

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 – 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 21, 2019 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 – City Manager Mark Wollenweber in City Clerk Bruce Nichols' absence

Present: Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Council Members Robert H. Barrette, Bruce Bisballe, Tina Ellis, Robert E. Gesell, Doug Kucyk and Matthew Seely

Absent: None

Also present: City Attorney Brian Renaud
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts
Public Safety Director John Schulte
Public Works Director Brett Smith
City Manager Mark Wollenweber

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

On Motion by Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously, 7-0.

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

On Motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the various committee and commission minutes were approved unanimously to be received and filed, 7-0. *Note made to hold the minutes of the Joint Finance/Council meeting for minor corrections.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Resident Gloria Anton commented on the GPSIF Fundraisers stating the proceeds should come to the city and the city should decide where it should be spent.

Resident Jan Pemberton expressed ongoing concerns regarding the Schroeder Park parking issue, dogs in Schroeder Park, if there is a plan to cut down Vernier Hill and requested the budget be gone over with a fine-tooth comb.

Resident Donna Zade also expressed concerns regarding the Schroeder Park parking

issue and cars that park on Vernier and Michaux Lane park in front of fire hydrants. Council Member Ellis expressed similar concerns on parking on both sides and asked that Public Safety issue tickets who park in front of fire hydrants. She also stated that there has been a lot of debris left after the baseball and soccer games.

Chief Schulte responded that on Saturday there were three make-up rain games which added to the confusion.

Mayor Kedzierski asked that the city get revised schedules from both the soccer and baseball leagues.

7. RECOGNITION- Full Circle Foundation

Mayor Kedzierski presented the Full Circle students with Grosse Pointe Shores t-shirts and hats and recognized them for their dedication and hard work with the operations of the Osius Park concession stand.

8. DESIGNATION/PROCLAMATION- Purple Heart City

Patriots of the Purple Heart Chapter 1818 presented Mayor Kedzierski with a plaque and flag commemorating the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores as a Purple Heart City. The Military Order of the Purple Heart Special Recognition Award is bestowed upon cities for their dedication and support of honoring America's combat wounded veterans. Mayor Kedzierski in turn presented the Chapter members with a Grosse Pointe Shores proclamation.

9. PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL-FINAL, 55 S. Deeplands

Planning Commission Chairperson Mary Matuja explained the recommendation from the Planning Commission to the City Council to approve the Final Preliminary Plat for 55 S. Deeplands. On motion by Seely and seconded by Kucyk, unanimously approved 7-0.

10. PUBLIC HEARING- Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget, 2019 Tax Rate, Water Rate

Mayor Kedzierski opened the Public Hearing on the 2019/2020 Budget and turned it over to Mayor Pro-Tem Bisballe as Chairman of the Finance Committee went through highlights of the budget and indicated the budget contains the same total tax rate for 2019/2020 as in the current year. He further indicated it is 2.9% less than the current year budget and includes a part-time Park Director, funds for the OPEB costs, complies with state law and approximately \$150,000 for street repairs. There was no Public Comment on the proposed budget. The Mayor Discussed the legacy costs being the biggest challenge and mentioned that Council had received a communication from resident John Booth, he thanked the Finance Committee for their work. On motion by Gesell and seconded by Barrette to approve the FY 2019/2020 Budget was approved 5-2.

Mayor Pro-Tem and Finance Committee Chair Bruce Bisballe explained the 2019 Tax Rate. He indicated the same total tax rate will stay the same as the current year. On motion by Barrette and seconded by Kucyk to set the 2019 Tax Rate approved unanimously, 7-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem and Finance Committee Chair Bruce Bisballe explained the Proposed Water and Sewer Rate adjustments passed on to Grosse Pointe Shores from GLWA and SEMSD. On motion by Kucyk and seconded by Barrette to approve the Proposed Water/Sewer Rate, unanimously, 7-0.

11. 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 of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously by council.
2. Review of Financial Statements - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts presented the financial statements of the municipality for review by Council. She indicated at this point we have received 92% of estimated revenue and we are at 80% of projected expenses.
3. Finance Committee Chairman Bruce Bisballe reported the Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 11th at 10:00 a.m.

B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte reported that the mutual aid agreement with Medstar has been signed for back-up ambulance and paramedic service. He also mentioned that he has been working with TIA on the signage for the new entrance and gate house.

C. Public Works – Director Brett Smith reported that the last 57 of 80 days have included substantial rain. Sand and sand bags have been purchased and residents can pick up sand bags should they need them for their personal waterfront properties. He also mentioned that Grosse Pointe Farms who handles the contract for GFL has agreed to a one-year extension on area-wide recycling. He further mentioned that the new generator for the north end has been delivered and will be coordinating installation soon and that the Colonial Road paving will be done by a DTE subcontractor in the next couple weeks. He mentioned the repair on Woodland Shore will take place in the next few weeks as part of a punch list item of the gas line replacement project.

D. Parks Committee- Council Liaison Doug Kucyk reported that some residents who have access over the winter for their dogs in the park do not clean up after their animals and that the Parks Committee thought all dogs should be eliminated from the park except the two geese service dogs and dogs on a leash going to residents boats only. Bisballe suggested allowing residents to bring their dogs in the winter but charge them an annual maintenance fee for spring clean-up. Kucyk agreed to further discuss this issue at the Parks Committee meeting and bring back to council any additional recommendations.

E. Harbor Committee- Chairman John Seago reported that \$219,000 has been collected in the marina fund and that there are several open wells. He also mentioned that parking during the end of July for a special race that the Yacht Club is holding will be compounded at that time.

F. Infrastructure Report- Council Member Bob Barrette had comments regarding the seawall meeting at Wayne County that he attended with Brett Smith. Council member Seely also attended the meeting and stated that both Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Farms should hold the County liable for damages.

G. Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation- President Brett Marshall reported that the latest fundraiser for the naming of the park entrance driveway and the reserved parking spot generated \$2,700 and two winners were chosen. He also stated that the excessive amount of rain and high water at the park has put the construction of the new tot lot on hold, but will be done once conditions improve.

H. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on providing the following legal services since the last meeting of City Council:

He is in communication with the Grosse Pointe Farms attorney and the Cities two City Managers to discuss the seawall and road issues, a meeting is to be held with Wayne County to show ownership in August, Medstar, Engineers, phone calls and other various meetings, in the process of completing the Dispatch and Lock-up Agreement and short term rental agreements with the State.

I. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported he met with the Deputy Director of Smart Robert Kramer concerning bus services in the area, the pool opening for the season on Friday, May 24th at 4 p.m., the Historical Marker Dedication on Tuesday, June 18th at 6 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting, The Woods/Shores Little League shadow boxes status and the Conference of Eastern Wayne Meeting regarding PEG fees, RFP to schools Grosse Pointe Library and the War Memorial.

12. OLD BUSINESS – Council member Ellis asked if the two houses under construction on Lake Shore Road are still under their timetable.

13. NEW BUSINESS –

A. CDBG Program Year 2019-Housing Rehab with Harper Woods & Helm Joint Application.

There was a question asked about past funds being allocated to Full Circle which will no longer be the case. The joint application states all funds will now be allocated to the Helm. The application calls for a joint application with all the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods with each contributing \$20,000 with the funds being allocated to the

Helm and also a County run housing rehab program that was previously run by Harper Woods for all the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods and a third joint application for the expansion and remodeling of the lower level at the Helm. The City Manager also pointed out that it is unlikely to be funded in the short term but under the new guidelines of Wayne County, it will be funded after 5 years. Motion by Bisballe and seconded by Barrette; unanimously approved 7-0.

B. WI-FI Contract Approval

After some discussion it was noted that a Grosse Pointe Shores resident is donating a significant portion of the cost limiting the City's cost to \$17,000. It was also pointed out that this was the only vendor who would agree to shut off service during the winter months when it would not be in use. In addition to the installation cost, there will be a monthly cost for service when in use at the park & harbor. Motion by Seely, supported by Bisballe to approve the WI-FI contract with Cronus not to exceed \$17,000 and the monthly usage fee, 5-2.

C. The ARC of Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods Annual Pool Usage Request

After discussion it was suggested that the ARC alternate with one of the other neighboring communities if possible and that the request be tabled to the June meeting where a representative from the ARC be present to answer further questions. Motion by Seely, seconded by Ellis to table the request to the June meeting.

D. Park Manager Position

After discussion, motion by Seely to proceed with the hire effective as soon as possible at a rate not to exceed \$25 an hour with a maximum of 1,500 hours not to exceed 40 hours a week equaling \$37,500 from June 15th to November 15th, seconded by Bisballe; approved 6-1.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Harry Kurtz had concerns regarding the pedestrian and bicycle entrance at the park. Donna Zade commented on dogs at the park in the winter and appreciates Council Member Kucyk taking the issue back to the Parks Committee.

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Kucyk commented on the Beautification Committee flower planting at the park and municipal building on May 22nd and 23rd.

16. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski commented on the Memorial Day weekend and the June 2nd Swim Team ice cream social.

17. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 6/18/19-7 pm & Tues, 7/16/19 -7pm)

18. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE TOWN HALL MEETINGS (Sat, 9/14/19-10am)

19. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Council Member Seely, supported by Council Member Ellis, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Wollenweber, City Manager in
Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk's absence