

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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, October 20, 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, Jr., Bruce Bisballe, Kay Felt, Robert E. Gesell

Absent: Daniel T. Schulte (Excused on motion of Ajlouni, support by Gesell, 6-0)

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

All correspondence and reports relating to this meeting are either attached or placed on file.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

On Motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the minutes of the September 15, 2015 regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote. (6-0).

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

Motion by Council Member Barrette to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees [*with the stamp of "Draft" on the Finance Committee minutes*], seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and the motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

John Joseph commented on the municipal park and its limited capacity.

**7. PROCLAMATION** – Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, National Library Week

Mayor Kedzierski presented a proclamation recognizing the fine work of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library which was accepted by Joanne Dennis on behalf of the

organization.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING – Special Land Use Request–GPYC, 788 Lake Shore Rd.– Marina Renovation**

Mayor Kedzierski recused himself and Mayor Pro Tem Bisballe chaired, as Council convened as the Zoning Board of Appeals. Pursuant to the previous review by the Planning Commission, Tom Lauzon, Vice Commodore of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, and Kevin Granger, Commodore of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, along with two Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Board Members appeared before Council for review of *Phase 1A and 1B of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Marina Renovation Project*. Council asked questions regarding parking, accretion, and the limited nature of the approval sought.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously (6-0), Council approved *Phase 1A and 1B of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Marina Renovation Project*.

Council then reconvened.

**9. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

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

1. Approval of Bills -

The bills were approved for payment on motion of Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously by the vote of Council (6-0).

2. Review of Financial Statements - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts presented the Financial Statements for review by Council.

3. Finance Committee Report - Chairman Bruce Bisballe reported the Finance Committee met last week and is proceeding with the favorable refinancing of the Marina bonds. The committee is also endeavoring to attain the AAA bond rating for the municipality. The current tax rate will remain stable going forward.

**B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte reported routine statistics for the month of September. The Chief reminded residents to report suspicious activity and to use the 911 emergency number to do so. Seven closed-circuit TV cameras are now online, three more cameras are scheduled to go into service within the next week. Seven candidates have been interviewed for a vacant Public Safety officer position.**

**C. Public Works – Director Brett Smith reported leaf pickup will continue on scheduled rubbish days. The *Boo Fest* is ready. The municipal irrigation system has been winterized. Fall decorations are completed. Tree trimming has been completed in the northern *Zone One* and is now in progress in *Zone Two* (Edgewoods).**

**D. Parks and Harbor** - Robert Barrette reported the Parks and Harbor Committee has reviewed and approved the plan submitted for a second pavilion. The committee recommends approval by the Council.

**E. Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud gave a report of legal services provided during the previous month, including but not limited to review of a construction matter at 788 Lakeshore, consultation about a tax reversion property, site review at 55 Deeplands, a tax appeal pending at 970 Lakeshore, review of a possible historic district commission, and the review of five FOIA requests.

**F. Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported on attending the Michigan Association of Planners meeting in Detroit, a review of an electronic lock system, PAATS bus access accommodation and repaving in the municipal building parking lot. A meeting was held with DTE regarding outages. There have been some resident complaints regarding code enforcement actions. The city has received notification of special recognition for the Honeywell project. November 1, 2015 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the municipal building. Discussion ensued regarding citywide electrical services and installation of updated replacement natural gas supply lines. A final certificate of occupancy has been issued on the troublesome Colonial Road property.

**10. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**11. NEW BUSINESS –**

**A. 2016 LTGO Bond Refunding – Marina**

Michael Gormley of Hutchinson, Shockey, Erly & Co., addressed Council regarding financial savings to be gained by refinancing the existing municipal bonds. Council Member/Finance Chairman Bisballe also endorsed the benefits of immediately refinancing the loans.

Patrick F. McGow of Miller Canfield explained that the process requires an appropriate Council resolution to commence the refinancing of the municipal bonds. A positive savings by the refinancing of the bonds will result. The estimated net savings at the present value are \$300,000.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Ajlouni, and carried by unanimous approval (6-0), a resolution was adopted approving the bond refunding and authorizing the City Manager and Finance Officer to proceed to sign the Bond Purchasing Agreement when it has been prepared.

**B. ICMA-RC 401 Plan Document Adoption**

On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously (6-0), City Council approved the *ICMA – RC – 401 Plan Restated Document Resolution* to update the plan in accordance with current IRS regulations.

**C. Proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Park Pavilion – Discussion Only**

Mayor Kedzierski addressed the policy of restricted use of the municipal parks by residents only. However, with the 41,000 annual visitor count, restricting use to residents has become more problematic.

Dr. Rahi commented on municipal park issues and a proposed second pavilion.

City Manager Wollenweber pointed out that municipal staff is here to facilitate and assist the residents in their use of the park. Resident feedback is important to the administration of those public facilities.

Council Member Gesell stated that rules regarding the residents' use of the park should be clearly set forth in written form.

Vito Cusenza commented on corporate usage of the park.

Tina Ellis addressed the balance between strict enforcement of park rules and hospitality.

Donna Day again addressed the use of the park by nonresidents.

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

George McMullen thanked Council Member Felt for her dedicated service to the community.

Council candidate Paul Thursam introduced himself to Council.

**13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Council Member Robert Barrette commented that the Honeywell project was hugely successful and we are reaping the benefits today. Council Member Barrette also commented on the DTE tree trimming project.

Council Member Ajlouni reassured residents that problems with municipal park usage will be resolved.

Council Member Felt commented on the Blue Ribbon Report and all the recommendations that were accomplished over the last few years. She also commented on climate change, and the 100th anniversary of the municipal building, She also expressed her gratitude to fellow Council Members, administration, and residents during her tenure on Council.

Council Member Gesell expressed his pleasure with working with Council Member Felt during her tenure on Council.

**14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – Mayor Kedzierski reported the Grosse Pointe Garden Center will include Osius Park on its 2016 Garden Tour. The mayor reported on attending a Municipal League workshop in September.

**15. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** (Tues, 11/17/15 -7 pm & Volunteer Reception, 12/15/15 , 12:00pm–2:00 pm)

**16. ADJOURNMENT** On motion of Council Member Ajlouni, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Bruce R Nichols  
City Clerk