CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

The Special Work Session of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Bob Monetza in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Present: Council Members Mike Dora, Ryan Cummins, Dennis Scott, Mike Fritz, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Patrick McGinnis, City Clerk Linda L. Browand, Assistant to the City Manager Ashley Latsch, Administrative Assistant Mary Ann Poel, Community Affairs Manager Char Seise, Community Development Manager Jennifer Howland, Main Street Director Jeremy Swiftney, Finance Director Amy Bessinger, and Public Safety Officer Mike VanHook.

1. Loutit District Library Annual Report Presentation
   - John Martin, Loutit District Library Director
   - Dave DeYoung, GH board member
   - Burton Brooks, GH board member

The report included in the agenda packet was reviewed.

Council expressed their appreciation for all of the services offered at the library.

2. Medical Marijuana Ordinance Amendment Discussion
   - Pat McGinnis, City Manager
   - Jennifer Howland, Community Development Manager

City Manager McGinnis stated there would be two ordinances to be discussed. One was under land use authority and the other was for the regulatory framework. Information in the agenda packet was reviewed.

Council requested to see a map of the City showing buffer zones for not only the school drug-free zones but also parks, daycare facilities, churches, and substance abuse treatment centers. They felt that neighborhood involvement should be done during the application process.

Council Member Cummins felt the consent to search wording was overly broad and unreasonable and suggested it be restricted to normal business hours. He was in favor of a local ownership
preference and security requirements were reasonable. Operating hours should not be specified and the sign ordinance was too restrictive. He was interested in hearing thoughts from the Planning Commissioners regarding buffer zones.

Council Member Dora said he had heard great ideas. He was not for or against but just was conservative. The City should take baby steps and then expand from there. If there were no buffer zones between provisioning centers then there should be a limit to number of them.

Mayor Monetza stated the Planning Commission put a lot of thought into the zoning ordinance wording. It was a good, objective ordinance. He felt that the provisioning centers should also not be allowed in zoning areas that had single-family residential housing as a permitted use. He was concerned about placing caps, numbers of permits, or required separation of units in the regulatory ordinance. With caps or separation requirements, then a lottery system may have some value.

Due to the time, the work session was continued during the following council meeting.

3. Adjournment

Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Robert Monetza, Mayor

Linda L. Browand, City Clerk