

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024, 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 7:56 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte  
City Attorney Walling  
Clerk's Confidential Administrative Assistant Miotto

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
- Thomas G. Peck, Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees Candidate

**Motion** by McConaghy, seconded by Brown, 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, McConaghy  
No: None  
Absent: None

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Koester, that all items (6A-6F) on the **Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

**A. Appointments**

1. Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees
  - a) Thomas G. Peck - Term to Expire: 06/30/28
  - b) Letter 04/19/24 - Thomas G. Peck
  - c) Grosse Pointe Public Library Trustee Application
  - d) Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes Excerpt 06/03/24
2. Director of Parks and Recreation
  - a) Resume: Owen Gafa
  - b) Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes Excerpt 06/03/24

**B. Approval of Minutes**

1. Council 06/03/24
2. Committee-of-the-Whole 06/03/24 with recommendations\*

*\*Recommendation approved to re-appoint Thomas Peck to the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees with a term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028.*

*\*Recommendation approved to appoint Owen Gafa as Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.*
3. Compensation and Evaluation Committee 04/15/24
4. Citizens' Recreation Commission 05/14/24
5. Historical Commission 04/11/24
6. Tree Commission 04/03/24 with recommendation\*, 05/01/24 with recommendation\*\*

*\*This Recommendation requesting Council to adopt the City Hall replacement project is still under review by Administration.*

*\*\*Recommendation approved requesting funds for the Arbor Day posters to be allocated from Account No. 213-803-880-330 from the Previous Year's Reserve Funds.*

**C. Monthly Financial Report**

1. May 2024

**D. Bids/Proposals/Contracts**

1. Wayne County ARPA Grant: Vernier Intersection Improvement Project
  - a) Memo 06/13/24 - City Administrator Schulte
  - b) Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement

2. Fiscal Year End 2023-2024 Budget Amendments
  - a) Memo 06/12/24 - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
  - b) FY 2023-2024 Year End Budget Amendments Spreadsheet
3. Commit Fund Balance for Construction Projects and Equipment Purchases
  - a) Memo 06/17/23 - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
  - b) FYE 2023-2024 Fund Balance Commitments Spreadsheets
4. FY 2024-2025: Vendors with expenses over \$10,000
  - a) Memo 06/05/24 - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
  - b) FY 2024-2025 - Open Purchase Orders >=\$10,000 Spreadsheets
5. City Administrator 2024-2025 Compensation
  - a) Memo 06/13/24 - Mayor Bryant
  - b) Compensation and Evaluation Committee Minutes Excerpt 06/03/24

**E. Resolution**

1. Senior Services Millage on 2024 General Election Ballot
  - a) Memo 06/10/24 - City Administrator Schulte
  - b) Proposed Interlocal Agreement for Joint Senior Services\*
  - c) Proposed Resolution To Place The Senior Services Millage on 2024 General Election Ballot
  - d) Statistics and Charts provided by The HELM

*\*Item E1b is still under review by Administration.*

**F. Claims and Accounts**

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. - City Engineers
  - a) Torrey Road Pump Station Generator - Proj. No. 0160-0473 - Pay Application No. 1 - Rauhorn electric, Inc. - 06/06/24 - \$147,104.20.
  - b) Roslyn Road Water Main & Resurfacing Project - Proj. No. 0160-0464 - Pay Estimate No. 5 - Pamar Enterprises, Inc. - 05/31/24 - \$359,280.78.
2. Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 1081502 - May 2024 - 06/11/24 - \$6,762.32.
3. York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 194 - May 2024 - 06/03/24 - \$3,224.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Bryant accepted the resignation of Timothy Butler from the Tree Commission with regret, and direct that appropriate thanks and recognition be sent to Mr. Butler.

**Motion** by Koester, seconded by Gafa, regarding **Legal Proceedings: Selective Insurance Company of America Vs City of Grosse Pointe Woods**, that the City Council receive these Legal Proceedings and forward to the City Attorney and the McGraw Morris P.C. firm for further processing.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Motion** by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Second Readings: Zoning Ordinance Amendments for Sections 50-6.5 (Outdoor Cafes/Dining), 50-4.34 (Home-Based Business/Home Occupations), 50-4.2 (Mixed Occupancy along Mack Avenue), 50-4.35 (Rooftop Open/Semi-Open Dining), 50-4.36 (Permanent Makeup/Microblading), and 50-4.27 (Portable Storage Units)**, that the City Council approve this zoning ordinance amendment as presented and make it effective 10 days after its enactment.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under New Business, no one wished to be heard.

Under Public Comment, the following individual was heard:

- Thomas Peck, 1306 Blairmoor Ct., introduced himself and provided a background as he was recently re-appointed to the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees.

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight’s meeting** at 8:05 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gretchen Miotto  
Clerk’s Confidential Administrative Assistant

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor