

**MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014 – 12:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - A monthly meeting of the City Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Mayor Kedzierski.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL** – Chief of Police, John Schulte,

Present: Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Council Members present: Robert H. Barrette, Jr., Mayor Pro-tem, Bruce Bisballe, Kay Felt, Robert E. Gesell, Daniel T. Schulte and Alexander were excused from this meeting with prior arrangements.

Absent: City Clerk, Bruce Nichols, excused from the meeting

Also present:

City Manager Mark Wollenweber

City Attorney Brian Renaud

Public Safety Director John Schulte

Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts

Public Works Director Brett Smith

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2014 REGULAR MEETING**

Council member Felt corrected wording on the special land use language (typo) and the minutes of the November 18, 2014 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Gesell and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present.

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

**6. PUBLIC HEARING CITY COUNCIL SITTING AS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Special land use variance considered 77 Michaux Ct. Zayat (present.) Fixed Generator, discussion with No public comment. Motion by Gesell to approve Land Use Variance, second by Felt, Carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present.

**7. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

A. Park and Harbor Doug Kucyk

B. Board of Review – alternate, Kim Schmidt

Welcomed and thanked for their participation by Mayor Kedzierski

## **8. GROSSE POINTE IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION UPDATE – Lynn Kurtz, President**

Lynn Kurtz expressed her thanks to all members of the Improvement Foundation for their efforts and to all that contributed to their projects during a very busy year.

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None**

### **REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

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

1. Approval of Bills - Motion by Bisballe, seconded by Gesell, motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Review of Financial Statements - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts reviewed and presented same to Council. Motion to approve financial report and check register: made by Gesell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barrette, approved unanimously by all members present.

3. Council Member Barrette inquired about verification of savings reports from Honeywell, suggested withholding payments until reports document the savings promised. City Manager advised that contact would be made with Honeywell.

4. Mayor Kedzierski inquired RE: construction on Fontana by ASC, – confirmed by DPW Director Brett Smith as a sewer repair.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Budget adjustments being reviewed and discussion of insurance rebate, fuel costs to be lower along with salt and overtime for DPW.

#### **B. Public Safety – Director John Schulte**

Monthly Update - Director Schulte reported the previous month as being very quiet. A 12/11/14 3 vehicle MVA at Vernier / Lake Shore again took out the fence at Osius Park. Repair estimates are in the works. Grosse Pointes to review equipment and currently training for civil disturbance responses. Chief attended the PIA (Post Incident Analysis) of GPW trench collapse, he is working to develop a service contract with trench rescue teams to respond to GP's in the event of a collapse. It was reported almost weekly calls or letters thanking Public Safety for the excellent Medic service provided by our paramedics. The neighboring communities are having some difficulty with medical response times and high turnover rates with contracted medic services. Thank you to Marianne Endicott 19 Stratton for assisting with the composite picture of Public Safety officers hanging in the hallway outside the council chambers.

### **C. Public Works - Director Brett Smith**

Leaf vacuum program has ended, positive comments from residents on the pick up schedule, some resident concerns regarding the cleanliness of the streets after the dust pan is used, sweeper sent to those locations for clean up. Curb to be replaced at the accident scene Vernier/Lake Shore. Water main breaks repaired at 881 and 875 Lake Shore and 88 Roslyn Rd. Council member Felt inquired about leaves remaining in the trees – per Brett Smith they will need to be bagged and placed at the curb for p/up.

### **D. Parks and Harbor – No meeting – next scheduled – February 2015**

**E. Legal Report –** City Attorney Brian Renaud reported reviewing Michigan Farm Act and Agriculture practices as they relate to the chicken and livestock Ordinance. Review of citations to the Nuisance Ordinance, correspondences on citations issued on a Lake Shore address and FOIA responses. Reviewed the trap shooting request sent by GPYC.

**F. Manager's Report –** City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported that 2015 calendars should arrive on Thursday of this week for Friday delivery by DPW. GP Managers met with new Wayne County Executive, Warren Evans, discussions took place RE: The sea wall maintenance along Lake Shore Rd. Evans has agreed to meet with communities on a quarterly basis to improve cooperation with county and municipalities. Letter being sent back to GPYC this week re: trial basis for trap shooting. Chief Schulte has reviewed their request and has approved pending compliance with DEQ and DNR requirements and qualified NRA firearms instructor on site during the shooting. Report of the firearms is not considered an issue based on where they intend to conduct the shooting.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS - None**

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Annual pavement restoration permit and annual special events permit required. Motion to approve by Gessell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Felt, carried unanimously for both items.
- B.** DWSD Water Contract Amendment Meeting with Tom Biehl from HRC and discussions re: DWSD 6 to 6 ½ % anticipated increase for 2015. Max day and peak hour to remain the same. Motion to approve the authorization authorizing the contract made by Gesell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bisballe, approved unanimously by all members present.

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

Doug Kucyk has valve issues on old water meter, inquired about the schedule for installation of meters. Currently 80 meters are hooked up and readers operational. Most readers yet to be installed .

## **13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS – All Merry Christmas**

Barrette: none

Felt: Book is out in January, book signing on January 20, 2015 prior to the scheduled Council meeting.

Bisballe: Thank you to all the department heads and staff for another great year

Gesell: Thank you to Finance Committee and volunteers who make a lot possible in the city

**14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski – Thank you as he looks back on 2014, Finance, Improvement Foundation for Splash pad and all the city functions. Grateful to prominent members of the community William Clay Ford, Ralph Wilson, and Rose Thornton. The Chief is working towards plaques for each. Merry Christmas.**

**15. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, January 20, 2015 and February 17, 2015 - 7:00pm)**

**16. ADJOURNMENT** - On motion by Gesell duly seconded by Barrette and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM

John J. Schulte  
Chief of Police

Acting for City Clerk, Bruce Nichols