

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 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, May 19, 2015 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, Kay Felt, Robert E. Gesell, Daniel T. Schulte Jr.

Absent: None

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 APRIL 21, 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

On Motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the minutes of the April 21, 2015 regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

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

Motion by Council Member Bisballe to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and the motion carried unanimously.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Thomas Lizza had comments about 41 Colonial Drive and the difficulties encountered in its renovation. He indicated issues will be quickly remedied with a timeframe for such remediation.

**7. PROCLAMATIONS- Patricia Cardellio and Dr. Virginia Rice**

Mayor Kedzierski presented proclamations recognizing residents Patricia Cardellio and Dr. Virginia Rice for their great service to the community.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET, TAX RATE, WATER RATE**

**A. ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET**

Finance Committee Chairman Bisballe presented the proposed budget with comments regarding the sound finances of the municipality. He also reported how cash flow projections balanced with the enhanced services provided to the residents. Discussion ensued among the Council Members and comments were made by the Mayor. The matter of increased water and sewer rates were discussed. Resident Doug Kucyk, Frank Tenkle, and Harry Kurtz addressed questions to Council regarding the proposed budget.

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee and staff to adopt the proposed budget on a fund and activity basis for fiscal year 2015/2016; specifically the General Fund at the functional level and all other funds at the total expenditure level.

On motion by Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Ajlouni, a resolution adopting the proposed budget on a fund and activity basis for fiscal year 2015/2016; specifically the General Fund at the functional level and all other funds at the total expenditure level passed unanimously (7-0).

**B. 2015 TAX RATE**

Finance Committee Chairman Bisballe presented the proposed 2015 tax rate, which is identical with the 2014 rate. The proposed rate is as follows:

General operations	11.9717
Capital equipment	0.6070
Refuse	2.1091
Pension	1.0138
PA 359	0.1908
Debt service	1.9870
Total tax rate for 2015	\$17.8794

Council Member Bisballe reported it was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that City Council establish a 2015 tax rate for the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City, to be levied effective July 1, 2015 at the above recommended rate.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, that the 2015 tax rate for the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City, to be levied effective July 1, 2015 at the recommended proposed total rate of \$17.8794. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. PROPOSED WATER/SEWER RATE**

Council Member Bisballe reported the City of Detroit has increased water rates and charges billed to Grosse Pointe Shores approximately 17.65% for the fiscal year 2015/2016. Further reported that the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, the city is expecting a 10% increase from Wayne County for sewer charges, equating to an overall rate increase of 16%.

It was the recommendation of the finance committee to increase the water/sewer rate from \$9.688

per 100 ft. of water usage to \$11.24 effective July 1, 2015.

On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Ajlouni, a resolution was passed unanimously by Council to increase the water/sewer rate to \$11.24 effective July 1, 2015.

## 9. 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 Barrette seconded by Council Member Gesell.
2. **Review of Financial Statements** - Finance Officer Ricketts presented the current financial statements, including balance sheet, with revenue and expenditures for review by Council. Finance Officer Ricketts also reported that online access regarding water bills is forthcoming.

### B. **Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte recorded another quiet month of crime statistics. There were 27 burglar alarms. The police station house is now a safe haven for Craigslist transactions. The closed circuit camera sites will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. Council Member Schulte objected to the Craigslist press release from the Department of Public Safety.

### C. **Public Works** – Director Brett Smith reported the cold patch and “new” rebuilt dump truck are functioning extremely well, with both being displayed to Council. Landscaping efforts are picking up. Mr. Smith again requested the residents not to irrigate in the mornings. He also pointed out that municipal irrigation is fed with lake water and not subject to the time restrictions mandated by Detroit Water and Sewer. It takes approximately eight hours to water the municipal areas. Old unused DPW equipment is being cleared out and/or disposed of. The municipal pool opening will be opening on time by Memorial Day. The automatic handicap door opener is being installed with a \$2,900 ADA grant. Mr. Smith thanked Council for allowing the Department of Public Works to participate in the budget process.

### D. **Parks and Harbor** - Council Member Barrette reported the marina wells are at high occupancy with only two personal water craft pads left. The committee has discussed allowing dogs in the park and has recommended that the banning of dogs continue. The non-resident use of the park is being reviewed. The new marina decking was completed two weeks ago.

### E. **Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on the following legal services provided during the previous month: Review of an ordinance regarding inspection on the sale of real estate, the review of 41 Colonial and 984 Lake Shore construction issues, building and zoning code violation procedures, municipal civil infraction ordinances, code of ethics research, a disclaimer for the sale of used municipal property, and finalizing a FOIA form for use after July 1 to comply with new Michigan statutes.

### F. **Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the construction of the Babcock home was underway, the Grosse Pointe Public Library Foundation is placing a mini library at Osius Park, Grosse Pointe Shores hats and sweatshirts are now available for sale, one pending property tax appeal, the termination of the relationship with the Wayne County assessor and the city search for a new municipal assessor, and the review of non-resident park use and its potential abuse.

**10. OLD BUSINESS – None.**

**11. NEW BUSINESS -**

- A. Resolution to Re-construct the Traffic Signal and Other Intersection Improvements at Lake Shore & Vernier Roads - Mark Wollenweber reported the city has been working with Wayne County to replace and coordinate the signals at Lake Shore and Vernier Roads. This is a federal aid project and bids were taken by MDOT earlier this month. The low bidder is Diversified Power, Inc. at a cost of \$320,200 including construction engineering. The local share for our municipality is \$75,100 which includes a small Wayne County share and Grosse Pointe Shores' share for the black poles, the park crossing, etc.

It was the recommendation of staff that Council approve the project and authorize the City Manager to sign the MDOT contract. On motion by Council Member Gesell, supported by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, Council approved the project and authorized Mark Wollenweber to sign the MDOT contract for the city.

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

Helen Bai reported the park planting season was beginning tomorrow. She also suggested that bikers be advised not to drink the water from the irrigation system, as it comes directly from the lake. Doug Kucyk commented on the Council meeting. Harry Kurtz commented on the Craigslist safe haven at the municipal building and the non-resident use of the park.

**13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Council Member Barrette reported the National Coney Island concession stand is open from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Osius Park.

Council Member Bisballe thanked the Public Safety Department on behalf of a resident.

Councilman Schulte clarified his comments regarding Craigslist and the use of the municipal building as a safe spot to transact Craigslist business.

- 14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS –** Mayor Kedzierski commented on the Finance Committee's efforts in presenting their budget process, the Arbor Day Fun Run, the swimming pool opening and swim team. He hopes more events will be scheduled for residence.

**15. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 6/16/15 & 7/21/15 - 7:00 p.m.)**

- 16. ADJOURNMENT -** On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe and carried unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk