



CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
519 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417

**Grand Haven EDC/BRA Special Meeting, August 14, 2023**

**Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bonamy at 4:00 pm. Roll Call:**

Present: Bob Monetza, Mike Fritz, Linda Weavers, Tom Braciak, Brook Bisonet, Joy Gaasch, Bill Van Lopik, Jim Bonamy

Absent: Eric Schmidt

Also Present: Ashley Latsch, Emily Greene, Tim Price, Mayor Cathy McNally. Elizabeth Butler joined the meeting by phone to answer questions.

**Call to the Audience:**

No response.

**Economic Incentive Policy Review of revised draft:**

The EDC/BRA performed a page-by-page review of the draft policy presented at this meeting.

Note that the title of the Policy is revised to include residential opportunities.

Page 2: The list of Acts covered is complete. The terms “abatement” and “incentive” are distinct and not interchangeable and should be written “abatements and incentives” wherever both terms are relevant.

Page 3: line 1.E regarding bonds, Mayor McNally suggested the sentence read: “The City will not ordinarily issue or be a signatory on bonds in connection with abatements.” Committee members agreed, in order to provide flexibility without creating an expectation for approval.

Page 4: Line II.A.12 to read: “Create, retain, or support industrial employment”. Line II.A.13 to be added to include brownfield sites as an evaluation criterion. Line II.B.4 “public and other stakeholder input” to be included in line II.A.11

Page 5: Line II.B.2 nonrefundable application fee to be scaled to dollar size of project, not to exceed statutory limits.

Page 6: Line IV.B.9, residential, justification for rescission based on short term rentals derives from commercial financing for this use. No change to draft text.

5:00 pm, Brook Bisonet left meeting.

Page 7: Remove last line from Guideline Table, section 7, 120+ percentage of AMI. Revise previous line to “100-130” percent of AMI

Motion by Gaasch, second by Fritz, to revise policy document per discussion and forward to City Council with a recommendation to adopt. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion to Adjourn by Braciak, second by Fritz, carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.**