

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015 - 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 20, 2014 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, Jr., Bruce Bisballe, Kay Felt, Robert E. Gesell, Daniel T. Schulte

Also present: City Clerk Bruce R. Nichols  
City Manager Mark Wollenweber  
City Attorney Brian Renaud  
Public Safety Director John Schulte  
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 DECEMBER 16, 2014 REGULAR MEETING**

On Motion of Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the minutes of the December 16, 2014 regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote. (7-0).

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

Motion by Council Member Gesell to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees was offered and seconded by Council Member Felt. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

**6. “IMAGES OF AMERICA” GROSSE POINTE SHORES BOOK SPONSORS RECOGNITION**

Arthur M. Woodford, author of the *Village of Grosse Pointe Shores*, addressed Council. He expressed appreciation to the Victoria and Robert G. Liggett family and John Armaly for their generous support of the publication. He also expressed appreciation to City Manager Mark Wollenweber. Mayor Kedzierski was recognized for his part in initiating the process of publishing the book. The great effort of many others in the community was also recognized.

**7. SEMCOG PRESENTATION** – SEMCOG Membership Services Director Amy Malmer and Executive Director Kathleen Lomako enumerated the activities and data that is available to members of the South East Michigan Council of Governments.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING** – City Council Sitting as Zoning Board of Appeals

- A. **Special Land Use – 51 Putnam Pl.** Mayor Kedzierski convened the City Council as the Board of Zoning Appeals to hear the special land-use request of Richmond Inger for 51 Putnam Place. The applicant was seeking a variance approval to construct a 288 square foot house edition in the rear yard. The applicant requested the approval of a 17 foot rear yard. The petitioner presented evidence that the strict enforcement of the rear yard requirement would unreasonably deprive the owner of rights enjoyed by all other property owners within the same distance, that the restriction appears unnecessarily burdensome, that the requested variance would not cause an adverse impact on surrounding property, that the circumstances are unique, the requested variance will not confer special privileges, such requested variance is the minimum variance necessary and reasonable, and the requested variance will not be contrary to the spirit of the municipal zoning ordinance.

Evidence of the notice of the petition to all the neighbors having been provided, and there being no public comment, on motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council member Felt, the rear yard variance, allowing for a 17 foot setback, was granted by unanimous vote (7-0). The recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Planning Consultant were incorporated by reference in the grant.

**9. PUBLIC HEARING – Generator Ordinance Amendment (pg. 16-19)**

Mary Matuja presented the Planning Commission approval recommendation of the proposed Generator Ordinance Amendment. On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously (7-0), the Building and Zoning Ordinances regarding generators was amended and approved.

**10. PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG Program Year 2015 Proposed Estimated Budget**

City Manager Mark Wollenweber presented the proposed allocations of the 2015 CDBG funds. Council approved the allocations and scheduled the matter for a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7 PM to hear final comments regarding the program year 2015 CDBG Proposed Estimated Budget.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**12. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

**A. Budget and Finance –**

1. Approval of Bills The monthly bills were reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved for immediate payment on motion by Council Member Gesell seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously. (7-0)
2. A review of Financial Statements was conducted by Council.
3. Finance Committee - Chairman/Council Member Bisballe reported that budget planning for upcoming years is underway based on projections of income. Mr. Bisballe recommended approval of the proposed budget amendments which were upcoming on the agenda. The marina deficit is still looming. The 4% existing bond on the marina is being examined for refinancing.

- B. Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte reported a quiet month. With six open identity theft cases, Chief Schulte cautioned that residents be extremely careful with their online financial records. The park hours are now from 8 AM to 6PM.

The Chief also reported the February 21, 2015 Town Hall Meeting will present the proper use of the emergency AED device. Residents are also reminded that carbon monoxide detectors are very important at this time of the year. The 2014 Annual Public Safety Report will be presented at the February 2015 meeting.

- C. **Public Works** – Director Brett Smith reported all Christmas decorations have been taken down, off season equipment is being serviced, the use of road salt is down, new kayak ramps are under construction, and the city now has an asphalt cold patch trailer.

**D. Parks and Harbor**

Council Member Barrette reported the finger dock repairs will be starting in February. The current fees for summer well space are on the high of the cost spectrum. Council Member barrette recommended that the well rates not be increased in the upcoming year. The optimization of well occupancy and well rates was discussed.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, supported by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously, (7-0) the nonresident surcharge on well rates was reduced from 25% to 20%; and well rates were not increased for the upcoming year.

- E. **Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported providing the following services during the previous month: consultation regarding 984 Lakeshore and the construction on that parcel, prepare a memo regarding the retiree benefits trust, review and comments regarding the amendment of the generator ordinance, a vehicle parking complaint, a property owners inquiry regarding a nuisance, an issue with the Ford House regarding a property line, and the secondary employment of public safety officers.

- F. **Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the pre-engineering (great inspection) for the Lakeshore Vernier intersection is underway. Specialized training is underway for municipal employees. The Wollenweber commended Brett Smith on recently acquiring the asphalt patch trailer at a bargain rate.

**13. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2014/2015 Proposed Budget Amendments

Mark Wollenweber summarized the proposed 2014/2015 budget amendments required under the Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978, and it was the recommendation by the city's administration and finance committee that such budget amendments for the physical year ending June 30, 2015 be approved.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously (7-0) the budget amendments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 were approved as presented.

**15. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Helen Bai presented the Beautification Committee 2014 Year-End Report. 54 gardens were sponsored. There was extreme winter damage from the winter of 2013-14, which required extensive

effort on the part of the Beautification Committee. Council thanked Helen Bai, and her committee, for their extensive efforts in keeping Grosse Pointe Shores beautiful.

George McMullen reported the Full Circle Foundation will be having a February 5, 2015 fundraiser.

**16. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Council Member Barrette reported a review of the Honeywell project will be presented at the February meeting.

Council Member Felt remarked on the success of the book about the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores. Municipal tiles are available. She thanked the members of the Ambassador Committee for their hard efforts.

**17. MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – Mayor Kedzierski reported a Town Hall Meeting will be held on February 21 at 10 AM to noon. The event committee will be meeting soon. Mayor Kedzierski mentioned some potential events. And complemented the efforts of all involved in completing the municipal book. He believes it is time to consider a historical commission for the municipality

**18. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 2/17/15 & 3/17/15 - 7:00pm)**

**19. ADJOURNMENT** On motion of Council Member Schulte, supported by Council Member Gesell and carried unanimously (7-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk