

**MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017 - 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, February 21, 2017 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, Robert E. Gesell, Doug Kucyk.

Absent: Bruce Bisballe, Tina Ellis Both were excused on motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette and carried unanimously (5-0.)

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2017 REGULAR MEETING**

On Motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the minutes of the January 17, 2017 regular meeting were approved unanimously (5-0).

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

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

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Jonathan Walton, attorney for Harry and Lynn Kurtz, had comments regarding the Ford House property development and its potential deleterious effect on the community, the increased use of off-site parking, and the frequency of events. He also discussed the Milk River project and its joint impact with the Ford House expansion. Mayor Kedzierski had some comments regarding a public hearing on both matters.

**7. TREE BOARD CHAIRMAN UPDATE** - Brett Marshall reported the Tree City application process was underway with the 15th yearly recognition expected. Thirty-three (33) trees

were lost to disease during the previous year. The tree trimming of street side trees continues. The Fun Run Arbor Day celebration is set for May 7th. A generous resident has donated funds for tree trimming at Osius Park.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING - Special Land Use Request- Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Rd.**

Mary Matuja reported on a monthly meeting of the Planning Commission held at the Ford House wherein the Planning Commission voted unanimously in favor of the Ford House project, subject to some conditions for approval. Mark Wollenweber reported the matter was reviewed extensively by the Planning Commission and Administration. Kathleen Mullins of the Ford House addressed Council regarding the aims and purpose of the Ford House expansion, parking requirements, repurposing of the house, and its status as a community center.

Nick Savoni, as counsel for the Ford House, spoke regarding permissive uses, philanthropic district restrictions, and the proposed use conditions which would accompany the grant of a special use.

Jim Jacobs asked a question regarding a liquor license at the Ford House. Kathleen Mullins described the current Tavern license; but no Class C liquor license application is pending.

Mary Matuja informed Council that no written objections have been received, other than the concerns of Harry and Lynn Kurtz, as described by their attorney.

The Planning Commission, planning consultants Carlisle Wortman Associates, Inc. and the Administrative Staff recommend the Special Land-Use Request for the reasons and factors specified in the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of January 10, 2017.

On motion of Council Member Ajlouni, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously (5-0), Council approved the Special Land-Use Request for the reasons and factors specified in the resolution and minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of January 10, 2017 and the report of the Planning Commission consultant Carlisle Wortman Associates, Inc. for the reasons and factors specified in such report of the planning consultant, which findings of both the Planning Commission and planning consultant Carlisle Wortman Associates, Inc. are incorporated and adopted by reference as part of this resolution. Proposed conditions of the grant are also attached hereto and incorporated by reference as part of the resolution of Council.

**9. PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG Program Year 2017 Proposed Estimated Budget**

Mr. Wollenweber described the use of the CDBG funds contained in the \$17,636 application and budget, the public hearing process, and the advertisement of the hearing.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously (5-0), Council approved and allocated the application and budget for the CDBG funds, and authorized the City Manager to execute the appropriate

documents and to take whatever further steps are necessary to complete the application process.

## 10. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

### A. **Budget and Finance** – City Manager, Mark Wollenweber

1. Approval of Bills - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts was unable to attend the meeting so Mark Wollenweber presented the bills for approval. The monthly bills were reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved for immediate payment on motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette and carried unanimously (5-0).

2. Review of Financial Statements – City Manager Mark Wollenweber presented the Financial Statements for review by Council.

3. Finance Committee Chairman Report - Council Member and Committee Chairman Bruce Bisballe was absent so no report was made.

### B. **Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte reported that Park Rangers recruiting has begun. Public Safety Officer Jason Cook has been assigned to the tactical unit. Our Public Safety Officer recruit is in his fifth week at the police academy and doing well.

### C. **Public Works** – Director Brett Smith reported the WOW cable installation is progressing quickly. The sewer interceptor cleaning has been completed with a great deal of heavy cleaning. The sewer cleaning project will come in within the budgeted amount. A debris problem at a lift station has been resolved. The north end water main project construction pre-bid meeting was held. Macomb County Public Works was unable to come and address Council at the meeting about the Milk River project as they are preoccupied with a major Macomb County sewer collapse. Fifty percent of the water meters have been upgraded and are now being read remotely. The newly ordered dump truck is being fitted out for use and will arrive in mid-March.

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

Park & Harbor Committee Chairman Robert Barrette reported the Park and Harbor Committee did not request a rate increase for wells. Deck repairs will start soon. The swim team is looking for volunteers.

### E. **Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on having performed the following legal services during the last month: consultation regarding an auto insurance ordinance and the draft of same, medical marijuana transport research, FOIA requests, denial of a FOIA request concerning city employees, a bankruptcy filing pertaining to property taxes owed by a city resident, matters regarding 55 Deeplands, discussions with a traffic consultant and traffic engineering report, and the Ford House expansion.

### F. **Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported that 80% of the WOW cable project is complete and they are getting close to going on-line of the entire

ISP/TV service installation for the community. Mr. Wollenweber attended a local government financing seminar with Wayne County Executive Evans. Sign-up sheet for the municipal email list will be sent out with the Park Pass applications. Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Court financial operations and procedures have been reviewed by Chief Financial Officer Rhonda Ricketts. The city is still waiting for response to an application for funds directed to the Corps of Engineers for the Lake Shore embankment. The Board of Review dates have been set for March. Handicap access issues in the city are being examined by a consultant. Refinement of the design for the tennis courts is underway in anticipation of obtaining bids.

Mr. Wollenweber pointed out that Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts has done an excellent job in obtaining refunds of federal taxes owed to city employees and the municipality.

**11. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**12. NEW BUSINESS –**

A. Milk River Drain Project Update – Wayne County Project Engineers -**Tabled**

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**14. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS - None**

**15. MAYOR'S COMMENTS –** Mayor Kedzierski reported a new statute is being considered by the Michigan legislature to allow an easier opt out from the use of smart meters, without charges to the consumer. The Mayor also reminded residents that the city is looking for summer volunteers and a better way to communicate with residents. The application to designate the municipal building as a historic building continues.

**16. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** (Tues, 03/21/17 & Tues, 04/18/17 – 7pm)

**17. ADJOURNMENT -** On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk