

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 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, Public Safety Director Nichole Hudson, and Streets & Utilities Manager Michael England.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Troy Hauser Byrdon, First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven.

APPOINTMENTS

25-088 Council Member Fritz moved, seconded by Council Member Lowe, to appoint John Siemion to the Human Relations Commission with a term ending on June 30, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS

25-089 Council Member Fritz moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem McLaughlin, to approve the agendas as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE

William Brown, GHT: Commented on the proposed rezoning of the Dake property.

Jim Hagen, 400 Lake: Commented on New Business Item C.

PRESENTATION

Musical Fountain Chairperson Jerry Troke presented on the upcoming 2025 Musical Fountain season. The first show will begin Friday, May 23, 2025. Fifty-six new songs will be added to the shows this season, with a potential of forty-eight songs to be added throughout the season. Numerous volunteers have worked to provide repairs and upgrades to prepare the Musical Fountain for this season. Details for future fundraisers for the Musical Fountain will be available sometime in June 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA.

25-090 Approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2025, and May 5, 2025.

25-091 Approve the bill's memo in the amount of \$1,307,348.93. **Attachment A**

25-092 Approve a resolution to direct the City Treasurer to issue FY 2024-25 snowmelt invoices in the total amount of \$76,011.94 to the applicable downtown snowmelt customers as designated on the Annual Snowmelt Billing 2025 list provided.

25-093 Approve a resolution requesting Governor Whitmer and the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy to expedite the permitting for the United States Army Corps of Engineers to dredge Grand Haven's inner harbor.

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

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Monetza opened a Public Hearing regarding the zoning change request from TI, Transitional Industrial District to PD, Planned Development District, and associated Preliminary Development Plan for South Village PD located on what is commonly referred to as the Dake property at 700 & 724 Robbins Road (parcels #700-03-33-100-072 and #70-03-33-100-073).

City Planner Brian Urquhart presented a summary of the requested zoning change. Chad Koster, a representative from the development team, presented on the proposed Preliminary Development Plans. The project would include a total of 189 new housing units across apartments, row housing, townhomes, and single-family homes. The project would also include several neighborhood amenities, including a pool, clubhouse, dog park, pickleball courts, and other amenities. Around nine acres of green space would be preserved with the project. The development team will move forward with a traffic study and EGLE permits when the zoning change request receives approval.

Scott, Grand Haven Township Resident: Thanked the Planning Commission for requiring a wetland review as a condition of the project, commented on issues with groundwater in Ottawa County, and commented on the need for a traffic study.

Daniel, Westray St. Resident: Commented on the area wetlands and shared concerns of overcrowding, increased traffic, and environmental remediation.

Rob, Westray St. Resident: Shared concerns with the preservation of tree coverage and the wetlands on the property, and concerns over the potential traffic increases.

Sherri Pool, Westray St. Resident: Shared concerns with the potential traffic increases.

Larry Hall, Westray St. Resident: Shared concerns regarding the wetlands and potential wildlife disturbance.

Jeffrey Miller, 1120 S Harbor: Shared concern with the lack of sidewalks by the multi-dwelling households and would like to see sidewalks by all of the buildings, would like the traffic study to consider cyclists using bike paths and bike lanes, and would like Harbor Transit to be consulted about a future bus stop.

After hearing no further comments, Mayor Monetza closed the Public Hearing.

25-094 Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Council Member **Lowe**, to approve an introductory resolution to approve a zoning change request from TI, Transitional Industrial District to PD, Planned Development District, and associated Preliminary Development Plan for South Village PD located on what is commonly referred to as the Dake property at 700 & 724 Robbins Road (parcels #700-03-33-100-072 and #70-03-33-100-073).

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

25-095 Council Member **Fritz** moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin**, to confirm the appointment of Michael England as Director of Public Works for the City of Grand Haven.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

25-096 Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded Council Member **Fritz**, to approve a resolution for the proposed FY 2025-26 budget, millage rates, 1% tax administration fee, fee schedule and

capital plan for the City of Grand Haven fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

**Mayor Pro-tem McLaughlin motioned to amend the short-term rental fees for the first year of registration to be increased from \$165.00 to \$500.00 but the motion did not receive a second.*

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Lowe, Fritz, Monetza.

Nays: McLaughlin.

This motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve a resolution to quit claim a portion of parcel #70-03-20-405-010, as described in Exhibit C of the quit claim deed, to Robyn Vandenberg, property owner at 107 Washington.

25-097 Council Member **Lowe** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz** to amend the resolution to quit claim deed the parcel to R. Vandenberg Holdings LLC. instead of Robyn Vandenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

25-098 Mayor Pro-tem **McLaughlin** moved, seconded by Council Member **Fritz**, to approve a resolution to quit claim a portion of parcel #70-03-20-405-010, as described in Exhibit C of the quit claim deed, to R. Vandenberg Holdings LLC., property owner at 107 Washington.

