

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019 – 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 20, 2019 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 Robert H. Barrette, Bruce Bisballe, Tina Ellis, Robert E. Gesell, Doug Kucyk and Matthew Seely

Absent: none

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

On Motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the minutes of the meeting were approved unanimously.

5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS MINUTES

On Motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the various committee and commission minutes were approved unanimously to be received and filed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Harry Kurtz had comments regarding safety concerns about a banner that stretches across the pool fence near the parking lot in Osius Park. He stated the banner obstructs the view for pedestrians entering the parking lot from the pool area. He also had comments regarding the gatehouse staffing and the structuring of the Parks and Harbor Committees.

7. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A. Budget and Finance – Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts reported a normal

month of expenditures. The new accounting system is being installed. The new system will be a great improvement. She also presented a comprehensive *Report on the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020*.

1. Approval of Bills - On motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the approval of the bills passed unanimously.
2. Finance Committee Chairman Bruce Bisballe reported the next meeting of the Finance Committee will occur in September.

B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte reported the large number of boats anchored along the shoreline north of Osius Park continue to present a noise nuisance. A violation of the city noise ordinance was issued to a vessel based on its MC Number. Tiki tours along the shoreline have not been a problem so far. The Lieutenant and Sergeant exams are scheduled for replacement candidates. The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club sailing event was a great success. The department received two additional mobile radios placing all PSO vehicle communication systems in an upgraded status. The city currently has a public safety officer recruit in the Macomb Academy. The Chief will start interviews for another replacement public safety. It is anticipated that that candidate will be enrolled in the December police academy. Council Member Ellis had questions regarding park ranger staffing. Council Member Seely had questions regarding transient boat well occupants, safety at the park entrance, and current signage.

C. Public Works – Director Brett Smith reported the lake levels have stabilized with minimal pumping still being conducted. The park bath house floor has been installed with all showerheads having been replaced as well. The Crestwood generator has been installed and is ready for startup. The old generator was sold for \$800. Colonial Road has been repaved and is now in good shape. Asphalt and concrete patching of roads has been scheduled. Public Works Department employee Bob Heckman will be retiring after 23 years with the city. Council Member Kucyk had questions regarding the yellow caution tape that is posted along the Lake St. Clair seawall. Discussion ensued regarding providing a warning or caution sign along the seawall area.

D. Parks Committee- Council Liaison Doug Kucyk reported on the new bath house floor maintenance and cleaning; and a proposal that dogs at the park must be leashed at all times. The matter will be reviewed in upcoming meetings and the matter was tabled by unanimous vote of the Council.

Park Director Allison Scarfone reported six swim meets were held, the Fourth of July event had 2000 visitors to the park, \$25,000 was raised for the Fourth of July event, multiple events have been coordinated, along with a Fishing Derby, the bath house cleaning and improvements are complete. Ms. Scarfone also made comments regarding the Tot Lot, and the staffing of park rangers.

Council Members expressed their pleasure with the performance of Allison Scarfone as Park Director.

E. Harbor Committee- Chairman John Seago reported the Marina docks are being

reviewed for damaged boards and planks. Harbor rules and regulations are under review. Well rentals by nonresident joint owners with residents as co-owners are being reviewed. Our floating docks are in high demand. The nonresident dockage fees will be subject to a fee schedule review in the future. The occupancy rate for the wells is very high.

F. Infrastructure Report- Bob Barrette reported he has not heard anything from Wayne County regarding the seawall.

G. Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation- President Brett Marshall reported the tot lot will require an approximate two-week time frame to perform the installation and construction. Osius Park appears to be drying up. The tot lot installation has been stalled by high water.

H. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on seawall soil compaction conditions being reviewed in anticipation of the seawall renovation project. A FOIA request has been made regarding the documents that Wayne County is believed to have regarding maintenance responsibility of the seawalls. Mr. Renaud has been reviewing the Michigan Court of Appeals decision regarding the Deeplands project. During the previous month the city attorney has researched and prepared a memorandum regarding the *Mayors' Prayer Breakfast* and the First Amendment; legal research regarding offshore noise nuisances; reviewing and editing the Grosse Pointe Shores/Grosse Pointe Woods Dispatch and Lockup facility; a review of the Comcast renewal agreement; a FOIA request for tax roll information; the conference with city officials on charitable contributions; a paving warranty matter was resolved; a review of building inspection fees and laws regarding sale of marijuana.

I. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported a classic car show will be held September 8 at Osius Park. The War Memorial PEG fees contract expires soon. The Comcast agreement to be voted on tonight is the same agreement as the previous agreement, except the cities will receive the money directly; and not through the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Mr. Wollenweber notified members of City Council that he will be retiring, effective October 1, 2019. He expressed his appreciation for the support and effort of the Council Members. Mayor Kedzierski expressed appreciation for the exemplary service and superb direction for the city provided by Mr. Wollenweber.

8. OLD BUSINESS – None

9. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Comcast Franchise Agreement Renewal

On motion by Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the Comcast Franchise Agreement was renewed.

B. Michigan Local Agency Pavement Warranty Resolution

On motion by Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and

carried unanimously, it was resolved that the Michigan Local Agency Pavement Warranty Resolution was approved.

C. Retirement Agreement

On motion by Council Member Ellis, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the Retirement Agreement of Mark Wollenweber was approved.

D. MML Annual Meeting Delegate Designation

On motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that Mayor Kedzierski's appointment of Council Member Barrette as delegate to the MML Annual Meeting, was approved.

E. Debt Management Policy

On motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the Debt Management Policy was approved.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Noasad had comments regarding dogs and the Municipal Park. Harry Kurtz had comments regarding the lack of minutes of various committees. John Seago had comments regarding the Municipal Park, the Marina, and possible sources of security funding.

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Seely thanked Mark Wollenweber for all his leadership during his tenure as City Manager. Council Member Ellis also had the same comments. All Council Members joined in thanking Mr. Wollenweber for his service.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski proudly showed the 2008 *Little League World Championship* display, discussed the swim team, the upcoming tennis tournament, and conveyed appreciation and congratulations to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for their successful sailing regatta.

13. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues,9/17/19-7 pm & Tues, 10/15/19 -7pm)

14. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE TOWN HALL MEETINGS (Sat, 9/14/19-10am)

15. ADJOURNMENT On motion of Council Member Gesell, supported by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk