

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025, 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 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

Also Present: Assistant City Administrator Como
City Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
City Clerk Antolin
City Planner Jankowski
City Planner Haw
Director of Public Safety Kosanke
City Engineer Wilberding

Motion by Motschall, seconded by Granger, that Councilmember McConaghy be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Dave Bryk, Historical Commission
- Christina Pitts, Tree Commission

Motion by Granger, seconded by Gafa, that all items on tonight's **agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.**

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Brown, that all items (6A-6D) on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Council 06/16/25
2. Joint Committee-of-the-Whole and Planning Commission 06/16/25

B. Minutes Received and Placed on File

1. Beautification Advisory Commission 05/14/25
2. Citizens' Recreation Commission 05/13/25 with recommendation*
*This recommendation was presented at the 05/19/25 Council meeting.
3. Senior Citizens' Commission 03/18/25* and 05/16/25** excerpt, both with recommendations
*This recommendation was presented at the 04/07/25 Council meeting.
**Recommendation requesting a budget totaling \$4,500 for the FYE 06/30/26.
4. Tree Commission 04/02/25, 05/07/25

C. Bids/Proposals/Contracts

1. Purchase of Public Safety Patrol Vehicle and Equipment
 - a) Memo 07/02/25 - Director of Public Safety Kosanke
 - b) Vehicle Dealers Listing
 - c) Bid Per Enclosed Specifications - Berger Chevrolet Inc.
 - d) Quotation No. 174076 - 07/02/25 - Canfield Equipment Service, Inc.
2. 2025 Miscellaneous Concrete Pavement Repair Program - AEW Project No. 0160-0493
 - a) Memo 07/09/25 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - b) Letter 06/02/25 - City Engineer Varicalli (AEW)
 - c) Letter 02/11/25 - Alfred Mattioli (Mattioli Cement Co., LLC)
3. 2025 Sewer Rehabilitation by Full Length C.I.P.P. Lining - AEW Project No. 0160-0495
 - a) Memo 07/09/25 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - b) Letter 06/02/25 - City Engineer Varicalli (AEW)
 - c) Letter 08/06/24 - Jay B. Ferguson (Insituform Technologies USA, LLC)
 - d) Price Proposal

4. 2025 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Program - AEW Project No. 0160-0494
 - a) Memo 07/09/25 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - b) Letter 06/02/25 - City Engineer Varicalli (AEW)
 - c) Letter 05/15/25 - Jeff Lippert (Scodeller Construction)
5. AEW Design Fees for 2025/2026 Construction Projects
 - a) Memo 07/09/25 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - b) Letter 06/04/24 - City Engineer Wilberding (AEW)
6. Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA) FY 2026 Annual Implementation Plan
 - a) Memo 06/30/25 - City Administrator Schulte
 - b) Email 06/26/25 - Krista Siddall (Executive Director of The Helm Life Center)
 - c) DAAA Review, Input & Feedback Form
 - d) Letter 06/18/25 - Ronald Taylor (DAAA President/CEO)
 - e) Proposed FY 2026 Implementation Plan

D. Claims and Accounts

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers
 - a) Ghesquiere & Lakefront Park Bldg Renovations - Invoice No. 158460 - Proj. No. 0160-0479 - 06/09/25 - \$1,333.30.
 - b) Water System CDSMI - Invoice No. 158499 - Proj. No. 0160-0461 - 06/09/25 - \$4,629.85.
 - c) LFP Boat Launch Parking Lot - Invoice No. 158500 - Proj. No. 0160-0480 - 06/09/25 - \$6,977.87.
 - d) Ghesquiere Park Walking Path - Invoice No. 158501 - Proj. No. 0160-0482 - 6/09/25 - \$11,981.96.
 - e) Sewer System Evaluation - Invoice No. 158502 - Proj. No. 0160-0449 - 06/10/25 - \$1,952.80.
 - f) Vernier & Mack Ave. Intersection Improvement - Invoice No. 158503 - Proj. No. 0160-0455 - 06/10/25 - \$27,554.28.
 - g) 2024-2025 General Engineering - Invoice No. 158504 - Proj. No. 0160-0484 - 06/10/25 - \$1,575.15.
 - h) Lake Front Park Building Renovation - Proj. No. 0160-0479 - Payment Invoice No. 2 - In-Line Construction - 06/13/25 - \$63,115.38.
2. Keller Thoma - Legal Services - Invoice No. 127751 - May 2025 - 06/01/25 - \$43.75.
3. McKenna - Building/Planning Services
 - a) Invoice No. 21849-110 - Building Services - May 2025 - 06/17/25 - \$61,408.05.
 - b) Invoice No. 22-064-42 - Planning Services - May 2025 - 06/20/25 - \$3,202.50.
 - c) Invoice No. 25-030-1 - GPW MSHDA Zoning Ordinance Update - May 2025 - 06/19/25 - \$3,600.00.

4. State of Michigan - MDOT00183 - Program # 218128CON (Vernier Rd.) and #219533CON (Sunningdale Dr.) - 06/04/25 - \$7,713.71.
5. WCA Assessing - Assessing Services - Invoice No. 061225 - July 2025 - 06/12/25 - \$7,534.41.
6. York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 310 - June 2025 - 07/02/25 - \$3,828.50.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Motschall

No: None

Absent: McConaghy

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:07 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR THE APPLICATION OF JOHN LAMIA, 19653 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, WHICH IS REQUESTING TO SPLIT THE LOT INTO TWO PARCELS INCLUDING PARCEL 1: 19655 MACK AVENUE (TO BE OWNED BY DEDA PALOKA) AND PARCEL 2: 19653 MACK AVENUE (TO BE OWNED BY CHARLES LAMIA).

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

- 1) Letter 07/01/25 - City Planner Jankowski
- 2) Application for Parcel Split/Combine
- 3) Certified Survey
- 4) Warranty Deed
- 5) Declaration of Easements & Maintenance
- 6) Section 50-6.4 (Lot Splits) of Zoning Ordinance
- 7) Proposed Resolution
- 8) Affidavit of Property Owners Notified with List and Map
- 9) Affidavit of Legal Publication

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Motschall

No: None

Absent: McConaghy

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in favor of the proposed request. The following individuals were heard:

- Ashley Jankowski, City Planner, provided an overview of the proposed lot split request.
- John Lamia, 3802 Houston Loop N. Southaven, MS.

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 7:16 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Gafa, that the City Council concur with the City Planner's recommendation and approve the proposed lot split request for 19653 and 19655 Mack Avenue and adopt the resolution as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the City Council immediately certify the previous motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Bryant accepted the resignation of James McNelis from the Planning Commission with regret, and directed appropriate thanks and recognition be sent to Mr. McNelis.

Under New Business, no one wished to be heard.

Under Public Comment, the following individual was heard:

- Gloria Brown, 672 Birch Lane, a GPW Synchronized Swim Team Member, provided background information and support for the team and invited all to the Synchronized Swim Show at the Lakefront Park pool on Saturday, July 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Motschall, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 7:22 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor