

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 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 7:08 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

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

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 Gafa, 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

**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 02/12/24
2. Finance Committee 08/21/23
3. Beautification Advisory Commission 01/10/24
4. Citizens' Recreation Commission 01/09/24 with recommendation\*  
*\*Citizens' Recreation Commission requests a FY 2024/2025 budget of \$17,500.00 to fund various recreation events.*
5. Tree Commission 12/06/23

**B. Bids/Proposals/Contracts**

1. Budget Amendment - Worker's Compensation Fund
  - a. Memo 02/07/24 - Treasurer/Comptroller/City Administrator
2. Purchase - Cat 420 XE Backhoe Loader
  - a. Memo 02/23/24 - Director of Public Services
  - b. Quote 179323-02 - Michigan CAT

**C. Claims and Accounts**

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers
  - a) Vernier Road Water Main Replacement - Proj. No. 0160-0446 - Pay Estimate No. 2 - Fontana Construction, Inc. - 02/01/24 - \$285,849.94.
  - b) 2023 Sewer Rehabilitation by Full Length C.I.P.P. Lining - Proj. No. 0160-0468 - Pay Estimate No. 2 - Insituform Technologies USA, LLC - 02/06/24 - \$57,344.58.
  - c) 2022 Miscellaneous Concrete Pavement Repair Program - Proj. No. 0160-0450 - Final Pay Estimate - Mattioli Cement Co. LLC - 02/01/24 - \$1,000.00.
  - d) 2022 Sidewalk Repair Program - Proj. No. 0160-0452 - Final Pay Estimate - JB Contractors, Inc. - 02/08/24 - \$5,000.00.
  - e) Vernier Road Water Main Replacement - Proj. No. 0160-0446 - Pay Estimate 3 - Fontana Construction, Inc. - 02/19/24 - \$45,157.75.
2. Giffels-Webster - Professional Services - GPW Master Plan Update - Invoice No. 130511 - Proj. # 2034600 - 12/04/23 - \$4,625.00.

3. Hallahan & Associates, P.C. - Professional Services - Invoice No. 21209 - January 2024 - 02/02/24 - \$249.13.
4. Keller Thoma - Legal Services - Invoice No. 125448 - January 2024 - 02/01/24 - \$131.25
5. McKenna - Building/Planning Services
  - a) Invoice No. 21849-87 - Building Services - January 2024 - 02/16/24 - \$41,376.10.
  - b) Invoice No. 22-064-22 - Planning Services - January 2024 - 02/15/24 - \$7,201.50.
6. Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 1080841 - January 2024 - 02/8/24 - \$3,433.85
7. WCA Assessing - Assessing Services - Invoice No. 020924 - March 2024 - 02/09/24 - \$7,175.58.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Koester, seconded by McConaghy, regarding the 2023 Department of Public Safety Annual Report, that the City Council receive and place on file.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The mayor accepted the resignation of Stephen Gerhart from the Planning Commission with regret and directed the City Clerk to send appropriate thanks and recognition to Mr. Gerhart.

**Motion** by Brown, seconded by Gafa, regarding **First Reading: Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 8; Article XI (Structures in Front Yards), Section 8-335 (Mini-Library)**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of approval of amending this ordinance, set a date of

March 18, 2024, for a second reading and final adoption, and to authorize the City Clerk to publish same by title in the Grosse Pointe News.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Motion** by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **First Reading: Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 50-5.3 (Off-Street Parking) and Section 50-5.5 (Semi-Circular driveways)**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of approval of amending this Zoning ordinance, set a date of March 18, 2024, for a second reading and final adoption, and to authorize the City Clerk to publish same by title in the Grosse Pointe News.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under New Business, the following individual was heard:

- Councilmember Vaughn commended the City Clerk's Office on the execution of the Presidential Primary Election with the implementation of the new early voting process. The City Clerk added that the assistance from the Department of Public Works, Department of Public Safety, Community Center staff, Finance Department, and other departments played an important role with the success of the election.

Under Public Comment, the following individual was heard:

- Glenn Mach – Addressed concerns of feral cats in the community

**Motion** by Gafa, seconded by Vaughn, that City Council receive and place on file the documents submitted by Glenn Mach regarding feral cats.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None

Absent: None

- A Resident of 1298 Hawthorne inquired about the outcome of the 707 North Renaud issue.

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 7:24 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor