

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE SITTING AS A FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte  
City Attorney Walling  
Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy  
Assistant City Administrator Como  
Deputy City Clerk Antolin  
Director of Public Services Kowalski  
Director of Public Safety Kosanke  
Building Official Tutag  
Recreation Supervisor Gerhart  
IT Manager Capps  
Deputy Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt  
Park Foreman Salter  
City Engineer Lockwood  
City Engineer Vigneron  
City Engineer Lutfi

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, that Council Member Gafa be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, 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, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: Gafa

The first item addressed was regarding the **Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget**. The Chair opened the discussion and the Treasurer/Comptroller provided an overview of her memo dated April 20, 2022. At the Finance Committee meeting held on April 14, 2022, revisions were made to the proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget.

Through the American Rescue Plan (ARPA), the city has been awarded \$1,611,220. With the new revisions, the entire awarded amount will be allocated within the FY 2022-2023 Budget. A majority of the funds will be allocated to Governmental Services including Public Safety Wages and the Employee Recognition Bonus. The Treasurer/Comptroller addressed the changes in the ARPA fund allocation and how they affected the amounts being transferred from the General Fund and other accounts.

Projects that were affected by the revisions included the following:

- Municipal Court Office Renovations
- Municipal Improvement for Locker Room Renovations
- Chene/Trombley Park Renovations to be completed in 1 year rather than 3 years.
- Hampton Road Improvements

The Treasurer/Comptroller answered questions from the Committee.

Brief discussion ensued regarding road projects including Cook Road, Hampton Road, and Roslyn Road.

Brief discussion ensued regarding tree planting throughout the city.

The Treasurer/Comptroller provided an overview of the Water and Sewer budget.

The City Administrator provided an update regarding the City of Highland Park water/sewer debt issue and the Great Lakes Water Authority. This topic will be addressed at a future council meeting.

The mayor recessed the meeting at 7:59 p.m. and reconvened in the conference room at 8:07 p.m.

The next item discussed was regarding the **Mack Avenue/Vernier Road Intersection Improvements**. The City Administrator stated that there has been proposed improvements to the Mack Avenue and Vernier Road intersection to be possibly funded through Wayne County using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and possible additional funding through safety grants. This project will provide improved overall traffic safety.

The City Engineer provided an overview of his memo dated April 20, 2022. Improvements included:

1. Replace all signals with new black mast arm signals
2. Improve pedestrian crossings/stripping
3. Remove direct left movements (Michigan Lefts)
4. Provide larger center island
5. Improvements to Sunningdale Park Drive

An animated simulation of the flow of traffic was presented. The simulation was used to portray the congestion of traffic at the Mack/Vernier Intersection.

The City Engineer answered questions from the Committee. Discussion ensued regarding the various areas of concern at the intersection.

The Mayor commented that the Committee was pleased with the direction the project is going.

There were no items discussed under New Business.

Under Public Comment the following individual was heard:

- Margaret Potter

Motion by Granger, seconded by McConaghy, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 8:40 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
Deputy City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor