

**MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - A monthly meeting of the City Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City was held on Tuesday, March 21, 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 Alexander Ajlouni, M.D, Robert H. Barrette, Bruce Bisballe, Tina Ellis, Robert E. Gesell, Doug Kucyk.

Absent: None

Also present: City Clerk Bruce Nichols  
City Manager Mark Wollenweber  
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts  
Public Safety Director John Schulte  
DPW Director Brett Smith

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2017 REGULAR MEETING**

On Motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the minutes of the February 21, 2017 regular meeting were approved unanimously.

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

On Motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the minutes of the of the various committee and commission minutes were approved unanimously.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Dr. Raymond Rahi expressed his endorsement of the upcoming proclamations recognizing Dr. Thomas Lalonde and Dr. Edward W. Schervish.

**7. PROCLAMATION PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Thomas Lalonde and Dr. Edward W. Schervish, both of whom are Grosse Pointe Shores residents and on the staff of St. John's Hospital and Medical Center, were saluted for their accomplishments as medical professionals with proclamations from the Mayor and City Council.

Renee Landuyt was presented with a proclamation from the Mayor and City Council recognizing her outstanding achievements as a professional photographer in the Grosse Pointe Community.

**8. 2016 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER AWARDS**

Three Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department officers were recognized for their exemplary work during 2016. Officers Jason Rengert and Tony Spina, along with Detective Lieutenant Scott Rohr, were publicly honored by Shores Public Safety Director John Schulte. Rengert received a letter of commendation for a traffic stop involving an obstreperous and intoxicated motorist. Officer Spina received a departmental commendation for a traffic stop of a suspected drunken driver which resulted in the arrest of a wanted armed felon. Detective/Lieutenant Scott Rohr was the recipient of the first *Director's Award* recognizing the officer that constantly exceeds the expectations of the job description. Lieutenant Rohr earned this distinction for handling a multitude of responsibilities, including serving as funds coordinator with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for drug/asset and OWI forfeiture funds, taking a leadership role in assisting all Grosse Pointe Detective Bureaus with their cyber investigations, acting as the President of the Shores Command Officer Union, and serving as a highly productive asset of the Grosse Pointe Shores Department of Public Safety.

- 9. SOC GRANT PRESENTATION** – Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen reported on a Block Grant to SOC for an emergency generator at the SOC headquarters on Ridge Road in Grosse Pointe Farms. Grosse Pointe Shores will be using \$39,868 from the Block Grant this year to modify sidewalk intersections with ramps for the benefit of blind pedestrians. \$14,000 of this year's grant will go to a jobs program at Osius Park, with nearly \$3,200 going to PAATS. Commissioner Killeen also spoke regarding the Lake Shore Rd. seawall deterioration, the Wayne County Jail fiasco, a proposed land swap with Rock Financial and the improving, but still tenuous financial condition of the County. Mr. Wollenweber expressed the appreciation of the City for the Commissioner's assistance in obtaining the Block Grant.

## **10. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

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

1. *Approval of Bills* - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts responded to questions by Council Members regarding expenditures. The monthly bills were reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved for immediate payment on motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Ellis and carried unanimously (7-0).
2. *Review of Financial Statements* - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts presented the Financial Statements for review by Council. She also reported collecting 100% of all Macomb County tax collections and 98% of Wayne County tax collections. The budgeted yearly items appear to be on track with projections. The tax assessment appeal period is now over.
3. *Finance Committee* - Chairman Bruce Bisballe reported the committee will meet March 22, 2017, in an effort to finalize a road plan, recommended upcoming mileage, and review finances associated with park improvements. No major budget surprises are anticipated.

### **B. Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte spoke in favor of the benefits for the adoption of the upcoming automobile insurance ordinance, of which the city experiences

approximately 10 to 12 incidents a month. Chief Schulte also recommended approval of the purchase of the new emergency Jaws of Life extraction tool.

The Chief reported the municipality has not experienced any vehicles driving into Lake St. Clair in the last 26 years. However, within the last 30 days there have been two (2) water rescues with vehicles in the lake, resulting in the safe retrieval of both drivers. He expressed his belief that a new rescue kayak should be acquired by the city.

The Chief then presented the *2016 Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department Report*, which indicated 25 serious crime reports, seven burglaries or attempted burglaries, 14 larcenies, two vehicles thefts, with no reports of murder or robbery. There were 45 motor vehicle accidents, with 77 OWI arrests. \$435,000 was generated by violation tickets issued. Two public safety officers from Grosse Pointe Shores have been assigned to the tactical squad. There were 166 paramedic calls with two minor structural fires. Public safety officers acquired 1580 hours of training in 2016. 100% of all claims for infrastructure damage were recovered. All public safety equipment is up-to-date. Chief Schulte expressed appreciation for the continuous support of the Public Safety Department by citizens and council.

**C. Public Works** – Director Brett Smith reported on the effect of the massive southeast Michigan windstorm that occurred. As result of our tree trimming program, the municipality lost only one (1) municipal tree on public property. City Hall went on the auxiliary generator because of a sudden power failure. Twig and branch cleanup from the storm continues. Garden waste collection begins on March 27<sup>th</sup>. A new zero turn lawn mower has been purchased. The Milk River Drain Construction meeting is upcoming at the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Center. Infrastructure/DTE gas line replacement efforts are proceeding. Wow installation is very close to going on-line.

**D. Parks and Harbor**

1. Park & Harbor Committee Chairman Robert Barrette gave an update on relocation of the tennis courts. The widening of the entrance gate and guard shack relocation are being repaired for the submission of bids. Quotes for these projects will be submitted to Council. Volunteers are still needed for the swim team events.
2. Blue Ribbon Committee Chairman Tina Ellis indicated no meeting of the committee was held last month.

**E. Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud was unable to attend the meeting, and in his place, City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the following legal services were provided during the last month: consultation on additional Marina decking costs, the 55 S. Deeplands project, review of several planning commission matters, review of site plans for the Ford House special land-use as approved last month, and a 950 Lake Shore Rd. property tax settlement.

**F. Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported on the recent power outages occasioned by the recent windstorm, concerns regarding the generator for City Hall, an upcoming SEMCOG meeting, the SOC warming center, the use of a new summer intern that will be working with City Administration, tennis court project bid

requirements, and the impossibility of construction of the tennis courts being completed before the upcoming summer season.

**11. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**12. NEW BUSINESS –**

**A. Construction Board of Appeals Appointments**

Mayor Kedzierski nominated City Manager Mark Wollenweber, Public Safety Director John Schulte and Resident Ron D'agnese, to the Construction Board of Appeals.

On motion of Council Member's Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously (7-0), the nominated individuals were appointed to the Construction Board of Appeals.

**B. Proposed No Insurance Ordinance**

The City Attorney provided a proposed amendment of the City Code of Ordinances Chapter 34, referred to as the Traffic and Vehicle's Ordinance, which allows the city to collect keep revenues related to fines for lack of proof of automobile insurance.

On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously (7-0), the ordinance amendment was approved.

**C. Ford House Water Main Extension Project Bids**

Jesse B. VanDeCreek of HRC addressed Council on the proposed water main project which is being paid in its entirety by the Ford House.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously (7-0), the proposed contract with Fontana Construction in the amount of \$366,201.00 was approved.

**D. Public Safety Hydraulic Vehicle Extraction Tool Purchase Proposal**

As the existing piece of similar equipment has been taken out of service and needs replacement; on motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously (7-0), Council approved the purchase of the Hurst Tool and AC/DC converter pack a cost of \$11,650.00.

**E. Harbor Decking**

As a harbor decking settlement was previously negotiated by City Attorney Brian Renaud, and the product delivered has been used up, additional replacement boards need to be ordered. As part of the settlement agreement, Biewer Lumber is obligated to sell the decking to the City at their wholesale price.

On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously (7-0), Council approved the replacement decking purchase from Biewer Lumber at the cost of \$11,331.20.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**14. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Council Member Barrette commented that the municipal tennis courts are unplayable in their present condition.

Council Member Bisballe pointed out the park renovation plans are expanding and will come with increased costs.

Council Member Gesell also expressed that park enhancements are expensive, but will be worth it.

Council Member Kucyk, attended the March Board of Review and commended our volunteer residents for their efforts as members of the board.

**15. MAYOR'S COMMENTS –** Mayor Kedzierski reported a meeting with the Wayne County Deputy Chief of Staff regarding the Lake Shore Rd. seawall. Other issues regarding our relationship with the County were also discussed. There will be an Easter egg hunt at Osius Park April 8th. The Mayor also commented on the extraordinary effort of the Public Safety officers in the two recent water front rescues.

**16. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** (Tues, 04/18/17 & Tues, 05/16/17 – 7pm)

**17. ADJOURNMENT -** On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk