

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024, 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 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte
Assistant City Administrator Como
City Attorney Walling
Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy
City Clerk Antolin
Director of Public Services Kowalski
Director of Public Safety Kosanke
Deputy Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
City Engineer Wilberding
Recreation Supervisor Gerhart

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.

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Donna O'Keefe, 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, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn
No: None
Absent: Gafa

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that all items (6A-6C) on the **Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Council 01/22/24
2. Committee-of-the-Whole 01/22/24 with (3) recommendations*
 - a. *Recommendation to approve the immediate purchase of the polyvinyl chloride liner and authorize a budget amendment*
 - b. *Recommendation to approve the Complete Distribution System Materials Inventory (CDSI) project and authorize a budget amendment.*
 - c. *Recommendation to approve the Right of Way Acquisition for Vernier & Mack Intersection Improvements and authorize a budget amendment.*
3. Election Commission 01/25/24 with recommendation*
 - a) *Recommendation to approve the Certification of Election Inspectors and approve the rates of pay.*
4. Planning Commission Minutes 12/12/23 with recommendation*
 - a) *Recommendation to approve the Amendments to Section 50.5.3 and 50.5.5 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding off-street parking requirements and semicircular dimensions.*
5. Citizens' Recreation Commission 12/12/23
6. Senior Citizens' Commission 11/21/23

B. Bids/Proposals/Contracts

1. Lake Front Park - Main Pool Line Replacement
 - a) Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes Excerpt 01/22/24
 - b) Memo 01/12/24 - Director of Public Services
 - c) Letter 01/10/24 - Nick Shelton, Aquatic Source LLC
 - c) Quote/Proposal - K Construction
2. Water Service Material Investigation - AEW Project No. 0160-0461
 - a) Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes Excerpt 01/22/24
 - b) Memo 01/30/24 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - c) Letter 01/29/24 - City Engineer Wilberding
 - d) Tabulation of Bids - 01/23/24
3. Right of Way Acquisition for Vernier & Mack Intersection Improvements - AEW Project No. 0160-0455
 - a) Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes Excerpt 01/22/24
 - b) Memo 01/12/24 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - c) Proposal - 4D Acquisition and Consulting, LLC

C. Claims and Accounts

1. Anderson, eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) Engineers
 - a) Vernier Road Water Main Replacement - Invoice No. 148413 - Proj. No. 0160-0446 - 01/23/24 - \$1,084.50.
 - b) 2022 Sewer CCTV Investigation - Invoice No. 148414 - Proj. No. 0160-0453 - 01/23/24 - \$344.43.
 - c) 2023 Sewer CCTV Investigation - Invoice No. 148415 - Proj. No. 0160-0467 - 01/23/24 - \$503.40.
 - d) 2023 Sewer Rehab Program - Invoice No. 148416 - Proj. No. 0160-0468 - 01/23/24 - \$713.35.
 - e) 2023-2024 General Engineering - Invoice No. 148417 - Proj. No. 0160-0472 - 01/23/24 - \$6,440.50.
 - f) Sewer Rehabilitation - Open Cut - Invoice No. 148420 - Proj. No. 0160-0430 - 01/23/24 - \$575.88.
 - g) 2021 Sidewalk Grinding Program - Proj. No. 0160-0471 - Final Payment - Precision Concrete, Inc. - 01/24/24 - \$27,000.00.
2. Giffels-Webster - Professional Services - GPW Master Plan Update - Invoice No. 130810 - Proj. # 2034600 - 01/18/24 - \$4,625.00.
3. Law Offices of Jeffrey R. Davis, P.C. - Legal Service - Mediation for Front Yard Structures (1948 Allard Rd.) - 01/24/24 - \$750.00.
4. WCA Assessing - Assessing Services - Invoice No. 012524 - February 2024 - 01/25/24 - \$7,7175.58.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Koester, seconded by McConaghy, regarding the **E-ONE Fire Truck Repair**, that the City Council authorize the repair of E-One fire truck by West Shore Fire, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$18,184.13 with funds to be taken from the Vehicle Maintenance - Public Safety Account No. 661-534-939.200.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Granger, regarding the **Lake Front Park Aquatic Facility Waterslide Restoration**, that the City Council authorize the restoration of the waterslide at Lake Front Park Aquatic Facility to Amusement Restoration Companies in the amount not to exceed \$89,775.00 with funds to be taken from the Municipal Improvements – Parks and Recreation Account No. 401-902-977.104.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Front Yard Structures**, that the City Council affirm and enforce the ordinance as currently written.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn
No: Koester
Absent: Gafa

Discussion ensued regarding the current ordinance and whether or not mini-libraries are allowed. It was stated that the Planning Commission did recommend the inclusion of the mini-libraries but

has not been through the ordinance amendment process. City Administrator Schulte stated that the timeline of enforcement will begin May 1, 2024. In addition, a suggestion of variances with neighbors' approval was briefly discussed.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **Second Reading: Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 32 – Signs**, that the City Council to approve this proposed ordinance amendment as presented and make it effective 10 days after its enactment.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under New Business, the following individuals was heard:

- Council raised additional questions regarding the remaining lifeline of the fire truck and suggested starting a fire truck replacement fund. City Administrator Schulte stated that there has already been discussion with the other Grosse Pointes regarding a fire equipment fund.
- City Clerk Antolin addressed an error in the January 22, 2024 Committee-of-the-Whole minutes and the following motion was made:

Motion by Vaughn and seconded by Koester, that City Council approve the amendment to the minutes of the January 22, 2024 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to reflect the adjournment time change from 7:13 p.m. to 8:13 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under Public Comment, no one wished to be heard.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 7:21 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor