

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant  
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
ABSENT: None

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte  
City Attorney Walling  
Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy  
Director of Public Services Kowalski  
City Engineer Lockwood  
Director of Public Safety Kosanke  
Building Official Tutag  
Administrative Clerk Miotto

Also in attendance was Bill Matouk, owner of Woods Fine Wine & Spirits.

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by McConaghy, 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 first item discussed was the **Sewer System Evaluation Strategy/Budget Amendment**. City Administrator Schulte (formerly Director of Public Services) and City Engineer Lockwood provided an overview of their memos of October 27, 2021, regarding the equipment (water level sensors) required for the modeling and evaluation of the current sewer system during heavy rainfalls such as the June 25, 2021 event. Building Official Tutag provided an overview of the current city downspout ordinance and rate of compliance. Questions and answers ensued. There was consensus of the Committee to refer the topic to City Council for a vote on January 24, 2022.

The Committee then discussed the contract for **2021 Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Modification**. City Administrator Schulte and City Engineer Lockwood provided an overview of their memos of October 26, 2021 and October 19, 2021, respectively, outlining the project and also clarified that the rotating maintenance schedule will be modified to clean and televise the heaviest affected areas during the last rain event (Districts 5, 6 & 7) in 2022. Questions and answers ensued.

There was consensus of the Committee to refer the topic to City Council for a vote on January 24, 2022.

The Committee then discussed the **Rifle Lease Purchase Program**. Director of Public Safety Kosanke provided an overview of his memo of January 7, 2022, and background on the current equipment, 20+ year old AR-15s with iron sights. The lease program will provide new equipment that will be sighted to each individual PSO to increase the accuracy and confidence of the PSO. The City will purchase the equipment and there will be payroll deductions for the PSOs to reimburse the City. The equipment ownership will be transferred to the PSOs when they leave the department. Questions and answers ensued. There was consensus of the Committee to refer the topic to City Council for a vote on January 24, 2022.

The Committee then discussed an **Increase In Dispatcher Salaries**. Director of Public Safety Kosanke provided an overview of his memo of January 4, 2022, and the difficulty in attracting quality candidates at the current wage system. GPW dispatchers also support Grosse Pointe Shores and are now using upgraded technology which increases their responsibilities. Questions and answers ensued. There was consensus of the Committee to refer the topic to City Council for a vote on January 24, 2022, and to approach Grosse Pointe Shores on increasing their contribution to dispatcher salaries.

The Committee then discussed the **Ordinance Amendment: Chapter 2, Article 1 - City Administrator Supervision of Clerk, Treasurer, and City Departments**. There was consensus of the Committee to refer the topic to City Council for a First Reading on January 24, 2022.

Next, the City Administrator Schulte provided history on the 2021 COVID Time Bank and requested an **Extension of COVID Time Bank for Employees**. Questions and answers ensued. There was consensus of the Committee to refer the topic to City Council for a vote on January 24, 2022.

The final item was **Discussion Regarding Appraisal of Land**, specifically parking lot at the corner of Anita and Mack, and the possible sale of that land. City Administrator Schulte provided a review of the appraisal of \$660,000.00. Building Official Tutag discussed the process of rezoning and the requirements to change the zoning for the location. All building/building permit requirements would have to be adhered to. Questions and answers ensued around parking, and the size and shape of any new building. City Attorney Walling confirmed that the City Ordinances do not require public advertisement of land for sale.

Mr. Matouk, of Woods Fine Wine & Spirits, spoke about the appraisal he had done, the longevity of his business in the community (65 years), their desire to stay in the City, and his intent to work

with the City to move the project forward. He has retained Mr. Vitale, of the Planning Commission, to work with him on the project.

This item will remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole

Nobody wished to be heard under New Business.

Under Public Comment, the following individual was heard:

- Melissa Billingsley

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 8:33 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gretchen Miotto  
Administrative Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor