

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026, IN THE COUNCIL-COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members: Brown, Granger, Koester, Motschall
ABSENT: Gafa, McConaghy

Also Present: City Manager Como
City Attorney Walling
Recording Secretary Miotto
Director of Public Safety Kosanke
Director of Public Services Kowalski
City Planner Mangan

Motion by Brown, seconded by Granger, that Councilmembers Gafa and McConaghy be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Granger, Koester, Motschall
No: None
Absent: Gafa, McConaghy

Council, Administration, and the audience Pledged Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Doug Hamborsky, Planning Commission
- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Dan Curis, Local Officers' Compensation Commission

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that all items on tonight's agenda, including the memo regarding the proposed pavilion from the City Manager dated August 17, 2026, and the updated Variance Review from the City Planner dated August 17, 2026, be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Granger, Koester, Motschall
No: None
Absent: Gafa, McConaghy

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, to approve all items (6A-6F) listed under the consent agenda as presented.

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Council 07/20/26

B. Items Received and Placed on File

1. Beautification Advisory Commission Minutes 06/10/26
2. Election Commission Minutes 10/28/25, 07/13/26
3. Judicial Liaison Committee Minutes 01/26/26
4. Planning Commission Minutes 06/23/26
5. Senior Citizens' Commission Minutes 05/15/26, Minutes Excerpt 07/21/26 with recommendation*

*Request funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the 09/16/26 Senior Picnic.

C. Report(s)

1. Department of Public Works - 2025 Annual Report

D. Bids/Proposals/Contracts

1. Purchase - Water Van
 - a) Memo 07/29/26 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - b) Quote 01/14/26 - Gorno Bros., Inc.
2. Purchase - 3/4 Ton Pickup Truck
 - a) Memo 07/29/26 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - b) Quote 02/20/26 - Gorno Bros, Inc.
 - c) Quote ID Q57885 - 02/27/26 - ITU Inc.
3. Replacement Computer Systems
 - a) Memo 07/27/26 - IT Manager Capps
 - b) PC Replacements 2026-2027 List - 03/06/26
 - c) Quotes for Departments
4. School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement
 - a) Memo 08/12/26 - Director of Public Safety Kosanke
 - b) Proposed Agreement
 - c) GPW Certificate of Liability Insurance

5. Oakland County CLEMIS User Agreement
 - a) Memo 08/12/26 - Director of Public Safety Kosanke
 - b) Proposed CLEMIS Authority Agreement
 - c) Proposed Resolution
6. Radio Upgrade per Federal Mandate
 - a) Memo 08/13/26 - Director of Public Safety Kosanke
 - b) Quote q26-4730 - 08/12/26 - Command Communications
 - c) Land Mobile Radios and Encryption of Criminal Justice Information (05/01/25) - Michigan State Police
 - d) Quote - 3661975 - 05/30/26 - Motorola Solutions
 - e) Purchase Order Checklist NA OM - Motorola Solutions
7. Grosse Pointe Shores – Grosse Pointe Woods Consolidated Dispatch and Lock-Up Services Contract
 - a) Memo 08/13/26 - Director of Public Safety Kosanke
 - b) Proposed Contract
8. Michigan Municipal League (MML) 2026 Convention
 - a) Memo 08/14/26 – City Manager Como with attachments

E. Proclamation(s)

1. Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance (September 11)
2. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month (September)

F. Claims and Accounts

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers
 - a) 2025 Miscellaneous Concrete Program - Invoice No. 166471 - Proj. No. 0160-0493 - 07/14/26 - \$2,837.24.
 - b) 2025 Sewer Rehab Program - Invoice No. 166472 - Proj. No. 0160-0495 - 07/14/26 - \$871.01.
 - c) 2025-2026 GIS Maintenance - Invoice No. 166473 - Proj. No. 0160-0499 - 07/14/26 - \$711.31.
 - d) Eng. Plan Review - 20160 Mack Ave. - Invoice No. 166474 - Proj. No. 0160-0514 - 07/14/26 - \$2,198.25.
 - e) Vernier & Mack Ave. Intersection Improvement - Invoice No. 166495 - Proj. No. 0160-0455 - 07/14/26 - \$1,531.48.
 - f) Lee Ct./Doyle Ct. & Thorntree Water Mains - Invoice No. 166496 - Proj. No. 0160-0497 - 07/14/26 - \$16,992.43.
 - g) 2025-2026 General Engineering - Invoice No. 166497 - Proj. No. 0160-0498 - 07/14/26 - \$2,487.25.
 - h) Engineering Plan Review - Barnes School - Invoice No. 166498 - Proj. No. 0160-0512 - 07/14/26 - \$5,865.00.

- i) Engineering Plan Review - GP North - Invoice No. 166499 - Proj. No. 0160-0513 - 07/14/26 - \$17,659.00.
 - j) Sewer System Evaluation - Invoice No. 166510 - Proj. No. 0160-0449 - 07/15/26 - \$3,430.00.
 - k) Lee Ct./Doyle Ct. and Thorntree Water Mains - Invoice No. 166953 - Proj. No. 0160-0497 - 08/03/26 - \$5,239.75.
 - l) 2026 Joint & Crack Sealing Program - Invoice No. 166954 - Proj. No. 0160-0507 - 08/03/26 - \$8,333.00.
 - m) Cook Rd. Inlay (Mack to Wedgewood) - Invoice No. 167020 - Proj. No. 0160-0501 - 08/04/26 - \$103,800.00.
 - n) 2026 Miscellaneous Concrete Program - Invoice No. 167021 - Proj. No. 0160-0506 - 08/04/26 - \$45,734.80.
 - o) 2026 Sewer TV & Clean Program - Invoice No. 167022 - Proj. No. 0160-0509 - 08/04/26 - \$5,477.38.
 - p) 2026 GPW Road Program - Invoice No. 167023 - Proj. No. 0160-0511 - 08/04/26 - \$15,540.00.
 - q) 2026-2027 General Engineering - Invoice No. 167024 - Proj. No. 0160-0515 - 08/04/26 - \$3,667.50.
 - r) 2026 Water Main Replacement Program - Invoice No. 167026 - Proj. No. 0160-0503 - 08/05/26 - \$34,200.00.
 - s) Doyle Ct. & Lee Ct. Water Main Replacement - Proj. No. 0160-0497 - Fiscal Year End - Payment Invoice No. 03 - Fontana Construction, Inc. - 07/27/26 - \$202,519.58.
 - t) 2025 Concrete Pavement Repair Program - Proj. No. 0160-0493 - Fiscal Year End - Payment Invoice No. 04 - Mattioli Cement Co., LLC - 07/24/26 - \$29,885.59.
 - u) Doyle Ct. & Lee Ct. Water Main Replacement - Proj. No. 0160-0497 - Payment Invoice No. 04 - Fontana Construction, Inc. - 08/03/26 - \$1,899.30.
2. Hallahan & Associates, P.C. - Professional Services
- a) Invoice No. 24217 - June 2026 - 07/01/26 - \$3,401.60.
 - b) Invoice No. 24307 - July 2026 - 08/03/26 - \$16,168.87.
3. McKenna - Building/Planning Services
- a) Building Services - Invoice No. 21849-123 - June 2026 - 07/22/26 - \$58,913.30.
 - b) Planning Services - Invoice No. 22-064-55 - June 2026 - 07/22/26 - \$2,708.75.
 - c) GPW MSHDA Zoning Ordinance Update - Invoice No. 25-030-14 - June 2026 - 07/12/26 - \$500.00.
4. Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 1086262 - June 2026 - 07/27/26 - \$8,289.12.

5. Tomlinson & McGrail, PLLC - Legal Billing - Invoice No. 443 - July 2026 - 08/03/26 - \$1,953.00.
6. WCA Assessing - Assessing Services - Invoice No. 072026 - August 2026 - 07/20/26 - \$7,911.08.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Granger, Koester, Motschall
No: None
Absent: Gafa, McConaghy

The Mayor/Council read aloud the proclamation regarding Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance (September 11).

The next item was a presentation by Director Kosanke and the administration of Oath of Office for the promotion of Sergeant Matthew Muzia.

The City Council recessed the Regular City Council Meeting and convened as a **Zoning Board of Appeals** at 7:27 p.m. Upon conclusion of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the City Council reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Gafa, that City Council open the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Granger, Koester, Motschall
No: None
Absent: Gafa, McConaghy

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:27 P.M. FOR A **PUBLIC HEARING** TO HEAR THE APPLICATION OF MICHAEL & EMILY MILBOCKER OF 502 GLEN ARBOR LN, WHO ARE REQUESTING AN EXCEPTION TO ARTICLE IX.-FENCES, TO ALLOW THE INSTALLED FENCE TO REMAIN WITHIN THE FRONT YARD AT 4-FEET IN HEIGHT.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Brown , that for purposes of the public hearing the following items be received and placed on file:

- 1) Fence Exception Review (08/12/26) - City Planner Mangan
- 2) Application for Public Hearing (07/20/26)
- 3) Cover Letter/Statement of Facts - Michael & Emily Milbocker
- 4) Photos of Fence

- 5) Receipt of Payment (07/27/26)
- 6) Affidavit of Property Owners Notified with List & Parcel Map
- 7) Affidavit of Legal Publication

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Granger, Koester, Motschall
No: None
Absent: Gafa, McConaghy

City Planner Mangan provided an overview of the proposed request as presented in her Planning Review dated August 12, 2026.

Michael Milbocker, applicant, was in attendance to answer questions.

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in favor of the proposed request. No one wished to be heard.

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition to the proposed request. No one wished to be heard.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the public hearing be closed at 7:51 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Koester, that City Council approve the application for 502 Glen Arbor Ln for an exception to Article IX.-FENCES, to allow the installed fence to remain within the front yard at 4-feet in height.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Granger, Koester, Motschall
No: None
Absent: Gafa, McConaghy

Under New Business/Public Comment, the following were heard:

- City Manager Como provided an updated proposal for the previously approved Ghesquiere Park pavilion, which is larger (20' x 40'), has better materials, and is less expensive than the previously approved pavilion. The new proposed pavilion quote is as follows:

- Construction of 20' x 40' wood, vinyl siding, and shingles with a closed ceiling: \$38,600
 - DPW to install 20' x 40' x 5" concrete slab and (10) 36" x 4" footings: \$ 5,000
 - Contingency: \$ 5,000
- Total: \$48,600

Administration has received confirmation from the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation that they are agreeable to the new proposed pavilion.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the City Council rescind the previous approved purchase and accept the new pavilion proposal with the total amount of \$48,600.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Granger, Koester, Motschall
No: None
Absent: Gafa, McConaghy

- The City Clerk's office gave shout-outs and thanks to all departments for their support in the August Primary election, and to St. Michael's Church for use of their facility, and to Pangea Global Kitchen for catering our election worker meal.
- City Manager Como commended the Clerk's office for a well-run election.
- Councilmember Granger commended St. Michael's Church for the use of their facilities and will be using them for future group meetings.

Motion by Motschall, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 8:07 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Miotto
Recording Secretary

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor