

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Vaughn
ABSENT: McConaghy
Also Present: City Administrator Smith
City Attorney Anderson
Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy
City Clerk Hathaway
Director of Public Services Schulte

Motion by Granger, seconded by Vaughn, that Council Member McConaghy be excused from tonight's meeting to attend to a personal matter.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

The following Commission member was in attendance:
Grant Gilezan, Planning Commission

Motion by Gafa, 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, Vaughn
No: None
Absent: McConaghy

The City Council interviewed Attorney Timothy A. Diemer to serve as legal counsel regarding U.S. Specialty Insurance Co.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Granger, regarding **Retainer Agreement**, that the City Council appoint legal counsel and approve the Retainer Agreement with Timothy A. Diemer, Jacobs and Diemer, to represent the City in U.S. Specialty Insurance Co. v Grosse Pointe Woods, U.S. district court case No. 21-CV-12546, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the letter from the Jacobs and Diemer law firm dated December 8, 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nobody wished to be heard under New Business.

Nobody wished to be heard under Public Comment.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Koester, that the Council recess the Special Council meeting at 7:32 p.m. and convene in Closed Session under Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with the City Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with U.S. District Court Case No. 21-CV-12546, U.S. Specialty Insurance Company v Grosse Pointe Woods, where an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the City's litigation and settlement position, at which time the City Council may or may not reconvene in regular session to address additional items as necessary, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act 1976 PA 267.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Granger	Yes
Koester	Yes
McConaghy	Absent
Vaughn	Yes
Brown	Yes
Bryant	Yes
Gafa	Yes

The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Koester, seconded by Vaughn, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:15 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor