

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Curis  
Members Kent, McAlpine, Ulrich

ABSENT: Reed

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Antolin

Council Representative Granger was not present.

**Motion** by Kent, seconded by Curis that member Reed be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Curis, Kent, McAlpine, Ulrich

NO: None

ABSENT: Reed

**Motion** by Kent, seconded by McAlpine, 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: Curis, Kent, McAlpine, Ulrich

NO: None

ABSENT: Reed

The Chair asked members for a **nomination to serve as Chair** of the Commission.

**Motion** by Kent, seconded by McAlpine, to nominate Commission Member Curis to serve as Chair.

Commission Member Curis accepted the nomination.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Curis, Kent, McAlpine, Ulrich

NO: None

ABSENT: Reed

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**Motion** by McAlpine, seconded by Ulrich, that the commission receive and place on file the documents regarding local judges' caseload report, local government official listing and current compensation for local mayors, councils and judges.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Curis, Kent, McAlpine, Ulrich  
NO: None  
ABSENT: Reed

**Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by McAlpine, that the minutes of the January 24, 2023, Local Officers Compensation Commission meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Curis, Kent, McAlpine, Ulrich  
NO: None  
ABSENT: Reed

**Motion** by Kent, seconded by Ulrich, that the discussion of adding an inflation formula tied to the cost of living be tabled until the next meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Curis, Kent, McAlpine, Ulrich  
NO: None  
ABSENT: Reed

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of creating an inflation formula tied to the cost of living and applying it to the local officers' compensation. It was stated that the purpose of this meeting is to review wages and determine the local officers' compensation rather than have an inflation rider, which is automatic and may not be feasible to implement. After further discussion, the Commission decided to retract the previous motion and stated that that the commission was not in favor of tabling this item to the next meeting.

**Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by McAlpine, that the previous motion be withdrawn and replaced by the motion that the commission does not support adding an inflation formula tied to the cost of living for the officers' compensation.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Curis, Kent, McAlpine, Ulrich  
NO: None  
ABSENT: Reed

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The next item discussed was the compensation of Municipal Court Judge Ted Metry. The Commission reviewed the documents that were received and compared the salaries and court caseloads of all the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods to gauge an appropriate compensation. It was stated that in 2017, a \$6,000.00 raise was proposed but denied by City Council. The last raise for the Municipal Court Judge was in 2005.

**Motion** by Kent, seconded by McAlpine, that the Local Officers Compensation Commission recommends to City Council that there be an increase in **compensation for Municipal Court Judge Metry** from \$30,000.00 per year to \$33,000.00 per year.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Curis, Kent, McAlpine, Ulrich  
NO: None  
ABSENT: Reed

The Commission discussed the mayor's compensation and the comparison of the all the mayors of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. The last time the mayor received a compensation increase was in 2001 and the last compensation increase for City Council was in 2006.

**Motion** by Kent, seconded by Ulrich, that the Local Officers Compensation Commission recommends to City Council that there be an increase in the **Mayor's compensation** from \$6,000.00 per year to \$6,300.00 per year and an increase in **City Council's compensation** from \$3,750.00 per year to \$3,900.00 per year.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Curis, Kent, McAlpine, Ulrich  
NO: None  
ABSENT: Reed

No one wished to be heard under New Business/Public Comment.

**Motion** by Ulrich, seconded by McAlpine, that tonight's meeting minutes be immediately certified.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Curis, Kent, McAlpine, Ulrich  
NO: None  
ABSENT: Reed

Motion by Curis, seconded by Kent, that tonight's meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk