

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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, September 15, 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 Robert H. Barrette, Jr., Bruce Bisballe, Kay Felt, Robert E. Gesell, Daniel T. Schulte

Absent: Alexander Ajlouni, M.D,(excused on motion of Council Member Bisballe, supported by Council Member Felt, carried unanimously 6-0)

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

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

The minutes of the August 18, 2015 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried by unanimous vote. (6-0)

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

Motion by Council Member Gesell to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees was offered and seconded by Council Member Felt and carried by unanimous vote. (6-0)

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Frank Tenkle had comments regarding fireworks perceived by him as a nuisance.

**7. RECOGNITION** – Mayor Kedzierski presented Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr. with the 2015

*Mayor's Award* for his distinguished service to the community.

8. **PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT** – On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously (6-0), Pat Chasteen was appointed to the Planning Commission.
9. **LIBRARY BOARD UPDATE** – Kim Valice updated Council on Grosse Pointe Public Library affairs.

## 10. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- A. **Budget and Finance** – Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts reported financial statements have been returned after audit. The administration is still awaiting actuarial reports to enable finalization of the municipal audit.

The bills were approved on motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Gesell and carried by unanimous vote of the Council. (6-0)

Finance Committee Report - Chairman Bruce Bisballe reported the Finance Committee did not meet last month. Preliminary estimates indicate that \$270,000 to be saved by the refinancing of a municipal bond. The committee is still working on raising the credit rating of the city to AAA.

- B. **Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte Reported calls for service were routine and not uncommon for the month. The CCTV project has had some plan revisions regarding underground wires. The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. memorial plaque proof was presented for Council review. The new Ford Explorer patrol vehicle is fully equipped and in service, due largely in part by the efforts of Scott DeGeer, our municipal mechanic. The Chief responded to Council Member Schulte's questions regarding a municipal drone.
- C. **Public Works** – Director Brett Smith reported all seasonal employees are back in school. Core services are taking up considerable time of the staff without the seasonal employees being available. The tree trimming program is underway. The bath house at Osius Park is undergoing some stall replacement and exterior painting. Weeds in the harbor have been a very difficult problem to control throughout the boating season. The DPW will try to maintain leaf pickup on trash day schedules.
- D. **Parks and Harbor** Council Member Barrette Parks and Harbor Chairman - A meeting was not held last month; and there will not be a meeting until October.
- E. **Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported that he provided the following services during the previous month: comments and revisions regarding the joint lockup facility agreement, communication with WOW cable provider, review of a FOIA request by a marina owner regarding the list of occupants of the Grosse Pointe Shores Marina, an employment application, review, PSO pension liability matters, a tax appeal petition for 927 Lakeshore, site review for 50 South Deeplands plat plans, the FOIA appeal by a resident, a possible appraiser to be engaged by the city, and a consultation regarding a tax reversion lot.

**F. Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the Council Members' Apple netbooks are to be updated by staff. The city has engaged an intern from the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. November 1, 2015 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the occupation of the municipal building. The assessor qualification process continues. Workers compensation insurance premiums have been reduced significantly. A power outage on September 3<sup>rd</sup> on Greenbrier was occasioned by high winds.

1. **Michigan Fireworks Safety Act of 2011 Resolution** - On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and passed unanimously (6-0), it was resolved that Council by written resolution urge the Michigan legislature to reinstate the ban on aerial and explosive fireworks.

**11. OLD BUSINESS** – None

**12. NEW BUSINESS** - None

**13. RESIDENT PRESENTATION ON SMART METERS**

Dominic Cusumano reported on the DTE-Advanced Metering Program (aka “Smart Meters”) including the terms of the opt out provisions, and his concerns regarding health, safety and privacy with the entire program.

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

George McMullen commented on the October 1st League of Women Voters Forum for Grosse Pointe Shores City Council member candidates.

Doug Kucyk commented on the need for informative communications regarding municipal events.

**15. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Council Member Felt was concerned with the clearcutting of mature trees in the community.

Council Member Barrette reported the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation is having an event at the Country Club of Detroit on October 15th.

Council Member Bisballe commented on the hugely successful “Doggie Dip” conducted after the closing of the pool. Approximately 65 dogs attended.

**16. MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – Mayor Kedzierski commented the movie night at the park had 50 residents attending. A municipal tennis tournament was conducted. Kenneth George won the municipal chess tournament. A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**17. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 10/20/15 & 11/17/15 - 7:00pm)**

**18. ADJOURNMENT** - On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk