

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 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, August 18, 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

Absent: Daniel T. Schulte (Excused on motion of Felt, support by Gesell, 6-0)

Also present: City Clerk Bruce R. Nichols  
City Manager Mark Wollenweber  
City Attorney Brian Renaud  
Public Safety Director John Schulte  
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts

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

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

On Motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the minutes of the July 21, 2015 regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote. (6-0).

- 5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES**

Motion by Council Member Gesell to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees, seconded by Council Member Felt, and carried unanimously (6-0)

- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** - None

- 7. RECOGNITION** – Margherita Wiszowaty, Osius Park Volunteer was recognized for her extraordinary service at Osius Park in the field of artwork and design.

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores 2015 Little League (11 and Under) Michigan All Star Team State Champions were introduced to Council along with their coaches.

- 8. PLANNING COMMISSION & PARK & HARBOR COMMITTEE APPLICANTS**

Pat Chasten, a candidate for the Planning Commission vacancy, introduced herself to

Council, and gave a brief summary of her qualifications.

Joe Cipriano, a candidate for the Parks and Harbor Committee also introduced himself to Council.

On motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Ajlouni, and carried unanimously, Joe Cipriano was approved as a member of the Park and Harbor committee.

## **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 of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously by the vote of Council (6-0).

Finance Officer Ricketts reported the audit of the municipal financial position continues in good form.

2. **Finance Committee** - Chairman Bisballe reported upcoming adjustments to the current year budget will not be problematic. The budget point forward is consistent with municipal spending. There is some activity regarding Marina financing being conducted. A budget surplus is expected. The committee is making great efforts to restore the AAA bond rating.

- ### **B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte reported the *Top 20 Calls for Service*, included 24 medical runs, but was otherwise normal for the month. An instructional video on the use of the defibulator was posted on the municipal website. Residents are encouraged to put their homes on the watch list while on vacation. The closed circuit television camera is currently being installed. A traffic stop on Lakeshore resulted in a seizure of drugs, weapons and bundles of cash. The department is in the process of initiating the forfeiture process. Armed robbery suspects were taken into custody at Grosse Pointe North High School at the end of a very long high-speed pursuit.**

- ### **C. Public Works – In Director Brett Smith’s absence, Mark Wollenweber reported crack sealing of the municipal parking lot and Lakeshore Drive was completed at very favorable rates. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for the Vernier and Lakeshore intersection.**

### **D. Parks and Harbor**

Council Member - Harbor Committee Chairman/ Council Member Barrette reported the next meeting of the committee will be after Labor Day. Attendance was up with 34,000 residents utilizing the municipal park during the months of June and July.

- ### **E. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud gave a report of legal services provided during the previous month, including but not limited to review of the Dispatch and Lockup Agreement between Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores; initiation of the permitting process with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club**

pertaining to the Corps of Engineers and the harbor construction project; a Grosse Pointe Shores employment matter; review of DTE matters; review of the FOIA fee schedule for document requests; a FOIA request regarding Marina occupants; a FOIA training session; the potential abandonment of the right away on Larned Lane; a FOIA request for 866 Lakeshore Rd. and the appeal of same (with the City Attorney advising the municipality to grant the request in part, and deny the request in part).

Based on the opinion of the City Attorney, on motion of Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and unanimously carried, (6-0) Council approved in part, and denied in part, the request of the resident at 866 Lakeshore Road in accordance with the recommendation, of the City Attorney.

**F. Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club project may come before Council in the very near future regarding redesigning their harbor. Significant process has been made on 41 Colonial Rd. A second pavilion is being considered for construction at Osius Park by the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation. A State of Michigan grant for a joint lockup facility for Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms, and Grosse Pointe Shores is being pursued. The abandonment of Larned Lane is being reviewed in light of the potential for retaining an underground easement.

**10. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**11. NEW BUSINESS -**

A. Public Safety Officers/ POAM Three-Year Contract Approval  
City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the city has reached a tentative agreement for a new three-year contract with the public safety officers. Mr. Wollenweber and Chief John Schulte recommend approval and authorization to sign the agreement as set forth before Council. The public safety officers have agreed to the new contract.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Felt, and carried unanimously, (6-0) Council approved the three-year public safety officer's contract as set forth, and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the city.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Doug Kucyk addressed City Council regarding the DTE smart meters.  
Vito Cusenza had questions regarding the possibility of a second pavilion.

**13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Council Member Felt warned about imposters acting as DTE ~~Smart Meter~~ employees.  
Council Member Bisballe commented on the prompt cleanup of a construction project.

**14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – Mayor Kedzierski commented on his meeting with the Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Due to a rainout, the municipal

tennis tournament has been rescheduled for August 30. A chess tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 13th.

**15. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 9/15/15 & 10/20/15 - 7:00pm)**

**16. ADJOURNMENT** - On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk

(Amended 9-16-2015)