

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014 - 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, July 15, 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  
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts  
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 JUNE 17, 2014 REGULAR MEETING**  
On Motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the minutes of the June 17, 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 Ajlouni. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** - None
7. **PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE REQUEST – 44 SHOREHAM, CITY COUNCIL SITTING AS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Property owners Mary Anne and Michael O’Shea requested a front yard setback variance to construct a 7 foot extension to an existing garage.

Planning Commission Chairperson Mary Matuja summarized the dimensional information and the purposes for the request in her report to the Council.

On motion of Council Member Schulte, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council sitting as the Board of Zoning Appeals, it was determined that strict enforcement of the requirements of the zoning ordinance would unreasonably deprive the owner of rights enjoyed by all other property owners, the requested variance will not cause an adverse impact on

surrounding property, the conditions and circumstances are unique to the subject property, the conditions unique to the property were not created by the owner, the variance will not confer special privileges, that the requested variance is the minimum variance necessary to do substantial justice to the applicant, and the requested variance to permit a front yard variance of 22.8 feet would not be contrary to the spirit or intent of the ordinance, and that the variance should be granted as requested.

The report of the Planning Commission and the Variance Review of planning consultants Carlisle/Wortman was reviewed by Council and incorporated by reference to the grant of the variance.

The resolution **PASSED** unanimously (7-0).

## **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 Ricketts, reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved for immediate payment on motion by Council Member Gesell seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously. (7-0)

No financial package was presented because of the fiscal year-end closeout of the annual budget.

2. Finance Committee - Chairman Bisballe reported the Finance Committee is on a well-deserved vacation and there would be no report this month.

### **B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte**

Monthly Update - Chief Schulte reported crime statistics within normal parameters for the month. He noted that 10 intoxicated driving arrests were made. The city has received 100% of the reimbursement funds for fabrication of the new municipal Park fence. There is an upcoming 5K race on Lakeshore drive in September. The CCTV systems specifications have been delineated. 8 to 10 cameras are anticipated. On July 5, a clothes dryer fire at the Grosse Pointe yacht club was handled quickly. Our new public service officers are doing extremely well and are a great addition to the Department.

### **C. Public Works – Director Brett Smith**

Monthly Update - Director Brett Smith reported a June 18, 2014 storm hit the municipal complex and lightning damaged the new generator, security lock system, elevator, HVAC control, spotlights, emergency sirens, Comcast box, telephone system, and police vehicle video system. Repairs are in progress.

Director Smith also indicated splash pad water usage after six weeks totaled \$1800 worth of water. This amount was well within the anticipated budget and expected use. Director Smith also reminded residents that no sprinkler systems should be operated between 4 AM and 9 AM.

**D. Parks and Harbor**

Council Member Barrette reported that no meeting was held and the next meeting is scheduled for the month of August. The splash pad is functioning well. It appears to be meeting operational standards. An engineering review of the deterioration of the tennis court is forthcoming.

**E. Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported performing the following legal services during the month: First draft of an ethics ordinance was generated, a review of the Metro Act was completed, consultation regarding the Grosse Pointe Clinton Refuse Authority, review of a workman’s compensation matter, issues regarding the construction of the concession stand at the municipal park, a board of zoning appeal, a review of a draft of the generator ordinance, consultation regarding the use of municipal facilities where alcohol use is projected, and the formulation of an ordinance review session.

**F. Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported on a Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce matter, the anticipated Grosse Pointe Communities Meeting scheduled for August 12 at Ford House, lighting issues being resolved in Osius Park, a letter from Andrew Richner regarding a refund from the State of Michigan for unearned filing fees, and that the concession stand at Osius Park is back on track with construction anticipated to be completed by end of next week. The project at 984 Lake Shore has soil erosion issues and a stop work order has been issued under the nuisance ordinance. The structure at 41 Colonial still continues to be a problem and faces a demolition action in Wayne County Circuit Court if the situation does not change imminently.

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Carlisle Wortman, City Planner**

Revised Fee Schedule - City Manager Mark Wollenweber presented a revised fee schedule from Carlisle Wortman. The revisions included a minor and major review for assessor structures as well as variances. Mr. Wollenweber indicated the fees were in accordance with fees in other local communities.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Ajlouni, and carried unanimously, (7-0) the revised review fee schedule as presented by Carlisle Wortman was approved and adopted.

**B. Generator Ordinance** - Planning Commission Chairperson Mary Matuja addressed Council regarding issues of generator visibility and noise. Discussion ensued with a recommendation for modification of the draft of an amendment to the building and zoning ordinances regarding generators.

**C. Ambassador Committee Update** - Council Member Felt reported the municipal history book is nearing completion. Two versions of a municipal tile have been designed. The “Fun Committee” has been renamed the “Events Committee”, with upcoming events in the planning stages.

**10. NEW BUSINESS –**

**A. Approval of Worker’s Compensation Settlement - Kwiatkowski**

On recommendation of administration, on motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Felt, and carried unanimously (7-0), Meadowbrook Insurance Company, representing the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, and the MML, was authorized to redeem the workers compensation case for PSO Kwiatkowski in the amount of \$50,000 allocated to future medical which has no effect on the full pension payment.

**B. Set Study Session Date - On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Felt, and carried unanimously (7-0), Monday, August 4, 2014 at 10 AM, was set as the Study Session Date for the following:**

1. Traffic & Vehicles Ordinance Amendment/Parking
2. Solid Waste Ordinance Amendment/Leaf Removal
3. Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance Amendment/Fines

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

Mike Koester, candidate for the First District State Representative, introduced himself to Council.

George McMullen reported that German students will be arriving in Grosse Pointe for a tour of our community.

**12. COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS - None**

**13. MAYOR’S COMMENTS –** Mayor Kedzierski reminded the attendees that the final swimming meet was coming up. The fishing derby, and beach volleyball tournament are in the works. The Annual Chess Tournament is scheduled for September 21, 2014.

**14. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 8/19/14 & 9/16/14 - 7:00pm)**

**15. ADJOURNMENT** On motion of Council Member Gesell, Seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously (7-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk