

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 5, 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 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte
Assistant City Administrator Como
City Attorney Walling
City Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
City Clerk Antolin
Director of Public Safety Kosanke

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' 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, Koester, McConaghy, Motschall
No: None
Absent: Granger

Motion by Motschall, seconded by Gafa, that all items (6A-6E) on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Council 04/28/25

B. Commission Minutes to be Received and Placed on File

1. Planning Commission 03/25/25*

*The recommendation in these minutes were addressed at the 04/28/25 City Council meeting.

C. Proclamations

1. National Military Appreciation Month (May)
2. Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15)/National Police Week (May 11-17)

D. Resolutions

1. Social District Recommendations - 2025 Season
 - a) Memo 04/29/25 - City Planner Jankowski
 - b) GPW Social District Operations and Maintenance Plan
 - c) Proposed Resolutions for Participating Businesses
2. Adjustments to Sections 2-674 and 2-677 Purchasing Threshold
 - a) Memo 05/05/25 - City Administrator Schulte
 - b) Proposed Resolution

E. Claims and Accounts

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers - Ghesquiere & Lake Front Park Bldg. Renovations - Invoice No. 157179 - Proj. No. 0160-0479 - 04/01/25 - \$3,736.25.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor and City Council read aloud the proclamations regarding National Military Appreciation Month (May) and Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15)/National Police Week (May 11-17).

Mayor Bryant asked Director of Public Safety Kosanke to present the Grosse Pointe Woods Fire Department commendation regarding a Mutual Aid house fire in Grosse Pointe Shores. On behalf of the City Council, the Mayor gave thanks to all the public safety officers.

Motion by Koester, seconded by Gafa, that the City Council set May 19, 2025, for a Public Hearing to consider final adoption of the Proposed FY 2025-2026 budget, and to authorize the City Clerk to publish said Public Hearing Notice in the Grosse Pointe News.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, that the City Council set May 19, 2025, for a Public Hearing to consider final adoption of the proposed rezoning and site plan for 20160 Mack Avenue, and to authorize the City Clerk to publish said Public Hearing Notice in the Grosse Pointe News.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, regarding **City Charter Proposed Amendment Changing the Title of City Administrator to City Manager**, that the City Council concur with the City Administrator's recommendation and approve the proposed City Charter Amendment Ballot Language to change the title from "City Administrator" to City Manager" throughout the City Charter, request the State of Michigan Attorney General by Resolution to recommend the amendment change to the Governor to be placed on the City of Grosse Pointe Woods November 4, 2025 ballot, and authorize the City Clerk to sign the resolution and transmit a copy of the proposed amendment to the Governor and Attorney General of the State of Michigan, as required by law.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under New Business, the following individuals were heard:

- Councilmember Motschall addressed several positive comments from the public regarding the renovations of the baseball fields at Ghesquiere Park and commended the city for a great job.
- Mayor Bryant announced that Grosse Pointe Woods will be hosting the Little League State of Michigan Tournament in July and commended the city for a great job preparing for the event.
- Councilmember Brown thanked and commended the Recreation Commission and the Spring Fest Sub-Committee for coordinating a very successful and well-attended event that included many various family activities.

Under Public Comment, no one wished to be heard.

Motion by Motschall, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 7:15 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor