

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

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

Present: Council Members Bob Monetza, Dennis Scott, Michael Fritz, and Mayor Roger A. Bergman.

Absent: Council Member Edward Nieuwenhuis, excused.

Others Present: City Manager Patrick McGinnis, City Clerk Linda L. Niotis, Management Intern Sam Janson, and Finance Director James Bonamy.

1. 2010/11 Preliminary Budget Discussion

City Manager McGinnis reviewed the information provided by Finance Director Bonamy in the agenda packet. According to current projections, the 2010/2011 budget was at a \$630,000 deficit. Three possible options were presented to correct the shortfall.

- Option #1: Fund Balance

The deficit could be paid for by the fund balance and still leave 20 percent of revenue.

- Option #2: Expenditures

- Reduced staffing
- Reduced services

- Option #3: Enhance Revenues

- Collect 1% allowable administrative fee for cost of collecting and distributing taxes
- Collect additional 2 mills allowed per charter limit

Council was in favor of adding the one percent tax collection administrative fee. Other items they would consider were attrition, change in motorpool rates, and delay of projects. Other future budget discussions should include the City fee structure, especially for special events. Council would review the information and submit questions or suggestions to City Manager McGinnis.


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2. Reports by City Council


Mayor Bergman noted that he would like to cancel the first meeting in April due to spring break. Budget discussions would be scheduled for Monday, April 12 and Tuesday, April 13 (if needed).

3. Adjournment

After hearing no further business, Mayor Bergman adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.



Roger A. Bergman, Mayor



Linda L. Niotis, City Clerk