

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022, 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, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
ABSENT: None

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

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

The following Commission member was in attendance:

Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission  
Donna O'Keefe, Planning Commission  
Marlin Stewart, Beautification Advisory Commission

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

**A. Approval of Minutes**

1. Council 05/02/22
2. Committee-of-the-Whole Sitting as a Finance Committee 04/25/22
3. Beautification Advisory Commission Minutes excerpt 04/13/22 with Recommendation\*
4. Citizens' Recreation Commission 04/12/22, 05/10/22 excerpt with

recommendation

5. Historical Commission 03/10/22
6. Tree Commission 04/06/22

\*This recommendation includes an approval to submit \$500.00 deposit to reserve space at the Assumption Cultural Center.

**B. Monthly Financial Report**

1. April 2022

**C. Bids/Proposals/Contracts**

1. Highland Park’s Nonpayment of Water and Sewer Charges
  - a. Memo 05/06/22 – City Administrator
  - b. Highland Park Bad Debt Apportionment
  - c. Email 04/22/22 – Nicholas Fedewa (Great Lakes Water Authority)
2. Sewer System Evaluation – Purchase of Level Sensor Devices and SCADA Services
  - a. Memo 05/09/22 – Director of Public Services
  - b. Letter 04/21/22 – City Engineer
  - c. Quote 04/21/22 – HESCO
  - d. Quote 03/18/22 – ADS Environmental Services
  - e. Letter 04/21/22 – City Engineer
  - f. Summary of Proposals
  - g. Proposal 04/28/22 – Motor City Electric Technologies Inc.

**D. Proclamation**

1. 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Philip D’Agostino

**E. Claims and Accounts**

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) City Engineers
  - a. Allard Rd. Recon. Chester/Harper (WCL) - Invoice No. 0136701 – 04/21/22 - \$6,959.50.
  - b. Vernier Rd. Water Main Replacement - Invoice No. 0136702 - 04/21/22 - \$5,820.00.
  - c. GP North Field Turf Improve. Plan Review - Invoice No. 0136703 –

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- 04/21/22 - \$1,000.00.
- d. Sewer System Evaluation - Invoice No. 0136704 - 04/21/22 – \$3,923.66.
  - e. 2021-2022 GIS Maintenance - Invoice No. 0136705 - 04/18/22 – \$453.45.
  - f. 2020-2021 Water Main Replacement Program - Invoice No. 0136857 - 04/22/22 - \$216.40.
  - g. Sewer Rehabilitation-Open Cut - Invoice No. 0136858 - 04/22/22 – \$7,930.96.
- 2. Hallahan & Associates, P.C. - Professional Services - Invoice No. 19398 - April 2022 - \$521.46.
  - 3. York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C. - City Attorney - April 2022 - 05/03/22 - \$2,697.00.
  - 4. McKenna - Building Services - Invoice No. 21849-51 - March 2022 - 04/27/22 - \$5,900.00.
  - 5. Keller Thoma - Labor Attorney - Invoice No. 121937 - 05/01/22 - \$2,537.50.
  - 6. Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C. - City Attorney - Invoice No. 1077473 - 05/12/22 - \$4,333.18.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Bryant read aloud the proclamation regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Philip D’ Agostino. Picture taking commenced.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

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Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, 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, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

The Mayor asked the Director of Public Safety to present the Public Safety Board of Review Awards. The Director of Public Safety presented the awards to the following recipients:

1. Lieutenant Brian Conigliaro - Life Saving Award
2. Sergeant Brian Urban - Life Saving Award
3. Crossing Guard Maureen Carter - Citizen Citation
4. Officer David Empson - Life Saving Award
5. Officer Matthew Muzia - Life Saving Award
6. Officer Jarod Smith - Life Saving Award

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:39 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET WITH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, that the following items be received and placed on file:

1. Finance Committee Minutes excerpt 04/14/22
2. Finance Committee Minutes excerpt 04/04/22
3. Memo 05/16/22 - City Administrator/Treasurer/Comptroller
4. FY 2022-2023 Proposed Budget Summary
5. Proposed Budget and Appropriation Resolution
6. 2022 Tax Rate Request L-4029 Form
7. Affidavit of Legal Publication

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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The Chair asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard in favor of the Proposed FY 2022-2023 budget. The following individual was heard:

- Ghassan Elian, 568 Coventry Lane

The Chair asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard in opposition to the Proposed FY 2022-2023 budget. Nobody wished to be heard.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the public hearing be closed at 7:43 p.m. Passed unanimously.

The City Administrator provided an overview of the proposed budget. City Council and Administration commented on how pleased and impressed they were on the entire budget process.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, that the Council concur with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at their meeting held on April 14, 2022, and adopt the FY 2022-2023 Budget as presented, adopt the Appropriation Resolution; and, authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the 2022 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029.

Motion carried by the following:

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

Motion by Koester, seconded by Vaughn, regarding **First Reading: The Repeal of Section 50-539: Solar Energy Systems, in its Entirety**, that the City Council concur with the repealing of this ordinance, to set a date of June 6, 2022, for a second reading and final adoption, and to publish same by title in the Grosse Pointe News.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Brown, seconded by Gafa, regarding **First Reading: The Amendment to Chapter 50, Zoning, Section 50-340 Special Land Uses, and Section 50-373 design Standards regarding Colonial Themes**, that the City Council concur with the amendment of this ordinance, to set a date of June 6, 2022, for a second reading and final adoption, and to publish same by title in the Grosse Pointe News.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The following items were discussed under New Business:

- Councilmember Gafa provided a reminder of the 40<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 30, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Parkway Circle of Honor located at Vernier Road and Mack Avenue.

Under Public Comment, the following individual was heard:

- Michael Griffie, Candidate for U.S. Congress, introduced himself

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:52 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor