

**MINUTES OF THE
VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Mayor Ted Kedzierski

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL – Clerk Bruce Nichols

Present: Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Council Members Robert H. Barrette, Danielle Gehlert, Doug Kucyk, John T. Seago and Matthew Seely

Absent: None

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

On motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the December 17, 2019 regular meeting were approved.

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

On motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the various boards, committees and commissions were received and filed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Gloria Anton expressed regrets as to the lack of calendar photographs of the public safety officers and municipal staff.

Lech Ruprecht also had comments regarding the lack of availability of the printed municipal calendar.

Sandra Cavataio introduced herself as a candidate for appointment to City Council.

7. SWEARING IN OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER – After presentation of PSO Jeffrey Roybal to City Council by Chief Schulte, Mayor Kedzierski swore in Jeffrey Roybal as our new public safety officer.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS – Sergeant Tony Spina & Lieutenant Douglas Fraser

PSO Tony Spina was promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Douglas Fraser was promoted to Lieutenant.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS- Parks Committee

Council Member Seely presented the names of those individuals to be appointed to the Parks Committee (attached hereto and incorporated by reference). On motion of Council Member Seago, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the committee appointments were approved.

10. PUBLIC HEARING – 20 Moorland Variance Request, City Council sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals

At 7:16 PM, on motion of Council Member Seago, with support by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously (6-0), adjourned and reconvened as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The petitioner requests approval of a side yard, rear yard and lot coverage variance to allow expansion of a detached garage. More specifically, the expansion requires a side variance of 10.87 feet and rear variance of 2.7 feet. A 2% lot coverage variance is the third variance request.

The petition has multiple unique aspects. The property is one of two land parcels that are situated at the end of a stubbed speed extension of Moorland Drive. Both parcels are wide and deep and also face the rear of property directly fronting Moorland Drive. In addition, the petitioner suffered injuries from an industrial accident which requires him to completely enclose his vehicle. Six neighbors within 300 feet of the parcel provided their consent to approval of the variance.

The petitioner provided evidence that his variance could be authorized because a practical difficulty exists, and an unnecessary burden will be placed on the petitioner's ability to access his vehicle without the variance. The property is in a unique location and a unique orientation to the road. The limited variance requested will not cause adverse impact to the surrounding properties. The situation is also unique. The physical configuration of the lot, and the limitations of the mobility of the petitioner were not conditions that were created by the petitioner. The required variance is the minimum variance necessary to provide the petitioner with his required needs due to his physical limitations. The city planner recommended approval of the variance.

On motion of Council Member Seely, supported by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously, (6-0), Council granted the petitioner's variance request.

At 7:25 PM, on motion of Council Member Barrette, with support by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously (6-0), the Zoning Board of appeals adjourned and reconvened as City Council.

11. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- A. **Budget and Finance** – Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts reported Grosse Pointe Shores was honored by the Governmental Finance Officers Association of United States and Canada with the *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* for its July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 budget. The award reflects the commitment of the governed between body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

On motion of Council Member Kucyk, supported by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the payment of bills was approved.

Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts presented the Financial Statements for review by Council.

- B. **Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte thanked council for allowing his department to have the high quality of officers and their commencement promotions. The demolition of the fire damaged residence at 60 Roslyn has been delayed while the insurance company obtains demolition bids. On January 14, 2020, there was a larceny on Willow Tree perpetrated by a housekeeper with the ultimate recovery of \$12,000 worth of stolen jewelry. The hiring process for a Park Manager, with an April 1, 2020 employment date is underway. As the Chief has witnessed some concerns with dogs running in Osius Park and the temporary banning of such, he indicated he will follow the Council's directions regarding dogs in the park. The passing of Grosse Pointe Park retired Police Chief Richard Caretti was acknowledged. Council Member Seago had questions regarding temporary closures of Lake Shore Road occasioned by flooding.

- C. **Public Works** – Director Brett Smith discussed the recent heavy snowfall difficulties. There was also a warm period of time, which allowed completion of the fall cleanup. DTE is ready to begin a tree line trimming project. The reinstallation of poles and wires will be completed by April 1 in Woodland Shores. Extreme increases in the expense of recycling was discussed. With online shopping, his department has experienced increased trash pickup of corrugated boxes. Unless corrugated boxes are broken down and placed next to the recycling bins, the recycling contractor will not pick them up. No water main breaks were experienced in the city since the last meeting.

- D. **Parks Committee**- Council Liaison Matt Seely discussed upcoming park matters, including a new Park Manager, new Rangers, and the first meeting in February of the new Parks Committee. He also discussed the intention of the committee to take the steps to have another Fourth of July event.

On motion of Council Member Seely, supported by Council Member Seago, and passed unanimously, the Parks committee, was authorized to proceed on matters involving this summer's Fourth of July summer event.

- E. **Harbor Committee**- Council Liaison John Seago reported the harbor committee will have its first meeting during the first week of March. A chairman will be appointed at the committee meeting.

F. Infrastructure Report- Matt Seely reported the number one priority is the Lake St. Clair seawall. Grosse Pointe Farms City Council approved the payment of \$18,000 toward a study of the crumbling seawall. Such amount is 25% of the cost of the entire study, with Wayne County paying 50% of the entire cost.

On motion of Council Member Seely, with support by Council Member Barrette, and carried by a 5–1 vote (Council Member Kucyk opposing), Council agreed to reimburse Grosse Pointe Farms a sum not to exceed \$18,000 as 25% of the total cost of the study, thereby not acting as a signatory with Wayne County for the study contract.

G. Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation- President Brett Marshall informed Council that the foundation had its first meeting of the year. A membership drive is underway. The foundation has agreed to dismantle the ice rink at the end of the winter season. Next meeting of the foundation is March 16, 2020.

H. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on having provided the following legal services during the previous month.

Several FOIA requests, a review of the 20 Moorland Dr. variance application, continued work on the Grosse Pointe Woods/Grosse Pointe Shores lockup facility arrangement with a completed draft expected for next month’s Council Meeting, discussion regarding the Grosse Pointe Farms and Wayne County seawall study, the Deeplands storm water drainage system, bylaws and regulatory matters concerning a storm water management agreement, and the deed restrictions for the storm water system.

Discussion that ensued regarding the South Deeplands long-term maintenance of the Deeplands storm water management system.

I. CITY MANAGER REPORT - Acting Interim City Manager Tom Krolczyk thanked City Council for appointing him as Acting Interim City Manager. He then gave an update regarding the Ford House construction project and a planned August 1, 2020 completion date. He reported that several hundred square feet of Marina decking will need to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$13,000. The installation of new decking will utilize an improved product.

12. OLD BUSINESS – None

13. NEW BUSINESS –

A. 2019/2020 Proposed Budget Amendments (Pg.46-65)

Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978 provides that a municipality adopt a formal budget for the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund. Based on the auditor’s suggestion, the annual budget is normally received during the fiscal year and amendments are proposed at the January City Council meeting for changes in the current year budget.

The general fund budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 includes changes totaling \$138,767

from the adopted budget. The need for these amendments was explained to the Council by Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts.

On recommendation of the city's administration that the attached budget amendments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, be approved, and on motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the amendments to the budget were approved unanimously.

B. 55 S. Deeplands Rd-Long Term Maintenance of Storm Water Management System Resolution & Annual Community Resolution Accepting Long Term Maintenance of Storm Water Management System.

After discussion by Council with the City Attorney and developer Richard Russell, and having reviewed the *Wayne County Storm Water Management Ordinance*, and *Administrative Rules*, on motion of Council Member Seely, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously (6-0), Council passed a resolution to adopt Ordinance Number 2020 regarding the long-term maintenance of storm water management system for the property located 55 South Deeplands Rd. and the adoption of an ordinance regarding the acceptance of the long-term maintenance of the storm water management system for the same property.

Mayor Kedzierski and City Clerk Bruce R Nichols were authorized to sign the resolution in recordable form for presentation to the Wayne County Register of Deeds.

C. Vacant City Council Seat Update - Mayor Kedzierski reported a Special Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7 PM, during which candidates for the vacant City Council seat will address the current City Council. City Council will then vote to fill the vacancy at its meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

D. City Manager Search Update - Council Member Barrette reported the committee to find the new City Manager - comprising Council Members Robert Barrette, Danielle Gehlert and John Seago were meeting on January 29 to filter through the six resumes submitted through the Michigan Municipal League. Council Member Barrette will report on the interviews at the next City Council meeting.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jan Pemberton asked if the city would provide notary services on the second floor in the future. She also had questions regarding goose chasing dogs; and dogs in the swimming pool at the end of the season.

Lech Ruprecht had comments regarding pedestrian safety and problems with cars rolling through stop signs. He also had comments regarding dogs in Osius Park.

James Maraldo asked for the date of the next upcoming Park Committee meeting.

Richard Russell expressed his desire that the new City Manager be "results driven" rather than "process driven".

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Seago thanked those who made public comments. He also endorsed enforcement of driving rules to provide for the safety of pedestrians and joggers.

Council Member Gehlert also thanked staff for their efforts during this period of short staffing.

Council Member Barrette indicated there may be an upcoming offer for the installation of a cell tower in Grosse Pointe Shores.

16. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski reminded the residents that an Ethics Committee Formation meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29th at 7 PM. He also emphasized that the city is still accepting applications for the vacant City Council seat appointment.

17. REQUEST TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION- At 9:15 PM, Mayor Kedzierski called for a roll call vote to adjourn into closed session and consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State and Federal statute (Attorney-Client Privileged Opinion Letter). Council approved the request by a 6-0 roll call vote.

18. ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION - Council resumed open session at 10:20 PM.

19. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 2/18/20-7 pm & Tues, 3/17/20 -7pm)

20. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE TOWN HALL MEETINGS (Sat, 2/15/20, Sat, 5/16/20 & Sat, 9/12/20 10am)

21. ADJOURNMENT - On motion by Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Seago, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce R Nichols
City Clerk