

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023, 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 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte  
Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy  
City Attorney Walling  
Assistant City Administrator Como  
City Clerk Antolin  
Director of Public Services Kowalski  
City Engineer Wilberding

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
- Amanda York, Citizens' Recreation Commission
- Lisa Fuller, GPW Foundation

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that all items on the Consent Agenda be approved as presented, except 5C1, which was removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda.

**A. Appointment**

1. Citizens' Recreation Commission (Council)

a. Dave Andrews - Term to expire 12/31/24

1) Biographical Sketch

2) Citizens' Recreation Commission Minutes excerpt 01/10/23

**B. Approval of Minutes**

1. Council 02/27/23
2. Committee-of-the-Whole 02/27/23
3. Citizens' Recreation Commission 02/14/23

**C. Bids/Proposals/Contracts**

1. Hampton Rd. Water Main & Resurfacing Project - Budget Amendment  
(This item removed from consent agenda and placed on regular agenda.)
  - a. Memo 03/01/23 - Director of Public Services
  - b. Letter 02/23/23 - City Engineer
  - c. Tabulation of Bids - 02/21/23

**D. Claims and Accounts**

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers - 2021 Water Main Replacement Program (Hollywood, Severn & Christine Court) - Proj. No. 0160-0426 - Pay Estimate No. 11 - Fontana Construction, Inc. - 02/20/23 - \$26,960.00.
2. McKenna - Building Department Services - Invoice No. 21849-70 - January 2023 - 02/27/23 - \$39,745.16.
3. York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 72 - 03/01/23 - \$2,774.50.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance, including item 5C1, which was removed from the consent agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Granger, regarding **Hampton Rd. Water Main & Resurfacing Project - Budget Amendment (5C1)**, that the City Council approve the budget amendment as recommended on the Director of Public Services' memo dated, March 1, 2023.

The City Administrator and City Engineer answered questions from the Council regarding the reason causing the cost increase to the project. They stated that the reason for the increase are as follows:

1. Economic climate is causing bids to come in 15-25% higher than anticipated.
2. Inflation hit infrastructure hard.
3. Supply chain shortage in labor and material.
4. Increased uncertainty including cost increase for cement, asphalt, and fuel.
5. Limited number of qualified contractors to do the work.

There was a brief discussion addressing other road projects including Roslyn Rd. and Cook Rd, the use of the Water/Sewer Fund to balance the budget, and Road Bonds.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion by Koester, seconded by Gafa, regarding **Second Reading: Proposed Ordinance amendment to Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Employee Benefits; Division 2, Retirement System; To amend Section 2-304 To ratify the benefits calculated and provided to a member at the time of retirement for members who retired on or after January 1, 1992 and before January 1, 2023**, that the City Council amend this ordinance as presented and make it effective 20 days after its enactment.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Second Reading: Proposed Ordinance amendments to Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Employee Benefits; Division 2, Retirement System; To amend Section 2-302(a)(2) By deleting a provision to implement and reflect a collectively bargained change to the multiplier for noncovered PSO members hired after July 1, 2011, and Section 2-301(a) By adding a provision to implement and reflect a**

**collectively bargained change to the multiplier for covered TPOAM members and for AEMT and Clerk/Dispatch members**, that the City Council approve these ordinance amendments as presented and make it effective 20 days after its enactment.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under New Business/Public Comment, no one wished to be heard.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:24 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor