

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 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, January 17, 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 Robert H. Barrette, Bruce Bisballe, Tina Ellis, Robert E. Gesell, Doug Kucyk.

Absent: Alexander Ajlouni, M.D, (Excused on motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette and carried unanimously 6-0.)

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

On Motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the minutes of the December 20, 2016 regular meeting were approved unanimously (6-0).

5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES

On Motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, the minutes of the various committee and commission minutes were approved unanimously (6-0).

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Joyce Jacobs had comments regarding the Osius Park entrance and a proposed electronic sign, Lake Shore Rd. traffic flow and the use of the parking lot at Osius Park.

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

***Withdrawn by Ford House. Rescheduled to Tuesday, February 21st**

8. 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/Treasurer Ricketts, reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved (6-0) for immediate payment on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Kucyk.
2. **Review of Financial Statements** The Financial Statements of the City were presented for Council's review.
3. **Finance Committee Chairman Report** Bruce Bisballe reported the Committee met last week regarding general road improvements, Duval Road improvements, and upcoming budget adjustments. The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2017.

B. **Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte reported that no crimes occurred in January; so that were no crime statistics to discuss. The newly recruited public safety officer is starting 17 weeks of training at the police academy. Former Public Safety Officer William Marshall, who provided the city with 30 years of service, died on January 6, 2017. The department is seeking bids for new *Jaws of Life* as the present unit is 25 years old and out of service. Chief Schulte met with AEW traffic engineers regarding finalization of the Lake Shore/Vernier Rd. intersection.

C. **Public Works** – Director Brett Smith reported the Christmas decorations have been taken down and stored away. Tree trimming has been completed from Willison south to Shoreham. No damage resulted from the recent windstorms in the area. *Infrasource* is beginning gas line installation from Colonial Road south to the City limits. DPW staff has been recertified for use of forklifts. DPW staff member Jeff Duprey installed outside meters on 75 homes since the last Council meeting. More than one third of the water meters have been retrofitted. The city has enrolled in RAFT, which is a home owner water program. The WOW cable installation is still progressing. Sewer cleaning and inspection is also nearing completion. The inspection and cleaning of the intercept line have not revealed any structural problems. Council Member Ellis questioned the need for an ordinance requiring the bagging of garbage.

D. **Parks and Harbor**

1. **Honeywell Project Update** - Council Member Barrette reported the annual Honeywell audit showed an annual savings of \$205,000. This amount is 11% more than anticipated.
2. **Park & Harbor Committee Chairman Report**, - Robert Barrette reported no meeting of the committee was held last month. The issue of boat well rates will be discussed at the next meeting.
3. **Blue Ribbon Committee Chairman Report**, - Tina Ellis reported that safety and security is foremost in the Blue Ribbon Committee's planning concerns. There is a

conflict of opinions regarding the location of the park gatehouse, and signage for the park. The input of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation will be obtained on both matters. The location of the tennis courts is still being reviewed by engineers.

Council Member Gesell was concerned that the construction costs of any possible relocation of the guard shack be provided before any action is taken. Chief Schulte reported the Vernier/Lake Shore Rd. intersection engineering plan anticipated a one-way entry into Osius Park.

- E. Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported the city does not have an ordinance requiring the use of trash bags for garbage refuse. He also listed the following legal services provided to the city during the last month:

Review of an ordinance amendment regarding signage, three FOIA requests, 55 S. Deeplands review of materials provided by the developer, attended a meeting with the developer of 55 S. Deeplands, plan revision review, Michigan Tax Tribunal matters regarding 970 Lakeshore, the Ford House expansion, review of a possible ordinance pertaining to the failure of an automobile operator to have proof of insurance on their person.

- F. Manager's Report** – Chief John Schulte & DPW Director Brett Smith provided such information in their reports.

9. OLD BUSINESS – None

10. NEW BUSINESS –

A. 2016/2017 Proposed Budget Amendments

Michigan Public Act 621 provides the city must adopt formal budgets for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds. Based upon the auditor's suggestions, staff has reviewed with the Finance Committee and is recommending several budget amendments following the six-month budget review. If expenditures are needed in excess of the budgeted amounts, amendments to the budget are recommended to be adopted by the City Council. The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores operates on July 1 to June 30 fiscal year and approves its budget on an activity, not a line item basis. It is the recommendation of the City's Administration and the Finance Committee that the attached budget amendments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 be approved.

On motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously (6-0), the attached budget amendments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 were approved.

B. South Lake Schools Summer Tax Collection

The Board of Education for South Lake Schools has requested the Village of Grosse

Pointe Shores to collect the South Lake Schools property tax levy in the summer tax billing. This generates an excess of \$1600 annually. Under state law, the school district could request another public entity to collect their taxes which would result in the loss of the collection fees mentioned the above. It is the recommendation of the City Administration and the Finance Committee, the tax levy for South Lake schools be collected for the summer tax billing beginning July 2017.

On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously (6-0), Council approved the collection of the South Lake Schools, summer tax levy beginning July 2017.

C. Annual Pavement Restoration & Maintenance Permits #A-17110 & #A-17055 Resolution

Permits to conduct emergency repairs and annual maintenance work on local and county roads located entirely within the boundaries of the community are customarily granted from time to time to maintain the roads in the condition that is reasonably safe and convenient for public travel. It is the recommendation of Administration that Council approve a resolution authorizing execution of the annual maintenance permits.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously (6-0), Council approved the authorization of the execution of the annual maintenance permits.

D. Annual Special Events Permit #A-17143 Resolution

Permits are customarily granted to temporarily close a county road for a parade, event, celebration, block party, or other similar activity or to erect a banner within the county road right of way, and the county road or road right away, which is located entirely within the boundaries of the community. It is the recommendation of administration to approve the resolution authorizing the execution of the Annual Special Events Permit.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously (6-0), Council approved a resolution authorizing the execution of the Annual Special Events Permit.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Helen Bai presented her written annual report comments and addressed the Council.

Dr. Rahi had comments regarding the proposed municipal park improvements.

Joyce Jacobs had comments regarding the municipal newsletter.

12. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Ellis had comments regarding the use of the park by non-residents and the ensuing problems from such use.

Council Member Bisballe commented about the need for a cost of any anticipated improvements before any long-term plans at the park are made.

Council Members Gesell and Kucyk also commented on the need for cost estimates of any proposed park improvements.

13. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski reported that the city mailbox will be emptied at midnight on the tax deadline day. The matter of a state historic site designation for the municipal building is still being examined and pursued.

14. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 02/21/17 & Tues, 03/21/17 – 7pm)

15. ADJOURNMENT On motion of Council Member Gesell, and seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously (6-0), the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk