

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013 - 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, December 17, 2013 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

Also present: City Clerk Bruce R. Nichols
City Manager Mark Wollenweber
City Attorney Brian Renaud
Public Safety Director John Schulte
Public Works Director Brett Smith

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the November 19, 2013 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Bisballe and carried by unanimous vote.

5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Gesell to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees was offered by Council Member Gesell and seconded by Council Member Felt. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

7. SWEARING IN OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS - After brief biographical introductions by Chief Schulte, Public Safety Officers Jason Cook, Jesse Lafriniere and Michael O'Brien were sworn in with their badges presented to them by Mayor Kedzierski.

8. BOND UNDERWRITER PRESENTATION - Michael Gormely, of Hutchinson, Shockey, Erly & Co. reported an overview of the 2013 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds. The city received an upgraded rating by Standard & Poor's to AA+. Significant savings were gained by obtaining a 2.61% interest rate. The 2013 bonds were priced very well compared to other issues in the Michigan municipal market.

9. BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS - Mayor Kedzierski presented his nominations for Grosse Pointe Shores Community Liaison, Advisory Committees and Commissions. On motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the nominations were approved. The complete list of the individuals appointed is attached hereto as Addendum 1.

10. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A. Budget and Finance

1. Approval of Bills - The monthly bills were presented by City Manager Mark Wollenweber substituting for Finance Officer Ricketts, and Council reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved the immediate payment of such bills on motion by Council Member Gesell seconded by Council Member Barrette.
2. Review Financial Statements - The current financial statements, including balance sheet, with revenue and expenditures were presented for review by Council.
3. Finance Committee - Chairman Bisballe reported that the Finance Committee met during the month prior to the Council meeting. Their findings indicated revenues are within the expected range, as well as expenditures being within normal parameters. Public Safety overtime expenses will be reduced by the addition of the three new Public Safety Officers.

B. Public Safety – Director John Schulte reported the top 20 calls for service were relatively standard for the previous month. Three larcenies from vehicles occurred where streetlights were in the process of installation and not operable. The Chief asked all residents to clear their vehicles of personal property, and lock all vehicles when parked. The Employee Appreciation Dinner was a great success. 2014 will have an aggressive training agenda for public safety officers.

C. Public Works - Director Brett Smith reported the past month has been very challenging for the Department of Public Works due to late season leaf pickup, followed by a sudden snowstorm. The intersection of Lakeshore and Vernier is under review as another vehicle has crashed through the fence into Osius Park. Increased signage may reduce the frequency of the collisions. The Grosse Pointe Clinton Township Refuse Authority has had the organizational charter extended for an additional 10 years.
As part of public works report, Council Member Barrette reported huge savings are beginning to be reaped by the new LED lighting. The full extent of the savings are still being computed. The favorable savings are also enhanced as a result of installing our own municipal lighting equipment, as opposed to purchasing lighting equipment from DTE.

D. Parks and Harbor - Mr. Wollenweber reported the contractor completed the Marina decking. All debris has been removed. The balance of the decking materials will be stored. Tom Krolczyk negotiated a very favorable price for stainless steel screws resulting in a large savings to the city.

E. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported reviewing and advising on the following legal matters during the previous month: A proposed ordinance amendment regarding solid waste and civil infraction fines. The PAATS/SOC transportation contract is being circulated for signatures. Various responses have been made regarding civil litigation and the municipal bond rating. FOIA requests are being processed for the Monarch decking settlement. The charter is being analyzed regarding employee pensions. The Grosse Pointe Clinton Township Refuse Authority Extension Agreement has been finalized.

F. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber has been appointed by the Governor of Michigan to the financial review committee of Royal Oak Township. The city is still looking for one

more public service officer. iPads for Council Members have arrived, and they are currently being programmed for use. The splash pad bricks have arrived. Mr. Wollenweber confirmed the existence of a municipal ordinance requiring a \$75 annual registration fee and \$5000 bond requirement for snow removal companies.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ambassador Committee** – Council Member Felt reported the Ambassador Committee is continuing to move forward on the municipal history book. A search for historic photos of the community continues. Real estate activity has intensified, with 27 homes currently for sale, and 30 sales closed during 2013. A recent tour of Grosse Pointe North High School demonstrated it continues to remain a great educational institution in our community.
- B. Blue Ribbon Operations Committee** – Council Member Schulte reported that the Blue Ribbon Committee report will be presented in January 2014.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Wayne County Department of Public Services Annual Permits - Renewal**
On motion by Council Member Schulte, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously, Council approved a resolution renewing the Wayne County Department of Public Services Annual Permits.
- B. Wedding Ceremony Fee - Discussion**
On motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously, Council approved the sum of \$20 as a fee for marriages conducted by the Mayor.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Person Mary Matuja commented favorably on the Planning Commission appointments.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Felt had questions regarding the need for response to the Grosse Pointe Clinton Township Refuse Authority.

15. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Kedzierski reported meeting with residents regarding the Fun Committee for formulating new ideas for activities in the community.

16. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 1/21/14 & 2/18/14 - 7:00pm)

- 17. ADJOURNMENT** - On motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Felt, and carried unanimously, Council adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk