

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025**

The Special Work Session of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:00 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, Public Safety Director Nichole Hudson, and Finance Director Emily Greene.

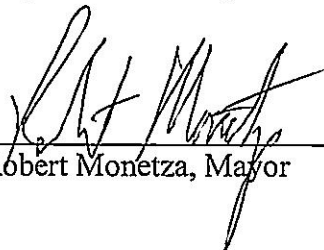
PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Ashley Latsch presented the opportunity for a Public Safety Millage to be placed on the ballot in November 2025. The Department of Public Safety currently takes up 44.6% of the City's General Fund budget. The current public safety facility does not have a decontamination space and has mold, water damage, and asbestos. Along with the facility needs, the department will need a new ladder truck in the next couple of years. While the call volume has increased over time, DPS staffing has not increased in 10 years, and the department is currently short 5 officers due to recruitment and retention competition in the field.

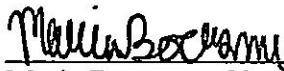
City Manager Latch recommends City Council approve a ballot proposal to be placed on the November 4, 2025, ballot in the amount of 2 mills for a period of 10 years.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.



Robert Monetza, Mayor



Maria Boersma, City Clerk