

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT
ROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA,
GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members Brown, Gafa, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn
ABSENT: Granger
Also Present: City Administrator Smith
City Attorney Anderson
Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy
City Clerk Hathaway
Director of Public Safety Kosanke
Director of Public Services Schulte

Also in attendance were Recreation Supervisor Gerhart and Executive Assistant Como.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Vaughn, that Council Member Granger be excused from tonight's meeting to attend to a personal matter.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

George Bailey, Planning Commission
John Vitale, Planning Commission
Barb Janutol, Recreation Commission

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

A presentation was made by the Director of Public Safety and Oaths were administered in recognition of two promotions in the Department of Public Safety:

1. Sergeant Brian Anthony Conigliaro to the rank of Lieutenant;
2. Officer Mark Jason Agnetti to the rank of Sergeant.

The Mayor made the following appointments to the Planning Commission:

1. Christian Fenton with a term to expire December 31, 2022;
2. Stephen Gerhart with a term to expire December 31, 2022;
3. Donna O'Keefe with a term to expire December 31, 2021.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Vaughn, regarding Planning Commission Appointments, that the City Council concur with the Mayor's appointments as identified.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, that the following minutes be approved as submitted:

1. City Council Minutes dated October 4, 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Inspector Rates of Pay**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Election Commission at their meeting held October 4, 2021, and approve the rates of Election Inspector pay as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Sign Variance: Estia Greek Street Food, 20871 Mack**, that the City Council approve the sign variance as requested, permitting installation of the sign 5' in height based on the following:

1. The request is within the spirit and intent of the ordinance and in the best interest of the City;
2. A sign with the applicant's logo "flame" in compliance with the ordinance would be out of scale with the façade of the lease space;
3. A sign complying with the ordinance on such a small store front would create a hardship for the applicant;
4. Approval is contingent upon the sign being installed within six months of approval.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Koester, seconded by Gafa, regarding **Extension of Time to Construct – Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack Avenue**, that the City Council approve a permit extension for Special Land Use to Crosspointe Christian Church, construction to begin within six months and complete within one year.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Brown, regarding **Holiday Parking Meters**, that the City Council approve the request to cover parking meters beginning Sunday, December 12, 2021, and bags be removed on Monday, December 27, 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Gafa, regarding **Purchase: Bulletproof Vests**, that the City Council approve the purchase of fifteen bulletproof vests from On Duty Gear LLC at a cost of \$660.00, for a total cost of \$9,900.00, funds to be taken from Public Safety Clothing/Uniform Allowance Account No. 101-345-725.000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, regarding **Monthly Financial Report – September 2021**, that the City Council refer this report to the Finance Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Contract Modification: DPW Bag Barn Addition**, that the City Council approve a pole barn contract modification with Ashor Associates to construct the DPW bag barn addition and upgrades at a cost of \$57,086.80, to include a contingency in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 and construction engineering fees in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00, for a total project cost not to exceed \$75,086.80, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the modification, with funds to be taken from Commodities Improvements Public Works Account No. 598-787-977.103.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Contract: Power DMS**, that the City Council approve the purchase of a Power DMS 36-Month subscription at a cost of \$4,908.16 for the first of three years, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract and service agreement, with funds to be taken from Contractual Services-Police Services Account No. 101-310-818.000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None

Absent: Granger

Motion by Koester, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **First Reading: Ordinance To Amend Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards and Commissions, To Amend Sec. 2-508 To Revise the Number of Members on the Senior Citizens Commission**, that the City Council concur with the amendment of this ordinance, to set a date of November 8, 2021, for a second reading and final adoption, and to authorize the City Clerk to publish same by title in the Grosse Pointe News.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None

Absent: Granger

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **claims/accounts**, that the City Council approve payment of Items 12A – 12C as listed on the Council agenda and as identified in the administrative memo in the respective amounts and accounts listed, as follows:

A. Auditing Services

1. Plant Moran Invoice No. 2046451 09/21/21 - \$18,900.00; Account Nos.:

a. 101-223-818.000 - \$17,900.00;

b. 101-136-818.000 - \$1,000.00.

B. City Engineer - Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick

1. 2021/22 GIS Maintenance Invoice No. 0133058 09/08/21 - \$528.70; Account No. 592-537-977.000.

2. DPW Water & Sewer Barn Invoice No. 0133062 09/08/21 - \$400.00; Account No. 592-537-978.300.

3. Oxford Road Reconstruct (Mack to Holiday) Invoice No. 0133235 09/16/21 - \$887.05; Account Nos.:

- a. 202-451-974.201 - \$70.97;
 - b. 203-451-977.803 - \$727.38;
 - c. 592-537-975.401 - \$88.70.
4. Allard Rd Reconstruct (Chester/Harper WCL) Invoice No. 0133236 09/16/21 - \$8,440.25; Account No. 203-451-977.803.
 5. 2020 Concrete Pavement Repair Program Invoice No. 0133241 09/16/21 - \$245.71; Account Nos.:
 - a. 202-451-974.201 - \$46.68;
 - b. 203-451-974.201 - \$29.49;
 - c. 585-561-978.300 - \$122.86;
 - d. 592-537-975.401 - \$46.68.
 6. Sewer Rehab-Lining Invoice No. 0133242 09/16/21 - \$333.75; Account No. 592-537-976.001.
 7. Sewer Rehab - Open Cut No. 0133243 09/16/21 - \$1,341.70; Account No. 592-537-976.001.
 8. 2021 CCTV Investigation Invoice No. 0133245 09/16/21 - \$2,517.15; Account No. 592-537-975.004.
 9. 2020/21 Water Main Replacement Program Invoice No. 0133404 09/22/21 - \$25,112.97; Account No. 592-537-977.310.
 10. 2021 Misc. Concrete Repair Invoice No. 0133405 09/22/21 - \$16,060.50; Account Nos:
 - a. 202-451-974.201 - \$3,693.90;
 - b. 203-451-974.201 - \$2,409.08;
 - c. 585-561-978.300 - \$6,263.60;
 - d. 592-537-975.401 - \$3,693.91.
- C. Attorney - York, Dolan & Tomlinson, PC
1. Invoice 10/04/21 - \$5,704.00; Account Nos.:
 - a. 101-210-801.000 - \$527.00;
 - b. 101-210-801.200 - \$372.00;
 - c. 101-210-801.100 - \$4,805.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Hearing no objections, the following items were heard under New Business:

- The Mayor discussed two motions received from the Citizens Recreation Commission Meeting at their meeting held October 12, 2021, regarding Winterfest.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Winterfest funds**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Citizens Recreation Commission at their meeting held October 12, 2021, and approve an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00 to hold Winterfest, funds to be taken from Account No. 101-105-880.200.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None

Absent: Granger

Motion by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Winterfest funds/Budget Amendment**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Citizens Recreation Commission at their meeting held October 12, 2021, and approve a budget amendment to cover Winterfest expenses in the amount of \$4,200.00 from Prior Year Fund Balance Account No. 101-000-699.000 into Account No. 101-105-880.200.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None

Absent: Granger

- Council Member Vaughn thanked administration for sending out the Nixel regarding DTE temporarily shutting off power.

Nobody wished to be heard under Public Comment.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by McConaghy, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:32 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor