

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010**

The Special Work Session of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 7:00 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.

Others Present: City Manager Patrick McGinnis, City Clerk Linda L. Niotis, Management Intern Sam Janson, City Planner Kristin Keery, Special Projects Manager Ken Shingledecker, Facilities Manager Dan Vivian, Acting DPW Director Julie Beaton, and Finance Director Jim Bonamy.

1. Lighthouse Acquisition

City Manager McGinnis reviewed the information presented in the agenda packet. The Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy lacked a track record and financial resources in the eyes of the federal government. In order for the application to be approved, the City needed to be the applicant and the owner of the lights. Lights could be transferred to the Conservancy at a later date, after they had better established themselves and demonstrated the ability to maintain the lights and raise funds. A suggested lease with the Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy was included in the packet. If approved, the City would extend liability insurance over the lighthouse, which would allow for governmental immunity.

Mayor Bergman instructed Council to forward their comments to City Manager McGinnis. The lighthouse was an icon for the City and for the area. Citizens felt that the lighthouse should be kept up as one of the City's artifacts.

Council agreed to put this item on the March 15 council meeting agenda.

2. NWS Backwash Tank Location

The NWS water plant renovation included the replacement of the existing 1 million gallon backwash water tank located on the sand dune. The City had supported the placement of the new tank between the tennis courts and the parking area. The proposed location did not conflict with the Mulligan's Hollow Master Plan (2005). The plan was scheduled to be presented to the Planning Commission and the Parks & Recreation Board in March.

City Engineer Vilmont believed that the cost difference between replacing the tank at its existing location and at the proposed location was very close. The operation preference was to build the new one in the alternate location before the older tank was removed. The new tank would be connected with the old and proposed raw water intake lines.

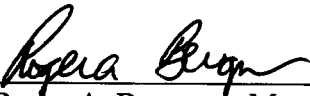
City Manager McGinnis added that the project would be staged on the tennis courts, but the contractor would replace the courts. If the City approved the new proposed location, an agreement for staging and a property sale transferring property rights from the City to the County would need to be done.

3. Bayou Picnic

This year's picnic was scheduled for August 28 at East Grand River Park.

4. Adjournment

After hearing no further business, Mayor Bergman adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



Roger A. Bergman, Mayor



Linda L. Niotis, City Clerk