

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015 - 12:00 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 15, 2015 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

Present: Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Council Members Robert H. Barrette, Bruce Bisballe, Tina Ellis, Robert E. Gesell, Doug Kucyk.

Absent: Alexander Ajlouni, M.D (Excused on motion of Council Member Bisballe, supported by Council Member Gesell and carried 6-0), City Clerk Bruce Nichols

Also present: City Manager Mark Wollenweber
City Attorney Brian Renaud
Public Safety Director John Schulte
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts
DPW 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 17, 2015 REGULAR MEETING

On Motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the minutes of the November 17, 2015 regular meeting were approved by 6-0 vote

5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES

On Motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, the minutes of the various committee and commission minutes were approved by 5-0 vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

7. PRESENTATION – Ralph Wilson Plaque

Mayor Kedzierski unveiled the Ralph Wilson Memorial Plaque. He expressed appreciation to the family of Ralph Wilson for the kindness and generosity shown to the municipality by Ralph Wilson over many years. Family member Mary Owen addressed Council in appreciation of the memorial plaque.

8. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Mayor Kedzierski presented his nomination for appointments to boards, committees and commissions, attached as an exhibit hereto. On Motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the appointments to the various committee and

commission minutes were approved by 6-0 vote.

9. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

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

1. Approval of Bills - The monthly bills were presented by Finance Officer Ricketts, reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved (6-0) for immediate payment on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe.
2. Review of Financial Statements - Finance Officer Ricketts presented the current financial statements, including balance sheet, with revenue and expenditures for review by Council.
3. Finance Committee Report - Chairman Bisballe reported that he, Rhonda Ricketts and Council Member Gesell met last week in Chicago with financial analysts in an effort to obtain a AAA credit rating from Standard & Poor's. The results of the Chicago meeting are expected soon.

B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte reported another very routine month. His Department is assisting in working the bugs out of the closed-circuit TV system. Bids have been acquired for a magnetic card security system for access to the municipal park. Statistical and Court Reports for the previous month were presented by the Chief.

C. Public Works – Director Brett Smith reported the leaf pickup has ended for the season. Snow removal equipment is being readied for service. Due to the temperate weather, the department was able to utilize the street sweeper on all streets in the city. The municipality has experienced six water main breaks. The Lakeshore/ Vernier project has experienced delays.

D. Parks and Harbor

Monthly Update - Council Member Barrette reported the committee has been discussing municipal Park utilization by the residents, reviewing the Albert Kahn master plan, and looking at other issues regarding park rules. A town hall meeting regarding parks and harbor will be held Saturday, January 9, 2016 from 10 AM to noon.

E. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on the following legal services provided during the previous month: Advice and counsel regarding an advanced life support contract, Metro Act, land division matters, open meetings and FOIA requests, gift and receipt of gifts regarding municipal employees, development of 55 S. Deeplands Drive, and responsive pleadings for matters concerning the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

F. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported that municipal email addresses are now available. He cautioned Council Members that discussion of city business by a private email could result in issues regarding the availability of those

emails under a FOIA request. The use of the municipal email will be useful in categorizing those emails associated with FOIA disclosure requests.

10. OLD BUSINESS – None

11. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Defined Contribution Pension Amendment – Tabled and referred to Pension Committee.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Kedzierski opened the Public Comment Section of the meeting by advising those in attendance that the development of 55 S. Deeplands was not before either the Planning Commission nor City Council. Nevertheless, the Mayor indicated City Council's willingness to listen to public comment regarding the property.

Tom Burke expressed his concern with the proposed unit density of the project.

Lynn Best presented a list of 88 residents who "oppose the proposal for condominium development of the 55 S. Deeplands Road Property".

Alan Broad indicated that he will recuse himself from his position on the Planning Commission as he is opposed to the project. He believes the project will fail because of existing deed restrictions.

Peter Macuga voiced his objections to density which would be in violation of the deed restrictions.

Mr. Baranti, Marin Melhume, and Bonnie Perkins also voiced their density objections to a condominium project.

13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Barrette advised Council that the topic of a second pavilion for the municipal Park will be discussed at the next meeting.

- 14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS –** Mayor Kedzierski reported the two new social items are on the calendar, and new rules for the municipal park are being formulated. The Mayor gave a summary of the good accomplishments for the year 2015 and expressed appreciation to all the volunteers and municipal staff.

- 15. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** (Tues, 1/19/16 & Tues, 2/16/16 – 7pm)

- 16. ADJOURNMENT** On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously the meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Bruce R Nichols

City Clerk