the areas of civic duty, economic growth and success along with contribution to grow and help diversify the overall culture of Grand Haven. and

WHEREAS, in the same manner that Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. proclaimed his great dream for this nation from our nation's capital, we the collective unified body of Grand Haven do proclaim our continued support to the work and goal of that dream from our own City Hall. and

WHEREAS, as our growing city continues to diversify in its cultural make up, it becomes imperative that the City of Grand Haven continues and improves its efforts to educate all members on the culture of our citizens of African descent. We commit to the cultural education and support for our citizens of African descent as we raise awareness and do the work necessary to rout out all prejudice and discriminatory practices no matter what form they may take. and

WHEREAS, now comes the time that the City Council of Grand Haven calls on its great citizenry to come together hand and hand as Dr. King envisioned, extending the hand of brotherhood and friendship, embracing with love and dignity the citizens in our city of African heritage. As we commit to the dream of all people, regardless of color or creed, truly being free at last. and

WHEREAS, in the celebrating of Black History/African American Heritage month we are committed to the support and provision of advocacy for all citizens of African descent, so that it may serve as an opportunity to strengthen the internal alliance of this city with all its citizens equally, as we foster mutual acceptance for all. and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Haven does hereby proclaim that, the month of February is now and henceforth be acknowledged as Black History/African American Heritage month in support of all of those of African heritage who call this City of Grand Haven home.

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Robert Monetza  
Mayor of City Grand Haven