Roll Call Vote:

This motion carried unanimously.

REPORT BY CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Fritz discussed the success of Jeepfest and the Kite Festival.

Council Member McLaughlin thanked Chief Hudson, the City Manager, and the Building Inspector for their work on various issues in the City.

Council Member Lowe thanked Public Safety in honor of Police Week, and thanked Public Safety, Public Works, and the Board of Light and Power for their work during the severe storms.

Mayor Monetza thanked City and Board of Light and Power staff for their work during the severe storms and their clean-up efforts. Mayor Monetza also attended the Grand Haven Christian School Groundbreaking, the volunteer day to demolish the Riverview deck, and the last Planning Commission Meeting, where a potential new hotel downtown was discussed.

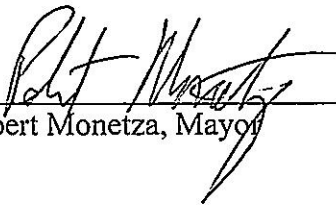
CITY MANAGER REPORT


City Manager Latsch announced that it is National Public Works Week and thanked the Public Works Staff for their efforts.

CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.


Robert Monetza, Mayor


Maria Boersma, City Clerk

Attachment A

To: Ashley Latsch, City Manager
From: Emily Greene, Finance Director *ELG*
CM Date: 05.19.25
RE: Bills From Payables Warrant

NEW FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	WARRANT 05.07.25	ACH WARRANT 05.14.25	WARRANT 05.14.25	CREDIT CARD WARRANT 05.13.25	TOTALS
101	General Fund	\$25,688.64	\$28,558.17	\$22,936.75	\$8,268.51	\$85,452.07
151	Cemetery Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
202	Major Street Fund	\$1,893.07	\$3,410.83	\$2,048.34	\$66.88	\$7,419.12
203	Local Street Fund	\$1,589.04	\$656.30	\$41.20	\$0.00	\$2,286.54
225	Land Acquisition Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
242	Brfd LSRRF TIF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
243	Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
244	Econ. Dev. Corp. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245	Downtown TIF	\$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
248	Main St Dist Dev	\$126.65	\$0.00	\$15,896.33	\$2,280.26	\$18,303.24
272	UTGO Inf Spec Rev Fund	\$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
274	2015 UTGO Bond Rev	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
276	Lighthouse Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
278	Community Land Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
310	Assessment Bond Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
351	Operating Debt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
352	Brownfield TIF Debt	\$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
369	Building Auth Debt Fund	\$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
373	LTGO Debt	\$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
384	2020 LTGO Bond - Warber Drain	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
394	Downtown TIF Debt	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
401	Public Improvements Fund	\$12,326.00	\$2,958.22	\$95,821.75	\$3,374.55	\$114,480.52
402	Fire Truck Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
403	Brownfield TIF Const	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
404	Downtown TIF Const.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
410	Harbor Island	\$23,732.86	\$45,138.09	\$0.00	\$346.22	\$69,217.17
455	G/L TIF Construction Fund	\$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
457	LTGO Bond Construction Fund	\$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
469	Building Auth. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
508	North Ottawa Rec Authority	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$477.66	\$477.66
509	Sewer Authority Operations	\$19,667.78	\$302,395.17	\$5,898.14	\$687.69	\$328,629.78
509	Sewer Authority SL Force Mn	\$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
509	GH/SL SA-2013 Debt	\$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
509	GH/SL SA-Local Lift Station Debt	\$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
510	NOWS Operating	\$9,315.01	\$8,649.04	\$13,911.44	\$0.00	\$31,875.49
510	NOWS Plant Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
510	NOWS Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
535	Housing Fund	\$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
581	Alpark Fund	\$390.78	\$39.05	\$163.18	\$0.00	\$593.01
590	City Sewer Fund	\$2,685.78	\$94,688.69	\$386,666.63	\$0.00	\$484,041.10
591	City Water Fund	\$5,239.54	\$41,577.47	\$46,003.19	\$199.13	\$93,019.33
594	City Marina Fund	\$727.94	\$3,568.98	\$751.34	\$219.03	\$5,267.29
597	City Boat Launch Fund	\$40.01	\$1,490.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,530.28
661	Motorpool Fund	\$1,594.72	\$18,678.92	\$551.01	\$92.89	\$20,917.54
677	Self Insurance Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
678	OPEB/Retiree Benefits Fund	\$40,202.79	\$0.00	\$1,255.20	\$0.00	\$41,457.99
679	Health Benefit Fund	\$955.80	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$1,105.80
701	Trust & Agency Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
703	Tax Collection Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
704	Payroll Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$146,176.41	\$552,810.20	\$592,094.50	\$16,267.82	\$1,307,348.93

\$1,307,348.93 Total Approved Bills
 \$42,563.79 Minus eligible bills for release without prior approval: including Utility,
 \$1,264,785.14 Retirement, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds