CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020
(Electronic Remote Meeting)

The Regular Meeting of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Bob Monetza.

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, Public Safety Director Jeff Hawke, Community Development Manager Jennifer Howland, and City Attorney Ron Buljte.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was led by Mayor Monetza and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS

20-266 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve the consent and regular agendas, as amended. This motion carried with a vote of 4 to 1. In favor: Dora, Scott, Fritz, and Monetza. Oppose: Cummins.

A Board of Light and Power Update was added to Presentations. Council Member Cummins expressed concern with the addition since interested members of the community were not aware that this presentation would take place at tonight’s meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Retirement Recognition – Chip Wright

- Christopher “Chip” Wright, retired Public Safety Lieutenant, was recognized and thanked for his 26 years of service with the City.
City Council and Public Safety Director Hawke stated that Chip’s service was appreciated and he was missed.

Lieutenant Wright thanked the City for the opportunity to serve a great community.

Council then presented Lieutenant Wright with the 2020 Employee Lighthouse Award.

**Appreciation for Ashley Latsch**

City Manager McGinnis stated that Assistant to the City Manager Latsch had done a great job with the Chinook Pier situation and her work was very much appreciated by Council and the former Chinook Pier, not Depot, tenants. A gift basket from the Depot tenants was presented to Ms. Latsch.

Council congratulated Assistant to the City Manager Latsch for a job well done. She worked hard helping Chinook Pier tenants get back into business. She put all of her effort into everything she did, came up with solutions, and communicated well. She was a very valuable team member.

**BLP Update**

BLP General Manager Dave Walters reviewed the activities of the BLP over the last 6 months. Demolition of the Sims Plant had begun and the project was expected to be completed late summer/early fall next year.

Power Supply Manager Erik Booth reported that the downtown snowmelt would be transitioned without any terminations. Boilers and gas and water lines had been installed so the system should be ready to go this winter. Mr. Booth also reviewed the proposed site plan for the BLP’s facility on Harbor Island.

Council appreciated the information and requested another update at the November 2 work session.

**CALL TO AUDIENCE**

Mayor Monetza made a call to the audience, allowing audience members to address Council on any issue.
Emails and Facebook comments were received from Pine Court residents Kent and Patti Blohm and Pat Nelsen (1820), Andrew Alt (1803), Mike Vantuberger (1918), Nancy Ireland (1830), Lynn Mathews (1900), Don Scott Meyer (1800), and Shelia Whittaker (1914) and Paul Shibley (104 Williams) opposing the proposed zoning ordinance update.

CONTINUATION OF WORK SESSION

Zoning Ordinance Update (cont’d)

Community Development Manager Howland continued her overview of the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance. After Council discussion, Ms. Howland stated she would make the requested “tweaks” to the proposed updates.

City Manager McGinnis noted if there were any questions, to please contact him or Community Development Manager Howland. Approval of the updates would be scheduled for mid-November.

CONSENT AGENDA

20-267 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Dora, to approve the bills memo in the amount of $12,527,940.62. This motion carried unanimously. (Attachment A)

Council Member Fritz noted that $11.3 million was tax pass-thru dollars.

20-268 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Dora, to approve an agreement with Ottawa County naming Brian Busscher as the Designated Assessor to comply with PA 660 of 2018 to serve as the City’s Assessor in the event the City reaches a non-compliance condition of phase three and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

20-269 Moved by Council Member Cummins, seconded by Council Member Scott, to approve an agreement with Shyle Lyons, DBA Merchants and Makers LLC, to assist with social media production, promotion, and ongoing management at a cost of $1,250 per month with agreement to be re-evaluated in March for July renewal in 2021 and each succeeding
year of a potential five-year engagement and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. This motion carried unanimously.

Council noted that Ms. Lyons had been doing a great job so far but would like to see the contract go through the bid process in the future.

20-270 Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Dora, to approve an introductory resolution amending Section 40-509.B of the Grand Haven Zoning Ordinance to change Automobile Wash Special Land Use Regulations and Conditions concerning vacuums. This motion carried unanimously. (Attachment B)

Community Development Manager stated that the Touch of Class Auto Wash intended to make some site improvements, including the installation of new vacuums. They requested that the minimum 100-ft setback be eliminated and the building containing the new vacuums be considered an accessory structure.

Mr. Roy Kamps, Touch of Class owner, stated he had a similar facility in Allendale and the vacuums could not be heard outside of the building.

Mayor Monetza suggested adding wording to the maximum decibels to include “unless more stringent standards apply.”

20-271 Moved by Council Member Dora, seconded by Council Member Cummins, to approve an introductory resolution amending Section 34-8 of the Grand Haven Code of Ordinances and Section 40-301.03.F of the Grand Haven Zoning Ordinance to align the fencing requirements for swimming pools, requiring a 4-foot tall fence around pools. This motion carried unanimously. (Attachment C)

Community Development Manager Howland noted the current code required a 5-ft fence. The proposed change would reduce the requirement and would also eliminate the reference to the building code. The minimum height would be 4 feet, but up to a 6 foot fence could be used.

REPORTS BY CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Cummins attended the virtual town hall on racism and observed the Zoom attack. He thanked everyone who stuck through what happened and who were able to continue an important discussion. He also attended the last Board of Light and Power meeting. He thanked Grand Haven staff for being well prepared and ready to answer questions at meetings.
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Council Member Dora attended many virtual meetings. Power Supply Manager Erik Booth had given an excellent presentation on the proposed use of the Harbor Island area at the last BLP meeting. Council Member Dora also attended the ribbon cutting for Just Goods’ location in the Depot. He gave kudos to Barbara Lee VanHorsen and her group for handling the Zoom meeting/bombing of the town hall on racism.

Council Member Fritz noted that Barbara Lee VanHorsen did a fantastic job for the Momentum Center. Council Member Fritz attended the Heritage Festival and thanked WAWL for getting people interested in attending. He reminded everyone to continue to wear face masks and to social distance to keep the situation from escalating. He appreciated being able to attend so many meetings due to the Zoom format.

Council Member Scott thanked the BLP for the presentation given tonight. He thanked retired Lieutenant Chip Wright again for being such a great employee.

Mayor Monetza wanted to echo many of the comments already made. He had high praise for Barbara Lee VanHorsen and Brian Wheeler for the handling of the Zoom bombing. They made it through, maintained composure, and were able to continue the conversation. He encouraged people to attend meetings and to speak up. The Michigan Supreme Court’s decision to nullify Governor Whitmer’s executive order authority was a shame as those orders saved lives.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

Free Speech Areas

The Central Park area seemed to work very well as a location for free speech events. There is room, plenty of parking, and did not block the streets. This policy should be put in writing.

Just Goods Grand Opening

Just Goods recently opened in the Depot and planned on being there year-round. He hoped for their success in their new home.

GENERAL BUSINESS/CALL TO AUDIENCE

Mayor Monetza made a call to the audience, allowing audience members to address Council on any issue.
City Manager McGinnis stated that Ms. Shyle Lyons had contacted him during the meeting to let Council know that she provided 60 different posts on 3 platforms for a total of 180 per month.

ADJOURNMENT

After hearing no further business, Mayor Monetza adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Robert Monetza, Mayor

Linda L. Browand, City Clerk
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**Attachment A**

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**Notes:**
- Tonight, City Council will be approving, subject to audit, bills for the period, totaling as follows:
- Total Approved Bills:
- All bills for release without prior approval include Utility, Insurance, Health Benefit, and Tax Collection Funds.
Attachment B

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Councilmember _______________, supported by Councilmember _______________, moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 40-509.B OF THE GRAND HAVEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE AUTOMOBILE WASH SPECIAL LAND USE REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS

THE CITY OF GRAND HAVEN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Regulations and conditions. Section 40-509.B of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Grand Haven, is amended to read as follows:

