

**MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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, Kay Felt, Robert E. Gesell, Daniel T. Schulte

Also present: City Clerk Bruce R. Nichols  
City Manager Mark Wollenweber  
City Attorney Brian Renaud  
Public Safety Director John Schulte  
Finance Director 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 THE AUGUST 14, 2014 STUDY SESSION**

On Motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Felt, the minutes of the August 14, 2014 Study Session were approved by unanimous vote. (7-0).

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2014 REGULAR MEETING**

On Motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Ajlouni, the minutes of the August 19, 2014 regular meeting were approved by unanimous vote. (7-0).

**6. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES** (pg.8-12)

Motion by Council Member Ajlouni, to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees was offered and seconded by Council Member Barrette. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

**7. PROCLAMATION** – Dominic Pangborn - Tabled

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Candidates for Grosse Pointe Board of Education Margaret Weertz and Jake Howlett introduced themselves to Council.

**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, and carried unanimously. (7-0)
2. Review of Financial Statements - Finance Officer Ricketts presented the financial statements for review by Council.
3. Finance Committee - Chairman Bisballe reported the Finance Committee met early this month. There appears to be a \$100,000 surplus in the current budget which will be available for the upcoming budget. The Committee is examining bond maturities. Some capital improvements are being considered. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for October 14, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

**B. Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte reported the CCTV bids are anticipated by the October Council meeting. A \$4200 grant for the prisoner processing area was received. An organizational meeting was held with St. John Hospital regarding the 5K Run scheduled for September 28, 2014. Chief Schulte recommends council's approval of the resolution regarding the race. The new municipal building generator functioned well during the recent power outage. The length of the Grosse Pointe Shores Fun Run was discussed. The newly recruited patrol officers continue to do well.

**C. Public Works** – Director Brett Smith reported a newly fabricated “dustpan” has been attached to a refuse truck. The innovative apparatus was on display in front of City Hall. The entire device was constructed and welded in-house by our municipal employees. The device will be used for leaf removal. Mr. Smith reported the generator ran for three consecutive days during the recent power outage. The city functioned during the outage without interruption. Significant storm damage occurred, and hazards from the storm were quickly remediated. The new water meter reading system is off to a slow but promising start. Water usage was down considerably during the summer. The requirements that commercial landscapers remove their customers' leaves was discussed. DWSD and the regionalization of the water system was discussed. Ice rink elevations were also considered.

**D. Parks and Harbor** - Council Member Barrette reported that personal watercraft pods have a waiting list. The concession stand was up and running for a very brief time this summer. The concession stand delay was occasioned by Wayne County permit approval. The tennis courts are still being assessed for a course of action. The kayak racks are full. There were only 10 open wells during the summer season.

**E. Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported performing the following legal services during the month: A City Council Study Session was completed, amendments were made to the municipal civil infraction procedure, an amendment to the language on parking ordinances, consultation regarding 984 Lakeshore Road and construction issues therein, a potential amendment to the pension plan, a response to a FOIA request, and a communication regarding a neighbor dispute in the community.

**F. Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported a donation from the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House was received. There was great attendance at the Grosse Pointe all city official's municipal party held at the Ford House. Construction permits have expired for 41 Colonial Court. Enforcement action may be necessary. An insurance claim for damages associated with a recent lightning strike has been submitted to the carrier. Willow Tree Road paving continues to be delayed, with all efforts being expended to expedite the matter.

**G. CDBG Multi-Year Sub Recipient Agreement** - Mr. Wollenweber reported that Wayne County needs a contract renewal for the next several years for Grosse Pointe Shores to continue in the CDBG program. HUD has requested that Council pass a resolution allowing the city to participate in the CDBG program and that the Mayor and/or the Manager be authorized to sign the required documentation on behalf of the city.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, a resolution was passed unanimously (7-0) to approve participation in the multi-year sub recipient CDBG program, with Council approving the Mayor and/or the City Manager to be the authorized signer of CDBG documents.

## 10. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Generator Ordinance Amendment - City Attorney Brian Renaud reported the existing generator ordinance is not clear regarding the placement of generator units. Planning Commission Chair Mary Matuja addressed Council regarding the new proposed amendments to the ordinance. It was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the City Council approve the proposed Generator Ordinance Amendment. The ordinance amendments were then discussed at length by Council.

On motion of Council Member Bisballe, supported by Council Member Barrette, and passed unanimously, an ordinance to amend chapter 6 and 40 of the city ordinance code, the city building and zoning ordinances, respectively, to permit and regulate the placement of generators on private property, with the repeal of inconsistent ordinances, was approved.

- B. Ambassador Committee Update - Council Member Felt exhibited the new municipal tiles which are now ready for sale to the public. Housing sales in the community indicate well priced homes, in good condition, will sell quickly

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Council Resolution Request – St. John Hospital 5K walk/run September 28, 2014. Chief Schulte recommended the approval of the request of St. John Hospital to conduct a 5K walk on Sunday, September 28, 2014

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Ajlouni, and carried unanimously, (7-0) the Council approved the request of St. John Hospital to conduct the 5K walk as scheduled for September 28, 2014.

## 12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Brett Marshall, Tree Board Chairman, addressed the reasons for the shortened Fun Run course.

Doug Cusick advocated an ordinance prohibiting the use of lawn irrigation during peak water usage hours.

George McMullen advocated favorable action on upcoming school bond renewals.

Mary Matuja invited all to the Grosse Pointe Shores Foundation 30 Year Anniversary celebration to be held at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford home on September 27, 2014.

Vito Cusenza remarked on the uncomfortable heat level for employees working inside the Osius Park concession stand. He also inquired as to any information regarding the construction of a hotel at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford home. At this point, Mr. Cusenza was assured such a project was merely conjecture.

**13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Council Member Barrette expressed his appreciation to city workers for their hard work during the recent storms.

**14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – Mayor Kedzierski commented regarding the recent tennis tournament held at Osius Park. The municipal chess tournament is scheduled for Sunday, October 12, 2014. The Mayor made comments regarding the recent power outages in the community. A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2014.

**15. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 10/21/14 & 11/18/14 - 7:00pm)**

**16. ADJOURNMENT** On motion of Council Member Gesell, Seconded by Council Member Schulte, and carried unanimously (7-0), the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted  
Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk