

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 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 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, that Councilmember Gafa, be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Council, Administration, and the audience Pledged Allegiance to the U.S. Flag lead by the Tree Commission Arbor Day poster contest winners.

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Melinda Billingsley, Citizens' Recreation Commission
- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Tim Butler, Tree Commission
- Maria Galbo, Tree Commission

- Gary Lechner, Tree Commission
- Laura Gaskin, Tree Commission
- Mary Ellen Meyering, Tree Commission
- Paul Lechner, Tree Commission

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that all items on the **Consent Agenda** be approved as presented.

A. Appointment

1. Senior Citizens' Commission (Mayor)
 - a. Pamela Solomon - Term to expire 12/31/24
 1. Biographical Sketch

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Council 05/15/23

C. Bids/Proposals/Contracts

1. Non-Union Employees
 - a. Memo 06/05/23 - City Administrator/Treasurer/Comptroller
2. AEW Design Fees for 2023/2024 Construction Projects
 - a. Memo 06/01/23 - Director of Public Services
 - b. Letters 06/01/23 - City Engineer
3. 2023 Miscellaneous Concrete Pavement Repair Program
 - a. Memo 06/01/23 - Director of Public Services
 - b. Letter 06/01/23 - City Engineer with Proposal
4. 2023 Sewer Cleaning and Closed-Circuit Television Investigation Program
 - a. Memo 06/01/23 - Director of Public Services
 - b. Letter 06/01/23 - City Engineer with Proposal

D. Proclamation

1. 100th Birthday - Theodore Mushenski

E. Resolution

1. FY 2023-2024 Industrial Waste Control (IWC) Charges
 - a. Memo 06/05/23 - City Administrator/Treasurer/Comptroller
 - b. Fee Schedule
 - c. Proposed Resolution

F. Claims and Accounts

1. Keller Thoma - Legal Services - Invoice No. 123954 - April 2023 - 05/01/23 - \$131.25.
2. McKenna - Building/Planning Services
 - a. Invoice No. 21849-74 - Building Services - April 2023 - 05/25/23 - \$47,840.35.
 - b. Invoice No. 22-064-12 - Planning Services - April 2023 - 05/25/23 - \$550.00.
3. WCA - Assessing - Assessing Service - Invoice No. 05152023 - June 2023 - 05/15/23 - \$6,833.50.

G. Other City Business

1. Parade/Bike Ride Permit Application - Citizens' Recreation Commission
 - a. Permit Application
 - b. Commission Request to Hold Special Event Application
2. Unpaid Invoices
 - a. Memo 06/05/23 - Treasurer/Comptroller
 - b. Landscaping & Cross Connection Invoices - 2023 Tax Roll

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn
No: None
Absent: Gafa

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Brown, that the City Council **receive and place on file**, the items regarding **updates to the Agreement Restricting Certain Transfer of Class C Liquor Licenses.**

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair of the Tree Commission, Paul Lechner, provided an overview of the City receiving the Tree City USA award, for the 45th year. Once the city receives the Tree City USA flag, it will be presented at a future Council meeting. On behalf of the Tree Commission, Mr. Lechner, presented the winners of the Arbor Day Poster “Trees Make the Woods Cool” Theme Contest as follows:

- Isabelle Janis – Ferry Elementary School
- Bridget Fiske – Mason Elementary School
- Willow Wargo – Monteith Elementary School
- Emmerson Dallaire – Our Lady Star of the Sea
- Stacy Pennar – University Liggett School

Motion by Brown, seconded by Granger, that City Council concur with the City Attorney’s and Administration’s recommendations to approve the requested **new quota Class C liquor license to Crispelli’s, LLC, 19852 Mack Avenue (Formerly known as 19850 Mack Avenue)**, conditioned upon the applicant’s compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, including, but no limited to, obtaining a certificate of occupancy prior to opening for business, and to authorize the execution of the attached agreement.

There was a brief discussion regarding a letter submitted by a resident at 1598 Huntington Blvd. concerning parking issues near Mack Avenue. City Administrator Schulte stated that the parking issue has been addressed and that the Public Safety Department will increase enforcement in the area. In addition, the tentative timeline for the opening of Crispelli’s is November 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The City Administrator provided an overview of the Chene-Trombley Park Construction Improvement Plan. He stated that bids initially came in significantly higher than expected and was able to contact local vendors and contractors to negotiate more reasonable quotes to get the expenses

within budget. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for June 24, 2023 and the project is expected to be completed by the end of August 2023.

Motion by Koester, seconded by Granger, regarding the **Chene-Trombley Park Construction Improvement Plan**, that City Council approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$194,866.00 into Account No. 401-000-674.020 – Donations and authorize the increase in revenue from the GPW Foundation and the DeMars family to be used for the Tot-Lot Improvements and into expense Account No. 401-902-977.104 – Municipal Improvements Parks and Recreation.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor accepted the resignation of Delmar Harkenrider from the Historical Commission with regret and directed the City Clerk to send appropriate thanks and recognition to Mr. Harkenrider.

Under New Business/Public Comment, the following individual was heard:

- Councilmember Brown provided a reminder that the Citizens’ Recreation Commission is having the 1st Annual “Cruisin’ Through the Woods” Family Bike Ride on Sunday, June 11, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Ghesquiere Park (Meet at the Jackson lot).

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight’s meeting** at 7:31 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor