

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023, 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 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte  
City Attorney Walling  
City Clerk Antolin  
Assistant City Administrator Como  
Director of Public Services Kowalski  
City Engineer Wilberding

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

The following Commission member was in attendance:

- Melinda Billingsley, Citizens' Recreation Commission
- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Gafa, that all items on the **Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

1. Council 09/18/23
2. Beautification Advisory Commission 08/09/23
3. Citizens' Recreation Commission 09/12/23 with recommendation\*
4. Senior Citizens' Commission 07/18/23, 09/13/23 with recommendation\*\*

\*Citizens' Recreation Commission recommended to purchase toys for Tot Lot at Chene-Trombley Park and provide activities for ribbon cutting ceremony, for a total not to exceed \$1,000.00 taken from Account # 213-803-880.350.

\*\*Senior Citizens' Commission recommended funds of \$300.00 towards the expense of desserts at the Holiday Social, and \$50.00 for the purchase of five \$10.00 Kroger gift cards to be given as prizes.

**B. Monthly Financial Report**

1. August 2023

**C. Bids/Proposals/Contracts**

1. Lake Front Park Concession Stand Roof
  - a. Memo 09/25/23 - Director of Public Services/Recreation Supervisor/Park Foreman
  - b. Proposal 09/16/23 - Hadley Home Improvement
  - c. Certificate of Liability

\*Council authorized the replacement of the concession stand roof at Lake Front Park to Hadley Home Improvement in the amount of \$11,895.00 with a contingency amount of \$1,500.00 for a total project cost not to exceed \$13,395.00, funds to be taken from the Parks and Recreation Account # 101-774-818.110.

**D. Proclamation**

1. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October)

**E. Claims and Accounts**

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers
  - a. Chene-Trombley Park Construction Staking - Invoice # 0145790 - Proj. # 0160-0469 - 09/06/23 - \$3,000.00.
  - b. 2023-2024 General Engineering - Invoice # 0145876 - Proj. # 0160-0472 - 09/06/23 - \$23.31.

2. Giffels-Webster - Professional Services - Invoice # 129762 - Proj. # 2034600 - 09/12/23 - \$4,625.00.
3. McKenna - Building/Planning Services
  - a. Invoice # 21849-81 - Building Services - August 2023 - 09/14/23 - \$64,633.59;
  - b. Invoice # 22-064-17 - Planning Services - August 2023 - 09/14/23 - \$450.00.
4. Plante Moran, PLLC – Professional Services – Invoice # 10075817 – 09/22/23 - \$42,600.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor read aloud the proclamation regarding National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**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, McConaghy  
No: None  
Absent: Koester, Vaughn

Mayor granted a leave of absence, with concurrence of the Council, for 120 days with an extension as needed to Chris Fenton as he conducts business as Interim Superintendent for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

**Motion** by Gafa, seconded by Granger, that City Council approve the additional funds relating to Safe Routes to Schools and Wayne County ARPA grant funding services provided by Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., for the Vernier & Mack Intersection Improvements Project # 0160-0455 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 and authorize a budget amendment and transfer from Prior Year Reserve Fund Account # 202-000-692.000 to Major Streets Engineering Account # 202-451-974.803.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under New Business, no one wished to be heard.

Under Public Comment, the following individuals were heard:

- Christal Lint, 727 N. Renaud – Regarding 707 N. Renaud
- Robert Musial, 806 N. Renaud – Regarding 707 N. Renaud
- Andrea and Mark Wilamowski, 742 N. Renaud – Regarding 707 N. Renaud
- Wilson Moin, 1956 Allard – Regarding front yard garden boxes
- Ed Rinke, 633 Renaud – Regarding 707 N. Renaud

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Brown, to **adjourn tonight’s meeting** at 7:27 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor