

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Motschall
ABSENT: None

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte
Assistant City Administrator Como
City Attorney Walling
City Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
City Clerk Antolin
Lieutenant Waszak

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Mike Fuller, Planning Commission

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, that all items on tonight's **agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance including the documents regarding the revised Mack Avenue and Vernier Road Intersection plan.**

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that all items (6A-6E) on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Council 10/06/25

B. Items Received and Placed on File

1. Beautification Advisory Commission Minutes 09/10/25
2. Citizens' Recreation Commission Minutes 09/09/25
3. Election Commission Minutes 09/08/25
4. Community Tree Commission Minutes 06/04/25, 09/03/25
5. Letter 10/15/25 - Lynn Aldrich and Christina Pitts

C. Monthly Financial Report

1. September 2025

D. Bids/Proposals/Contracts

1. Request for Extension of 90 Day Period for Chef Mowen, LLC Under Agreement Regarding Issuance, Transfer, or Reclassification of Liquor License
 - a) Letter 09/19/25 - Kelly A. Allen (Adkison, Need, Allen, & Rentrop, PLLC)
 - b) Executed Agreement Regarding Issuance, Transfer, or Reclassification of Liquor License
2. K-9 Officer Compensation
 - a) Memo 10/14/25 - Director of Public Safety Kosanke
 - b) Proposed Memorandum of Agreement
3. Public Act 152 Update
 - a) Memo 10/20/25 - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
 - b) Alternate Plan Option

E. Claims and Accounts

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers
 - a) Water System CDSMI - Invoice No. 161138 - Proj. No. 0160-0461 - 10/09/25 - \$396.00.
 - b) Torrey Rd. Pump Station Generator - Invoice No. 161139 - Proj. No. 0160-0473 - 10/09/25 - \$1,561.95.
 - c) 2025-2026 GIS Maintenance - Invoice No. 161149 - Proj. No. 0160-0499 - 10/09/25 - \$3,385.26.
 - d) Ghesquiere & Lakefront Park Bldg Renovation - Invoice No. 161160 - Proj. No. 0160-0479 - 10/10/25 - \$666.65.
 - e) Vernier & Mack Ave. Intersection Improvement - Invoice No. 161216 - Proj. No. 0160-0455 - 10/13/25 - \$42,122.75.
 - f) 2025 Miscellaneous Concrete Program - Invoice No. 161217 - Proj. No. 0160-0493 - 10/13/25 - \$6,543.26.

- g) Wedgewood Resurface (Vernier-Hawthorne) - Invoice No. 161218 - Proj. No. 0160-0496 - 10/13/25 - \$14,322.99.
 - h) 2025-2026 General Engineering - Invoice No. 161220 - Proj. No. 0160-0498 - 10/13/25 - \$5,367.57.
 - i) Wedgewood Rd. Resurfacing - Proj. No. 0160-0496 - Payment Invoice #01 - Al's Asphalt Paving Co. - 10/01/25 - \$79,850.57.
2. York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 332 - September 2025 - 10/06/25 - \$1,348.50.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, that the City Council concur with City Administrator Schulte’s recommendation and approve the succession plan as presented in accordance with his memo dated September 30, 2025; and to approve the Employment Agreement for Susan Como to serve as City Administrator effective January 2, 2026 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under New Business, the following individuals were heard:

- City Administrator Schulte provided an update regarding the city entrance sign at the Mack Avenue and Vernier Road intersection. He stated that a brick perimeter wall and footings could not be used due to the utilities such as water mains, sewers, and manholes, being too close to the surface. Pillar posts with unilock landscape tiles was proposed as an alternate option and City Council concurred.

Under Public Comment, the following individuals were heard:

1. Janey Coates, 1169 Roslyn Rd., addressed the need to repair neighborhood sidewalks, trim/removal of trees, and the enforcement of homeowner responsibilities and business storefront maintenance on Mack Avenue, in a timely manner.
2. Christina Pitts, 1501 Oxford Rd., addressed two letters submitted to the City Administrator, City Clerk, City Council, and Planning Commission submitted on October 15, 2025.

3. Jon Dougherty, 1665 S. Renaud Rd., concurred with the comments from Christina Pitts.
4. Lynne Aldrich, 1501 Oxford Rd., addressed two letters submitted to the City Administrator, City Clerk, City Council, and Planning Commission submitted on October 15, 2025.

Motion by Motschall, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight’s meeting** at 7:20 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor