

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - A monthly meeting of the City Council of Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Kedzierski.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL – Clerk Bruce Nichols

Present: Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Council Members: Alexander Ajlouni, M.D, Robert H. Barrette, Jr., Bruce Bisballe, Kay Felt, Robert E. Gesell, Daniel T. Schulte

Absent: none

Also present: City Clerk Bruce R. Nichols
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts
Public Safety Director John Schulte
Public Works Director Brett Smith
City Manager Mark Wollenweber

All correspondence and reports relating to this meeting are either attached or placed on file.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF MR. WILLIAM DAHLING

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2015 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the June 16, 2015 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Gesell ,seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried by unanimous vote. (7-0)

6. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Gesell to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees was offered and seconded by Council Member Ajlouni and carried by unanimous vote. (7-0)

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

8. BRETT MARSHALL- TREE BOARD CHAIRMAN UPDATE

Brett Marshall reported the 2015 tree trimming program has resumed. The city has again been recognized as a Tree City. The committee is carefully reviewing different species of trees for planting purposes in the community. The Edgewood Road locusts are subject to tree rot and are succumbing to the disease on a steady basis. Approximately 2500 municipal trees are under watch by the Tree Commission

9. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A. Budget and Finance – Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts

1. **Approval of Bills.** The bills were approved on motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Bisballe and carried by unanimous vote of the Council. (7-0)

Finance Officer Ricketts reported the current financial statements, including balance sheet, with revenue and expenditures were under audit with completion of such audit anticipated by September. The city received \$162, 000 in a rebate distribution from the municipal insurer.

2. **Finance Committee** - Chairman Bisballe reported that a meeting of the Finance Committee was not held in July. Negotiated adjustments to labor contracts and how those adjustments will factor into the new budget is being examined.

B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte reported another quiet month with little criminal activity. He reported the top 20 calls for service, with some increased activity in the parked vehicle/larceny. On July 15, a perpetrator fleeing a Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Officer was apprehended by Lieut. Nicholson. The NIXEL emergency reporting system is operating well. A search is underway for the replacement of a recently retired public service officer. A tentative labor agreement with command officers has been reached. A new patrol vehicle has been added to the fleet.

C. Public Works – Director Brett Smith reported the municipal parking lot is being sealed and re-stripped. The computer board in the splash pad has been replaced and the equipment is now fully operational. Weed accumulation in the Marina is still problematic in spite of four (4) underwater agitators.

D. Parks and Harbor - Council Member Barrette reported only one (1) well is open, with no jet ski pads available. Two (2) kayak slips are available. The high occupancy rate of slips has increased Marina revenues. Residents' use of the Marina is high.

E. Legal Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber presented City Attorney Brian Renaud's written report of legal services provided during the previous month.

F. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported on a CDGB Jobs Program Grant of \$50,282, with \$1,500 in administrative costs, and \$3,500 to PAATS. Mr. Wollenweber reported on a meeting with Wayne County on assessing issues. The Department of Public Works and Public Safety labor negotiations are close to settlement. The 41 Colonial Road project is still making good progress toward completion of construction. Final construction of 671 Lakeshore Rd. has been scheduled. A parcel of tax forfeited vacant land on Michaux Ct. might become available for the Grosse Pointe Shores municipal land bank. Two (2) applications of residents seeking a seat on the Library Board as trustee were presented to Council and the Mayor for their review.

On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Barrette, Council approved the three-year negotiated contract with the Department of Public Works employees represented by AFSCME.

10. OLD BUSINESS – None

11. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Policy for Public Inspection of Assessment Records

Mr. Wollenweber reported the Michigan General Property Tax Act, MCL 211 10(a) provides that all property assessment roles and property appraisal cards be available for inspection and copying during customary business hours. MCL 15.234 provides that no charge can be imposed for the inspection of public records; however, a reasonable charge may be made for copies of public records. After extensive research by Rhonda Ricketts, Finance Officer/Treasurer and Assessor of Record, it was recommended to City Council that the draft Policy for Public Inspection of Assessment Records be approved.

On motion of Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously (7-0) , City Council approved the draft of the Policy for Public Inspection of Assessment Records for immediate enactment.

B. Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. Renewal Engagement Letter

Mr. Wollenweber presented a proposed engagement letter from Abraham and Gaffney, PC which was proposed to serve as an agreement to continue to provide auditing services to the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City, for years ending June 30, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously (7-0). Council approved the proposed engagement letter from Abraham and Gaffney, PC and authorize the City Manager to sign and submit such engagement letter for renewal.

C. City of Detroit-GLWA Wholesale Customer Water Agreement to Assign

In accordance with the recommendation of legal counsel and city administration, on motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Ajlouni, and unanimously approved (7-0) Council approved entering into an agreement to assign the wholesale customer water service contract wherein the Village consents to the assignment of the contract from the City of Detroit to the Great Lakes Water Authority, leaving in place all of the current terms and conditions of the water contract and its amendments as they pertain to the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Barrette reported that DTE has rectified all problems of outages in the Renaud Rd. area.

Council Member Felt had comments regarding FOIA requests from incarcerated individuals.

14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski reported on the successful Fishing Derby which had over 50 participants. The Lakefront Swimming Association finals will be held on July 22, 2015.

The Mayor nominated Kim Valice as Library Trustee. On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried by unanimous vote, Kim Valice was appointed as Library Trustee.

In 2015, the City spent \$582 for labor law attorney fees. The Mayor pointed out this figure for labor attorney fees is a fraction of the previous years' expenses for labor lawyer fees.

15. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 8/18/15 & 9/15/15 - 7:00pm)

16. ADJOURNMENT - On motion by Council member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk