

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020 – 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, March 17, 2020 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, Robert H. Barrette, Sandra Cavataio, Danielle Gehlert, John T. Seago and Matthew Seely

Absent: Doug Kucyk (Excused on motion of Council Member Barrette, with support by Council Member Seago).

Also present: City Clerk Bruce Nichols  
Interim City Manager Thomas Krolczyk  
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts  
Public Safety Director John Schulte

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2020 REGULAR MEETING**

On motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Seago, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the minutes were approved.

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

On motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Seago, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the minutes were approved for receipt and filing.

**6. FINAL PLAT REVIEW** - Deeplands Development Co., Deeplands Subdivision

Deeplands Development Co. attorney William Gilbride, and developer Richard Russell appeared before Council for purposes of responding to any questions from Council Members.

After review by Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., the municipal engineer, and review by Carlisle Wortman and Associates, Inc. the municipal planning consultants, and based on their recommendations to approve the Final Plat of Deeplands Lane Subdivision, on motion of Council Member Seely, supported by Council Member Barrette, and carried

unanimously, the Final Plat of Deeplands Lane Subdivision was approved for filing with the Wayne County Register of Deeds.

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

### A. **Budget and Finance** – Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts

1. *Approval of Bills* - On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Gehlert, the bills were unanimously approved for payment. (7-0)
2. *Review of Financial Statements.* Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts presented the Financial Statements for review by Council.
3. *Vision Care Provider.* At the February 18, 2020 City Council meeting, Council voted to change the city's vision care provider from BCBS to *EyeMed* based on information provided by our health care consultant. Subsequent to the meeting, new information was obtained, which indicated the original quotes did not take into consideration that EyeMed's quote was based on a fully insured program versus BCBS's self-funded program. Further comparison based on this information provided no savings to the plan.

Council Member Seely, supported by Council Member Barrette, following the recommendation of administrative staff and the Finance Committee, motioned the city remain with BCBS as the city's Vision Care provider. The motion passed unanimously (6-0)

### B. **Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte reported the usual absence of criminal activity in the community due to the exemplary efforts and dedication of the Department of Public Safety.

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

In the absence of Director Smith, Council Member Barrette reported the infrastructure Committee met during the previous week. He reported there is a memo of understanding between South Macomb sanitary district and an action plan regarding water infiltration and remedial actions that are required, for example, smoke testing will be required. Some of the 12 inch and 8 inch water mains in the community are 105 years old and need review and replacement. Council Member Barrette said he spoke to Brett Smith and the vast majority of the testing has already been completed. The matter will be reviewed for the next Council Meeting.

### D. **Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud submitted a written report on having provided the following legal services during the previous month:

Attention to final implementation of the Dispatch/Lockup Agreement, review of a cell tower proposal, matters pertaining to the Final Plat Approval of Deeplands Lane Subdivision, and consultations with city administration regarding COVID-19 issues and requirements.

**E. Manager's Report** – Interim City Manager Tom Krolczyk reported on preparation of a plan for the safety of employees and residents from an impending COVID-19 virus pandemic.

**8. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**9. NEW BUSINESS – None**

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

Copies of an email dated March 16, 2020 from Ethics Ordinance Committee member Brian Geraghty sent to City Council Members was presented to City Council by the City Clerk. The content of the letter addressed the makeup and composition of the Ethics Ordinance Committee.

**11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Council Member Seely thanked the administrative staff for their efforts during this difficult time. He also reported the Parks Committee meeting was cancelled. He was confident park personnel will be ready for the park opening. Fourth of July sponsors have been approached for the upcoming event.

Council Member Seago reported the Marina will likely be filled to 100% of capacity this summer due to the high-water level, and limited availability of other local dockage. Our floating marina docks are handling the high-water levels without difficulty. He also had concerns regarding the progress of construction at 663 Lake Shore Rd.

Council Member Gehlert reported the Communication Committee is looking for committee members.

Council Member Cavataio has been meeting with various members of staff and the Finance Committee.

Council Member Barrette thanked Tom Krolczyk for his hard work and determined effort during this difficult period.

**12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski**

Mayor Kedzierski had comments regarding the structure of the Ethics Committee. In response to the discussion, Council Member Seago, with support by Council Member Seely, motioned that Mayor Kedzierski be named as the Chairman of the Ethics Committee, with confirmation of the individuals previously named as members of the committee. The resolution passed unanimously (6-0).

**13. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues,4/21/20-7 pm & Tues, 5/19/20 -7pm)**

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

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Council Member Barrette, supported by Council Member Gehlert, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce R Nichols  
City Clerk