B. Regulations and conditions.

1. All such facilities shall be connected to a public water and sewer system.
2. All washing activities shall be carried out within a building, however drying and waxing activities associated with manual and coin operated automobile washes may occur outdoors.
3. The producer for a vacuum system (the source of noise) shall be located within an enclosed building, or if the producer is not located within an enclosed building, the producer shall be no closer than one hundred (100) feet from any property line which abuts a property zoned or used for residential purposes.
4. Vacuum equipment shall be considered an accessory structure and shall meet accessory structure setback requirements.
5. Vacuum equipment shall only be available for use during normal business hours.
6. Noise generated on site from any source shall not exceed sixty (60) decibels measured at any property line.
7. Adequate drainage shall be provided, to prevent flooding, freezing of runoff, and environmental damage.
8. Manual and coin automobile washes shall provide adequate space for drying and waxing vehicles.
9. The applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the planning commission that vehicle stacking areas for the drive-through facility are adequate to handle the highest volume likely at the facility without encroaching on the public right-of-way or the drive aisles, parking or pedestrian areas on site.
10. The applicant shall demonstrate that no litter and debris will travel off-site.
11. The planning commission may establish hours of operation for such uses consistent with the character of the land uses in the vicinity.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after adoption.

YEAS: Councilmember(s) ____________________________
NAYS: Councilmember(s) 

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s) 

ABSENT: Councilmember(s) 

APPROVED: _________________, 2020

I certify that this ordinance was adopted at a meeting of the Grand Haven City Council held on _________________, 2020.

Linda Browand, City Clerk

Introduced: ___________________

Adopted: ___________________

Published: ___________________

Effective: ___________________
Attachment C

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Councilmember __________________, supported by Councilmember __________________, moved
the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 34-8 OF THE GRAND HAVEN CODE OF ORDINANCES
AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-301.03.F.3 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALIGN POOL
SAFETY REGULATIONS WITH FENCING REQUIREMENTS

THE CITY OF GRAND HAVEN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Safety Regulations. Section 34-8 the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Haven,
is amended to read as follows:

For the protection of the general public, outdoor swimming pools shall be enclosed by a wall, fence or other type
of enclosure which may consist in part of the residence to which the swimming pool is appurtenant; the wall or
fence to be not less than four (4) feet or more above the grade line of the abutting ground level. Any wall shall be
of wood, brick or masonry and any fence shall follow the fencing requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. Any
wall or fence may be solid or designed so as to permit circulation of air, provided that any wall or fence shall not
have openings of such nature or size so as to permit any child to pass through or under such fence except at a gate
or door when such gate or door shall be opened. All gates or doors leading to such swimming pool except a door
in any residence forming part of the enclosure, shall be kept closed when the pool is not in actual use and such
gates and doors shall be fitted with a positive latching device which shall automatically latch them when the gate
or door is in a closed position. All gates and doors leading to such swimming pool if not in actual use shall be
kept locked at all times when the owner of the residence situated on the property where such pool is located shall
be absent or away from the property. If any such pool shall be located on a parcel of land where there is no
residence actually occupied by the owner or part owner of such pool located on the parcel of land or on an
adjoining parcel, then and in such case all gates or doors to the pool shall be kept securely closed, latched and
locked when the pool is not in actual use.

Section 2. Private swimming pool. Section 40-301.03.F.3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of
Grand Haven, is amended to read as follows.

3. Be enclosed by a fence or wall at least four (4) feet in height and in such a manner that no person may enter the
yard or area where the pool is located without passing through a gate or door located on the lot or parcel where the
pool is located.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after adoption.

YEAS: Councilmember(s)

NAYS: Councilmember(s)

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s)
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ABSENT: Councilmember(s)

APPROVED: _________________, 2020

I certify that this ordinance was adopted at a meeting of the Grand Haven City Council held on______________ , 2020.

__________________________________________
Linda Browand, City Clerk

Introduced: _________________________

Adopted: ___________________________

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