

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 2, 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 7:02 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  
Confidential 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
- James McNelis, Planning Commission
- Dave Bryk, Historical Commission
- Mary Ellen Meyering, Tree Commission
- Maria Galbo, Tree Commission
- Kate Colborn, Tree Commission
- Gary Lechner, Tree Commission
- Stevan Skorupski, Tree Commission
- Laura Gaskin, Tree Commission
- Paul Lechner, Tree Commission

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

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

**A. Approval of Minutes**

1. Council 05/19/25
2. Committee-of-the-Whole 05/05/25, 05/19/25

**B. Commission Minutes Received and Placed on File**

1. Beautification Advisory Commission 04/09/25
2. Planning Commission 04/22/25\*

\*The recommendation to City Council regarding the rezoning of 20160 Mack Avenue was addressed at the 04/28/25 Council meeting.

**C. Bids/Proposals/Contracts**

1. Capitalization Threshold Increase
  - a) Memo 06/02/25 - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
2. Non-Union Employees
  - a) Memo 06/02/25 - City Administrator Schulte - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
3. Workers' Compensation Fund
  - a) Memo 06/02/25 - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt

**D. Proclamation**

1. National Gun Violence Awareness Day (June 6)

**E. Resolution**

1. FY 2025-2026 Industrial Waste Control (IWC) Charges
  - a) Memo 06/02/25 - City Administrator - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
  - b) Fee Schedule
  - c) Proposed Resolution

**F. Claims and Accounts**

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers
  - a) GP Schools (Mason & North) Plan Review - Invoice No. 152749 - Proj. No. 0160-0487 - 08/20/24 - \$4,000.00.
  - b) Ghesquiere & Lakefront Park Bldg. Renovations - Invoice No. 157815 - Proj. No. 0160-0479 - 05/12/25 - \$1,333.30.
  - c) Sewer System Evaluation - Invoice No. 157863 - Proj. No. 0160-0449 - 05/12/25 - \$3,102.57.
  - d) Vernier & Mack Ave. Intersection Improve. - Invoice No. 157864 - Proj. No. 0160-0455 - 05/12/25 - \$25,527.32.
  - e) Torrey Rd. Pump Station Cap. Improve. Plan - Invoice No. 157867 - Proj. No. 0160-0457 - 05/12/25 - \$270.18.

- f) LFP Boat Launch Parking Lot - Invoice No. 157870 - Proj. No. 0160-0480 - 05/12/25 - \$15,359.60.
  - g) Ghesquiere Park Walking Path - Invoice No. 157871 - Proj. No. 0160-0482 - 05/12/25 - \$15,963.96.
  - h) 2024-2025 General Engineering - Invoice No. 157884 - Proj. No. 0160-0484 - 05/12/25 - \$1,642.74.
  - i) Lake Front Park Building Renovation - Proj. No. 0160-0479 - Payment Invoice No. 01 - In-Line Construction - 05/23/25 - \$9,716.00.
- 2. IBEX - Insurance Services - Renewal Policy (Effective 07/01/25) - Invoice No. 124 - 05/27/25 - \$71,926.00.
  - 3. WCA Assessing - Assessing Services - Invoice No. 051925 - June 2025 - 05/19/25 - \$7,534.41.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Bryant and Council Members read aloud the proclamation regarding Gun Violence Awareness Day (June 6).

Laura Gaskin and Maria Galbo, of the Tree Commission, provided an overview of the city receiving the Tree City USA award, for the 47<sup>th</sup> year and presented the Tree City USA flag. On behalf of the Tree Commission, Mr. Lechner, presented the winners of the Arbor Day Poster Contest as follows:

- Alex J.– Ferry Elementary School
- Elsie K.– Mason Elementary School
- Francesca W. – Monteith Elementary School (unable to attend)
- David S. – Our Lady Star of the Sea
- Ava D. – University Liggett School

Ms. Colburn, Tree Commission, presented each winner with a commemorative quarter, a tradition started by her late husband, and former Tree Commission member, Ted Colborn.

Under New Business, the following were heard:

- Council Member Motschall thanked the Historical Commission, the Director of Public Services, and the DPW team for the wonderful job they did with the Honor Circle for Memorial Day.
- Mayor Bryant praised the June 1 “Crusin’ Through the Woods” Family Fun Ride and said the weather was great and it was a great event.

Under Public Comment, the following were heard:

- Ghassan Elian, on Coventry, was disappointed there was no prayer at the Memorial Day Honor Circle.
- Joe Lombardo, LFP employee, provided information on non-residents using the park.
- Judith Burkhardt thanked Council for the proclamation that recognizes June 6 as a National Day of Remembrance for gun victims. There will be a silent vigil at City Hall on Friday, June 6, 4-5 pm.
- Mary Fraser, mother of Brian Fraser, thanked the city for taking a leadership role in allowing them to stand together.
- Michelle White, local leader for Wear Orange & Mom’s Demand Action, thanked the city for their support.

**Motion** by Motschall, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight’s meeting** at 7:28 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gretchen Miotto  
Confidential Assistant to City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor