

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012 - 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, August 21, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor 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 Wollenwebber
City Attorney Mark McInerney
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 JULY 17, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the July 17, 2012 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion, duly seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING

The minutes of the August 1, 2012 Special Council Meeting were approved on motion, duly seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING

The minutes of the August 14, 2012 Special Council Meeting were approved on motion, duly seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Gloria Anton addressed the Move to Macomb issue.

A candidate for the position of city manager, Joseph Merucci indicated he had no

comment concerning his application but that he was in attendance if the Council had questions for him.

8. PSO JUSTIN REEVES-SWEARING IN PRESENTATION

Public Service Officer Justin Reeves was sworn in by the Mayor.

9. LIEUT. DAVID YOUNK PROCLAMATION

Lieut. David Younk was presented with his retirement shield for his many years of meritorious service with the city.

10. VICTORIA LI PROCLAMATION

Victoria Li was presented with a municipal proclamation for her participation in the Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament as a representative of Michigan.

11. 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.

2. Review of Financial Statements

The financial statements were reviewed and placed on file.

3. Finance Committee - Chairman Report

Council Member Bisballe reported on continuing efforts to reduce costs on the administrative side. A three (3) year budget is under consideration.

B. Public Safety – Director John Schulte

1. Monthly Update & Statistical and Various Other Reports

Public Safety Director Schulte reported routine crime statistics for the month. There were no extraordinary activities in the area of public safety. He is working on a replacement for a marked squad car. The Public Safety Department is moving to a new state wide radio system. Public Works is moving to all hand held radios. The 911 response time with the Grosse Pointe Farms dispatcher is still under review. The Chief recommends the Council approve the Super Drunk driving ordinance to be heard later in the meeting.

C. Public Works - Director Brett Smith

1. Monthly Update- Public Works Director Brett Smith reported the Lakeshore Road paving project is on schedule. Larger recycling bins are expected any day.

D. Parks and Harbor

1. Monthly Update and Harbor Committee Chairman Report

Councilman Schulte reported that the Parks and Harbor Committee met. Boat wells are almost fully rented. He proposed a mission statement for the harbor community. The matter was tabled until the next monthly meeting for revision of the mission statement wording.

E. Legal Report – City Attorney Mark McInerney

Mr. McInerney submitted a draft of the proposed sign ordinance for review by city Council.

F. Manager's Report – Interim City Manager Mark Wollenweber

Mr. Wollenweber reported the public safety officer contracts are being drafted and will be similar to the command officers contracts. A credit in the amount of \$7800 was received from AT&T for a phone line which was not used for a prolonged period of time. Mr. Wollenweber recommended that the composite decking at the harbor be analyzed as to what's wrong with it.

The manager requested a budget of up to \$5000 to obtain testing by SME to see if it is a material defect. On motion by Felt seconded by Schulte, the manager was authorized by unanimous vote to spend up to \$5000 for such analysis.

12. OLD BUSINESS

A. Permanent City Manager-Interviews Held 8/1/12-Discussion - Possible Action Item

The mayor explained the committee process for replacing the city manager. Mr. Schulte read the letter of applicant Jeffrey Bremer who withdrew his application from consideration for the position. Search committee members Bob Barrette and Bruce Bisballe recommended Mark Wollenwebber for the permanent position of city manager, with committee member Schulte dissenting.

Dr. Robert Lee expressed concern on failure to check references.

Dr. Janice Pemberton expressed concern about the interim manager running for

the position.

Dr. Rahi believes experience is the most important aspect of the position and recommends Mark Wollenwebber for the position.

Motion by Gesell to accept the recommendation of the majority of the search committee to offer the position of full time City Manager to Mark Wollenweber was offered and seconded. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Engineering Services-Interviews Held 8/21/12-Discussion-Possible Action Item

The selection of an engineering firm was tabled until next meeting.

C. Ambassador Committee-Update

Council Member Felt reported that the Ambassador Committee reviewed and considered a sign ordinance, visitation of the municipal Park by prospective buyers of real estate, a maintenance ordinance for the sale and rental of homes, the potential for publication of a municipal history, a municipal ceramic tile, and the promotion of the city to executives and professionals being transferred into this area. As of this date, the committee has spent only \$500.

D. Move to Macomb Committee-Update

A motion to accept the report of the Move to Macomb Committee, thereby concluding the work of the committee, was offered by Council Member Schulte and seconded by Council Member Bisballe. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Schulte moved that the issue of moving the county line so the entire city would be contained within Macomb County be placed on the November ballot. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Kedzierski read aloud the letter of Robert Nutter opposing the Macomb County line change. Council Member Ajlouni expressed the need for more information because of dissension in the community regarding moving the county line. The mayor wants to seek an Attorney General opinion regarding a county line change and the effect on the Grosse Pointe Public School District.

E. Blue Ribbon Operations Committee-Update

The Blue Ribbon Committee continues its efforts including checking on assessment procedures, capital improvements, and numerous other items to improve and make municipal operations more efficient.

F. Legal Services-Interviews Held 8/14/12-Discussion-Possible Action Item

A compilation of legal expense items was provided to all in attendance. Last year's legal expenses totaled \$81,000. Nine proposals were received from well-respected and competent legal firms.

Resident Vito Cuzenza questioned the location of the Foster Swift offices and their availability for meetings at the municipality.

Brian Gehrity had concerns as to which city attorney will attend the Council meetings

Dr. Lee urged removal of the current city attorney.

On motion of Council Member Felt, supported by Council Member Barrette, and unanimously approved, the Council accepted the bid of Reilly Rancillio for prosecution of criminal actions in the Municipal Court in the amount of \$14,000, and the bid of Foster Swift for representation of the municipality in civil matters at \$42,000.

Council Member Schulte exited the meeting and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

The Mayor commended the efforts and skills of current city attorney Mark McInerney but expressed the savings to the city mandated the change of municipal attorneys.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Retiree Contracts; Public Works Director, Public Works Supervisor

Recommendation: To Approve

On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously by those in attendance [6-0], the Council approved the retirement contracts for Brett Smith, Public Works Director and Harold Michaux, Public Works Supervisor.

B. Motor Vehicle Code, High Blood Alcohol Content Driving Ordinance, #258-Enactment

Recommendation: To Approve

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously by those in attendance [6-0], the Council approved the amended driving ordinance #258 and the appropriate publication of the ordinance in the Grosse Pointe Times.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Barrette reported that he attended an informative seminar on LED lighting. The predicted LED lighting will become more and more prevalent in the spell lighting situations.

Council Member Ajlouni stress that the move to Macomb issue is not dead; and that the matter needs more extensive study.

Council Member Bisballe wants to draw in more resources for examination of the Move to Macomb issue.

16. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski

The Mayor proposed assigning Council Member Ajlouni as the Public Relations Liaison, replacing Council Member Schulte, who is running for another office thereby causing a conflict in the position. On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance [6-0] .

17. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 09/18/12 & 10/16/12 - 7:00pm)

18. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously by those in attendance [6-0], the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM

Bruce R. Nichols, City Clerk