

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 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: City Manager Ashley Latsch, City Clerk Maria Boersma, Assistant City Manager Dana Kollwehr, Finance Director Emily Greene, Streets & Utilities Manager Michael England, Waterfront & Special Events Manager Brian Jarosz, Human Resources Manager Amanda Burnett.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Michael Hughes, St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

APPOINTMENTS

25-041 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lowe** to appoint Amanda Pretzer to the Human Relations Commission with a term end of June 30, 2027.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS

25-042 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

Julia Norton, 803 Lake Ave: Commented on the closure of Mary A. White Elementary School.

Robin Cook: Commented on the closure of Mary A. White Elementary School.

Julie, Grand Haven Township Resident: Commented on the closure of Mary A. White Elementary School.

Mike Westbrook, 423 Lafayette: Commented on the closure of Mary A. White Elementary School.

Adam, Buchanan Street: Shared he was available to answer questions for his proposed event that will be discussed in item New Business B.

Cathy McNally, 100 Franklin: Commented on the proposed FY 2025/2026 fee schedule regarding rental fees.

Sheila McNally, 100 Franklin: Commented on the proposed FY 2025/2026 fee schedule regarding rental fees.

Steve Daitch, 615 S Griffin: Commented on the closure of Mary A. White Elementary School.
Joe, 322 Grand: Commented on the closure of Mary A. White Elementary School.

Darrell Johnson 414 Grant: Commented on the closure of Mary A. White Elementary School.

PRESENTATION

Finance Director Emily Greene presented the first draft of the proposed FY 2025/2026 fee schedule. The main changes proposed affect the short-term and long-term rental fees. These changes were based on the actual cost of staff time to manage the short-term and long-term rental programs.

CONSENT AGENDA.

25-043 Approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2025.

25-044 Approve the bill's memo in the amount of \$834,128.17. **Attachment A**

25-045 Award a contract for the Beechtree Parking Lot Project to McCormick San of Twin Lake, MI in the amount of \$220,774.00, with the City's portion being the budgeted amount of \$137,859.86, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

25-046 Approve a request by Oddside Ales to use three parallel parking spots on First Street for their 15th Anniversary Party for the band's van and trailer.

25-047 Approve a contract with Redline Excavating of Holland, MI in the budgeted amount of \$401,466.75 for the Second Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

25-048 Approve an easement with the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority for the vacated northern portion of Columbus Ave adjacent to their property.

Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lowe** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

25-049 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** to award the Harbor Island Coal Yard Closure project to TL Contracting, Inc. located in Lansing, Michigan in the not to exceed amount of \$673, 303.10, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

25-050 Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz** to approve a new event, Christ is King Festival, on August 23, 2025, allowing use of the waterfront area and the Lynn Sherwood Waterfront Stadium, allowing up to a \$500 discount as outlined in the City's Special Event Policy, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL

Council Member **Fritz** shared he would like to see the Department of Public Works cleanup sidewalks after large snow events. Council Member **Fritz** shared he is concerned about the closure of Mary A. White Elementary School.

Council Member **Lowe** shared she is concerned about the closure of Mary A. White Elementary School.

Mayor **Monetza** shared a statement regarding the recent discussion regarding Sanctuary Cities conducted by the Human Relations Commission at their most recent meeting. City Council did not direct the discussion on Sanctuary Cities nor is there a pending resolution regarding the item. The Human Relations Commission has the ability to create its own agendas but only has the ability to advise City Council.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Assistant City Manager Dana Kollewehr gave an update on the Chinook Pier Development. The City has been working closely with Copper Rock on crafting a plan for the project to move forward. The hope is to tentatively break ground in the calendar year 2025 after the approval process has been completed.

City Manager Ashly Latsch reminded the City Council and the public that the Budget Work Session will be taking place on Tuesday, April 16, 2025.

CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY

Mike Westbrook: Thanked the City Council for their feedback on the closure of Mary A. White Elementary School.

Mike Weavers, 637 Lake Ave: Commented on the closure of Mary A. White Elementary School, commented on the conditions of city streets, and commented on the proposed FY 2025/2026 fee schedule regarding rental fees.

Tony Ciccantelli, 608 Washington: Commented on the proposed FY 2025/2026 fee schedule regarding rental fees.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz** to enter Closed Session at 8:41 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations, pursuant to MCL 15.268, Sec. 8(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

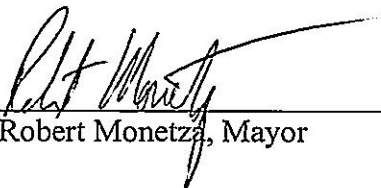
Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lowe** to exit Closed Session at 9:20 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.


Robert Monetza, Mayor


Maria Boersma, City Clerk

Attachment A

To: Ashley Latsch, City Manager
From: Emily Greene, Finance Director
CM Date: 03.03.25
RE: Bills From Payables Warrant

FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	WARRANT 02.19.25	ACH WARRANT 02.19.25	TOTALS
101	General Fund	\$66,605.53	\$19,117.12	\$85,722.65
151	Cemetery Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
202	Major Street Fund	\$1,397.64	\$5,608.98	\$7,005.62
203	Local Street Fund	\$549.26	\$3,997.31	\$4,546.57
225	Land Acquisition Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
242	Brfd LSRRF TIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
243	Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	\$4,750.34	\$14,468.80	\$19,219.14
244	Econ. Dev. Corp. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245	Downtown TIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
246	GLTIF Spec Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
248	Main St. Dist. Dev	\$5,580.51	\$0.00	\$5,580.51
272	UTGO Inf Spec Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
273	LTGO Bond Rev Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274	2015 UTGO Bond Rev	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
276	Lighthouse Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
278	Community Land Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
310	Assessment Bond Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
351	Operating Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
352	Brownfield TIF Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
355	GLTIF Debt Serv Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
369	Building Auth Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
372	UTGO Inf Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
373	LTGO Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
374	2015 UTGO Bond Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
384	2020 LTGO Bond - Warber Drain	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
394	Downtown TIF Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
401	Public Improvements Fund	\$4,802.00	\$11,175.00	\$15,977.00
402	Fire Truck Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
403	Brownfield TIF Const	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
404	Downtown TIF Const.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
410	Harbor Island	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
455	GL TIF Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
456	UTGO Inf Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
457	LTGO Bond Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
458	2015 UTGO Bond Inf Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
469	Building Auth. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
508	North Ottawa Rec Authority	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	Sewer Authority Operations	\$9,828.52	\$6,673.90	\$16,502.42
509	Sewer Authority SL Force Mn	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	Sewer Authority Plant Mod	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-2013 Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-SLPS/Force Main Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-Local Lift Station Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
509	GH/SL SA-2018 Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Operating	\$19,753.01	\$6,771.25	\$26,524.26
510	NOWS Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
535	Housing Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
572	Chinook Pier Rental Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
581	Airpark Fund	\$2,331.69	\$0.00	\$2,331.69
590	City Sewer Fund	\$129,692.32	\$1,359.48	\$131,051.80
591	City Water Fund	\$57,049.02	\$7,505.61	\$64,554.63
594	City Marina Fund	\$200.50	\$0.00	\$200.50
597	City Boat Launch Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
661	Motorpool Fund	\$12,591.05	\$995.24	\$13,586.29
677	Self Insurance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
678	OPEB/Retiree Benefits Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
679	Health Benefit Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
701	Trust & Agency Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
703	Tax Collection Fund	\$376,250.85	\$65,073.24	\$441,324.09
704	Payroll Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$691,382.24	\$142,745.93	\$834,128.17

\$834,128.17 Total Approved Bills
\$441,324.09 Minus eligible bills for release without prior approval: Including Utility,
\$392,804.08 Retirement, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds