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MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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 7:13 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte
Assistant City Administrator Como
City Attorney Walling
City Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
City Clerk Antolin
City Planner Mangan (Haw)
City Engineer Wilberding
City Engineer Lockwood

Motion by Koester, seconded by Gafa, that Councilmember Motschall be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Grant Gilezan, Planning Commission

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: Motschall

The City Clerk administered the Oaths of Office to Mayor Bryant and City Council Members re-elected at the General Election held November 4, 2025, including Council Members Granger and McConaghy. Due to the absence of Council Member Motschall, he will be sworn-in at a later date in accordance with the City Charter.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Brown, regarding **election of Mayor Pro-Tem (Council)**, that the City Council appoint Council Member Gafa to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that all items (7A-7D) on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Council 10/20/25

B. Items Received and Placed on File

1. Election Commission Minutes 10/06/25
2. Planning Commission Minutes 09/23/25
3. Correspondences regarding letters received on October 15, 2025
 - a) Letter 10/15/25 - Lynne Aldrich and Christina Pitts
 - b) Letter 10/15/25 - Residents Against Rezoning
 - c) Email/Letter 10/21/25 - City Attorney Walling
 - d) Email/Letter 10/22/25 - City Attorney Tomlinson
4. Michigan Fair Elections Institute (MFEI) - Sunlight Award
 - a) Letter 10/19/25 - Patrice Johnson (MFEI - Chair/Founder)
 - b) Certificate of Award - Paul Antolin

C. Bids/Proposals/Contracts

1. Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service (PAATS) Board Appointment
 - a) Memo 11/04/25 - City Administrator Schulte

2. Emergency Purchase - Information Technology Department
 - a) Memo 10/24/25 - IT Manager Capps
 - b) Exchange 2019 to Exchange Online Migration - Statement of Work
3. Unpaid Invoices
 - a) Memo 11/10/25 - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
 - b) Landscaping & Cross Connection Invoices - Winter 2025 Tax Roll

D. Claims and Accounts

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers
 - a) Ghesquiere & Lakefront Park Bldg Renovations - Invoice No. 161384 - Proj. No. 0160-0479 - 10/27/25 - \$666.65.
 - b) Vernier & Mack Ave. Intersection Improvements - Invoice No. 161435 - Proj. No. 0160-0455 - 10/28/25 - \$21,066.61.
 - c) Torrey Road Pump Station Generator - Invoice No. 161436 - Proj. No. 0160-0473 - 10/28/25 - \$2,487.40.
 - d) LFP Boat Launch Parking Lot - Invoice No. 161437 - Proj. No. 0160-0480 - 10/28/25 - \$865.80.
 - e) Ghesquiere Park Walking Path - Invoice No. 161438 - Proj. No. 0160-0482 - 10/28/25 - \$1060.10.
 - f) 2025 Miscellaneous Concrete Program - Invoice No. 161439 - Proj. No. 0160-0493 - 10/28/25 - \$12,872.62.
 - g) 2025-2026 General Engineering - Invoice No. 161440 - Proj. No. 0160-0498 - 10/28/25 - \$3,967.54.
 - h) Wedgewood Resurfacing (Vernier/Hawthorne) - Invoice No. 161498 - Proj. No. 0160-0496 - 10/28/25 - \$19,247.10.
 - i) Torrey Road Pump Station Generator - Proj. No. 0160-0473 - Payment No. 7 - Rauhorn Electric, Inc. - 10/28/25 - \$137,552.40.
 - j) 2024 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Program - Proj. No. 0160-0476 - Pay Estimate No. 3 - Scodeller Construction, Inc. - 10/27/25 - \$19,694.24.
 - k) 2025 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Program - Proj. No. 0160-0494 - Payment Invoice No. 1 - Scodeller Construction, Inc. - 10/27/25 - \$16,871.08.
 - l) Wedgewood Rd. Resurfacing - Proj. No. 0160-0496 - Payment Invoice No. 2 - Al's Asphalt Paving Co. - 10/30/25 - \$250,333.61.
 - m) Lakefront Park Building Renovation - Proj. No. 0160-0479 - Payment Invoice No. 06 - In-Line Construction - 10/30/25 - \$55,468.55.
2. McKenna - Building/Planning Services
 - a) Invoice No. 21849-114 - Building Services - September 2025 - 10/21/25 - \$71,261.04.
 - b) Invoice No. 22-064-47 - Planning Services - September 2025 - 10/24/25 - \$2,452.50.

- c) Invoice No. 25-030-5 - GPW MSHDA Zoning Ordinance Update - September 2025 - 10/13/25 - \$3,500.00.
- 3. Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsuechler, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 1084344 - September 2025 - 10/14/25 - \$7,165.80.
- 4. State of Michigan - MDOT 00183
 - a) Program #218128CON (Vernier Rd.) - 10/05/25 - \$77,498.90.
 - b) Program #219533CON (Sunningdale Dr.) - 10/05/25 - \$74,499.16.
- 5. WCA Assessing - Assessing Services - Invoice No. 102825 - November 2025 - 10/28/25 - \$7,911.08.
- 6. York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 340 - October 2025 - 11/03/25 - \$2,077.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The City Council recessed the Regular City Council Meeting and convened as a **Zoning Board of Appeals** at 7:22 p.m. Upon conclusion of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the City Council reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

Motion by Koester, seconded by Granger, regarding **Second Reading: An Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 6 – Animals; Article II – Dogs, Cats and Wild Animals; Division 1 – Generally, By Adding Section 6-41 – Care of Animals**, that City Council approve this 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: Motschall

Under New Business, the following individuals were heard:

- City Administrator Schulte congratulated Mayor Bryant and Councilmembers Granger, McConaghy, and Motschall on being re-elected at the recent November 4, 2025 Local General Election. He also thanked City Clerk Antolin and his staff for successfully conducting the election with the recent precinct consolidation from six to three and implementing the new polling location at St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

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- City Clerk Antolin thanked his staff, election workers, and all departments in assisting with the election. He also thanked Reverend Michael Bradley and St. Michael's Episcopal Church for allowing the city to place a polling site at their location.
- Councilmember Granger addressed the Michigan Fair Elections Institute's (MFEI) Sunlight Award, which was presented to the City Clerk's Office as a responsive advocate to help remove redundancies from the voter registration rolls.

Under Public Comment, the following individual was heard:

1. Patricia Dougherty, 1665 S. Renaud Rd., addressed an abandoned bike on the city bike rack that was removed on October 29, 2025.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 7:45 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor