

**MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Mayor Ted Kedzierski**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL – Clerk Bruce Nichols**

Present: Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Council Members Alexander Ajlouni, MD, Robert H. Barrette, Jr., Bruce Bisballe, Robert E. Gesell, Daniel T. Schulte

Also present: City Clerk Bruce R. Nichols  
City Manager Mark Wollenweber  
Public Safety Director John Schulte  
Finance Director Rhonda Ricketts  
Public Works Director Brett Smith

Absent: Council Member Kay Felt (Excused on motion by Gesell, supported by Barrette, passed 6-0)  
City Attorney Brian Renaud

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 REGULAR MEETING**

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the minutes of the September 16, 2014 regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote (6-0).

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

A motion by Council Member Gesell to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees was offered and seconded by Council Member Bisballe. The motion carried unanimously (6-0)

**6. PROCLAMATION – Dominic Pangborn**

Mayor Kedzierski presented Grosse Pointe Shores Resident Dominic Pangborn with a proclamation recognizing his great contributions to the community.

**7. INTRODUCTION – Fr. Richard Bartoszek, Police Chaplain was introduced by Chief Schulte and presented with his Public Safety Badge**

**8. PUBLIC HEARING – City Council Sitting as Zoning Board of Appeals heard the appeal of Mr. & Mrs. Strey of 43 Vernier Road for a variance request allowing a 7.6' side yard setback variance where an 11.3' width is required. Twenty nine out of thirty one neighbors signed in consent of the variance grant. The municipal planning consultant reported the seven factors required for such a variance had been met. The applicants addressed the ZBA and submitted final plans that included satisfactory window placement as required by the ZBA. The lot had 17% coverage when 25% was allowed. No public comment was made. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended**

approval.

On Motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the ZBA approved the variance unanimously by those in attendance. (6-0)

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Harry Kurtz commented on the successful 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation held at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate; he thanked all those who participated and assisted.

Gary Mitchell pointed out that Dominic Pangborn designed the municipal logo for the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores.

**10. 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 Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette and carried unanimously.(6-0)
2. Review of Financial Statements - Finance Officer Ricketts presented the financial statements for review by Council. She indicated the budget was on target for the year
3. Finance Committee - Chairman Bisballe reported committee discussions regarding pension investments, a deficit in the marina fund, and the possible plans to eliminate such deficit. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for November 11, 2014.

**B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte**

Chief Schulte reported routine calls for service during the previous month. Breaking and entering offenses are receiving special attention. The PSO Open House was a great success. On October 30<sup>th</sup>, fire scene command officer training was completed. The Nixle information service will be up and running within the week to begin the dissemination of information to the community. A leaf dumping violation was issued to a landscaper in accordance with the enforcement mandate. Halloween is approaching and the Chief cautioned everyone about safety concerns associated with the holiday.

- C. Public Works – Director Brett Smith reported curbside leaf pickup has commenced with utilization of the new John Deere tractor and leaf plow chute fabricated by DPW employees Scott DeGeer and Nick Rudd. Such internal fabrication was at a great savings for the city. Willow Tree Place construction is underway. The city hall will require some parapet repairs. A street light malfunction control unit has been repaired.**

- D. **Parks and Harbor** Council Member Barrette reported no formal meeting was held last month. Decking in the marina is being studied and a report will be submitted for the Council's review at next month's Council Meeting.
- E. **Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud- Mark Wollenweber to report in City Attorney's absence reported that he provided the legal services described on his attached Legal Report dated October 21, 2014.
- F. **Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported on several problematic issues with the Hampton Road and Hawthorne Road private sewer systems that are being addressed. Quotes are being obtained for replacement carpeting for the municipal building. The generator ordinance variance application process regarding the automatic administrative grant of such a permit was discussed. The Planning Commission is reviewing the generator variance application process.

**11. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**12. NEW BUSINESS –**

- A. A Draft of the **Proposed Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance Amendment** was reviewed by City Council; but it was observed that the action anticipated was only an amendment of the ordinance, therefore no publication of the ordinance was required. The ordinance amendment was discussed at the August 14, 2014 City Council Study Session and then was redrafted by the City Attorney following that session.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0), city Council voted to approve the Traffic and Vehicle Ordinance amendment.

- B. A Draft of the **Third Amendment to the GPS Retirement System – Financial Hardship Distributions Resolution** to allow for certain financial hardship distributions/partial withdrawals was reviewed by City Council, and the matter also having been reviewed by the City Attorney at the request of Council, on motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0), the Third Amendment to the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Retirement System was approved.

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

Resident Vito Cusenza had questions regarding municipal tree contractors, HIPPA restrictions on public safety information and statements regarding school board candidates.

Grosse Pointe Public School Board Brian Summerfield, a candidate for re-election, introduced himself to City Council.

**14. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS** - Council Member Barrette reported on a DTE meeting regarding outages and will have a report at the next Council meeting.

**15. MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – Mayor Kedzierski reported the second annual Chess Tournament was a resounding success with 15 residents competing; and Jonathan Aleardi repeating as Grand Champion. A town hall meeting is upcoming. The Mayor made a comment regarding Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. He reported discussions have been held regarding memorial plaques for several recently deceased residents of Grosse Pointe Shores.

**16. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 11/18/14 & 12/16/14 - 7:00pm)**

**17. ADJOURNMENT** - On motion of Council Member Schulte, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk