

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 – 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 18, 2018 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, Bruce Bisballe Tina Ellis, Robert E. Gesell, Doug Kucyk and Matthew Seely

Absent: None

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

On Motion of Council Member Seely, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the minutes of the meeting were approved unanimously.

5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES

On Motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Seely, the various committee and commission minutes were approved unanimously to be received and filed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

6.a. COMMENTS FROM DTE REPRESENTATIVE - Jennifer L Whitaker, the Regional Manager of DTE reported on DTE infrastructure and installation of final meters on Colonial Road. Once the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club gas main is installed, DTE is done with gas line renovations in Grosse Pointe Shores. Electrical outages caused by falling tree branches and DTE's actions to mitigate these outages were also discussed.

7. PROCLAMATION – Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League Major All-Star Team.

Mayor Kedzierski presented a proclamation in honor of the Grosse Pointe Woods Shores

Little League for their success during their 2018 season and their participation in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania as the Champions of the Great Lakes Region.

8. **APPLICANTS** – Grosse Pointe Public Library Trustee Applicants Prudence Cole and John Rentenbach addressed 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 of Council Member Seely, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously by council.
2. *Review of Financial Statements* - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts reported 95% of the property taxes have been collected. The financial statements of the municipality were presented for review by Council.
3. *Finance Committee Chairman Report* - Chairman Bruce Bisballe reported a committee meeting was held last week which conducted a review of budget documents. The PSO DROP Plan will be deferred for two years to allow further study. The new budget will address roads to be paved and capital equipment to be purchased.

- B. **Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte reported quick action by a Public Safety Officer responding to a laundry room fire resulted in the fire being extinguished before fire trucks arrived. Pierce Middle School students wrote 40 much appreciated letters to the Public Safety Officers on September 11th. The department will conduct an equipment drill on September 25 and 27. A new supervisors patrol vehicle is going into service. The city will be acquiring a small vessel to respond to noise complaints caused by anchored vessels. The *Public Safety Department Open House* will be October 14.

- C. **Public Works** – Director Brett Smith reported the pools are closed and winterized. The punch list of the tennis courts is almost complete. A sun shade for the municipal park concession stand is being reviewed. Improvements are being made to the Crestwood lift station and a wireless operation monitor is being reviewed. Construction has begun on the park entrance. Resurfacing and repairs on Belle Meade and Blairmoor will start soon. DTE has one gas service remaining to be installed on Colonial Road. The annuals are being cleared from the garden beds with winterization of the sprinkler system to follow.

- D. **Parks Committee**- Council Liaison Doug Kucyk reported a meeting was held to review the master plan of the municipal park. The Dog Swim at the pool was a resounding success. A meeting of the committee is scheduled for early October.

- E. **Harbor Committee**- Chairman John Seago reported an inventory of vessels and wells

was made in anticipation of next year's projects for the harbor. Council Liaison Matt Seely commented on the marina website and a seawall splash guard.

F. Infrastructure Report- Bob Barrette reported no activity for the month and made a few brief comments.

G. Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation- President Brett Marshall commented regarding the upcoming actions of the Tree Board regarding the replacement of trees lost in the municipal driveway installation. Some discussion was held regarding a tree ordinance.

H. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on providing the city with the following legal services during the previous month: draft of a memorandum regarding voter ballots and a FOIA request, proposed edits to the tree replacement ordinance and the definition of “substantial replacement of trees”, review of plumbing inspection ordinances, videoconferencing of a Planning Commission hearing, and multiple FOIA requests, the Deeplands Court of Appeals litigation was reviewed, review of a new Deeplands preliminary plat submission, conference with the city planner and city engineer, and the monitoring of the boundary line dispute on Lake Shore Road between the residence continues.

I. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported on an upcoming meeting with the Deeplands Development Group, a meeting held regarding the boundary dispute between the residences on Lake Shore Road. A meeting was held with Wayne County regarding seawall renovation and potential short-term remedies for breaches of the wall. There was also discussion as to who will be responsible for the payment of the repairs of the seawall. An historic marker for the building should arrive by November.

10. OLD BUSINESS – None

11. NEW BUSINESS –

A. The Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation Non-Profit Organization Resolution

On motion of Councilmember Seely, with support by Councilman Barrette, and carried unanimously, Council approved a resolution approving a charitable gaming license on behalf of the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation.

B. DPW/Water Department Vehicle Purchases.

On motion of Councilmember Seely, with support by Councilman Barrette, and carried unanimously, Council approved a resolution approving vehicle purchases for the Department of Public Works and the Water Department in the respective amounts of \$31,085 and \$24,872.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Three residents of Stillmeadow had complaints regarding neighborhood birdfeeders and

rodent problems. Chief Schulte will review the matter.

13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilmember Seely expressed concern about the construction process on the new gatehouse.

Council Member Bisballe commented on the city's response to recent flooding.

14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski congratulated Rhonda Ricketts on the success of the Car Show. He also commented on the re-opening of the tennis courts, a vacancy on the Planning Commission, and the upcoming Chess Tournament in October.

15. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 10/16/18 & Tues, 11/20/18 -7pm)

16. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE TOWN HALL MEETINGS (Sat, 2/16/19, 5/11/19 & 9/14/19-10am)

17. ADJOURNMENT - On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk