

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/ COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DRIVE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Manager Como
City Attorney Walling
City Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
Director of Public Safety Kosanke
Director of Public Services Kowalski
City Planner Mangan
Recording Secretary Miotto

Motion by Brown, seconded by Koester, that Councilmembers Gafa and McConaghy be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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, Granger, Koester, Motschall
No: None
Absent: Gafa, McConaghy

The first item discussed was The Senior Citizens' Commission Sponsored Proposed Fraud Presentation.

Councilmember Granger provided an overview of the Helm's partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office Elder Fraud Presentation. The Senior Commission received approval from the Committee to offer or host the same presentation for our residents. Also, consideration was given to offer it as a lunch and learn or just provide refreshments. City Administration and Councilmember Granger will work out the details of the event.

City Council reached consensus that this event is supported.

The next item discussed was the Regional Public Safety Dispatch and Lock-Up.

City Manager Como provided an overview of her memo dated August 6, 2026, requesting approval to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional consulting services for a comprehensive feasibility and implementation study for a 911 dispatch and public safety lock-up consolidation project. AEW did the original feasibility study, and their findings are in the provided study dated February 2026. All the Grosse Pointe cities, with an option to include Harper Woods (who has expressed interest), are included and the cost would be split.

City Council reached a consensus to approve moving forward with the RFP.

Under New Business/Public Comment, the following were heard:

- Councilmember Koester inquired about the Mack Ave. construction project and Director Kowalski indicated that the whole project would run to Thanksgiving.
- Margaret Potter, 1834 Allard, wondered if there are issues with differing labor agreements related to the dispatch and lockup consolidation. Director Kosanke advised that those issues will be addressed in the study.

Motion by Motschall, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:12 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Miotto
Recording Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor