

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 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, June 19, 2012 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 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 Mark McInerney
Public Safety Director John Schulte
Finance Officer/Treasurer 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 MAY 15, 2012 REGULAR MEETING**

The minutes of the May 15, 2012 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Felt and carried by unanimous vote.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 22, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING**

The minutes of the May 22, 2012 Special Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Felt and carried by unanimous vote.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

John Stevens reported ATT is now broadcasting council meetings on Channel 99. As sound quality is poor on ATT, Mr. Stevens suggested placing the video of the meeting on the city website.

7. **SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF SGT. BILL NICHOLSON, PSO DOUG FRASER & INCOMING PSO OFFICER JOSEPH AJLOUNY, JR.**

Mayor Ted Kedzierski swore in PSO Joseph Ajlouny, Jr., PSO Doug Fraser was promoted and sworn in as sergeant by the Mayor. Sgt. Bill Nicholson was promoted and sworn in as lieutenant by the Mayor.

7A. **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE INTERVIEWS-BRIAN GARVES, RICHARD GRADY**

Richard Grady and Brian Graves addressed the Council on their reasons and qualification in seeking a position on the Library Board of Trustees.

There being no public comment, and on motion of by Gesell, seconded by Bisballe, with Barrette abstaining, the remaining Council Members unanimously approved the appointment of Brian Graves to the Library Board of Trustees.

8. 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 Reports - Finance Officer Ricketts reported the city's finances were still very close to those numbers projected in this year's budget
3. Finance Committee – Finance Committee Chairman/Council Member Bisballe reported that the committee is working on a two year budget and capital plan, legal and engineering services, road improvement funding. He clarified that \$225,000 is still in the road improvement fund; and that recent mileage increases are for road improvement to be done in the future. Resident Gregory Walton expressed concern over actual use of the funds as earmarked in the budget.

B. Public Safety - Director John Schulte

1. Monthly Update – Public Safety Director reported an application has been made to the State of Michigan for a grant to fund an additional PREP radio. Resident Harry Kurtz donated two (2) animal smoke inhalation rescue masks for installation on municipal emergency fire service vehicles. The non-emergency public safety telephone line now goes directly to the dispatcher in Grosse Pointe Farms.
2. Statistical and Various Other Reports – Director Schulte reported a routine month with one false alarm per day occurring.

C. Public Works - Director Brett Smith

1. Monthly Update – Federally mandated measurement of traffic sign reflectivity is underway. Lake Shore road improvements are scheduled to begin in the last weeks of June. Street light pole painting has commenced. A status report regarding the Grosse Pointe Clinton Township Refuse Authority was delivered. A request was made to remind residents not to irrigate from 5am to 9am..
2. Recycle Containers – Larger Cascade recycling bins will be available at an optional \$60 cost to the resident. Prices are direct from the manufacturer. The purchase of 60 recycle bins was approved on motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Bisballe and carried by unanimous vote.

D. Parks and Harbor

1. Monthly Update and Harbor Committee Chairman Report – Council Member Schulte reported potential usage problems were being examined. Resurfacing of the tennis courts was being

reviewed. Investigation into the cracking and delaminating of the composite dock surface decking was being examined.

E. Legal Report – City Attorney Mark McInerney indicated the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club water issue will be discussed in closed session.

E. Manager's Report – Interim City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the enhanced digital phone system upgrade was completed. Saving from the phone upgrade will quickly recoup the cost of the system. A settlement with the command PSO officers has been reached, with a tentative settlement of the PSO officers as well. Both agreements will net a savings to the city. Boat wells collected \$197,000 in revenue with 110 filled and 20 available. A possible settlement with the former IT provider is pending. The tennis court repairs have been quoted and a request was made for council's approval for such repairs, in an amount not to exceed Star-Trac's quotation of \$19,500.

The authorization for such repairs to the courts, in an amount not to exceed Star-Trac's quotation of \$19,500 was approved on motion by Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Schulte and carried by unanimous vote.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Engineering Services- Update

Council Member Bisballe reported the four (4) finalists will be interviewed by the Finance Committee.

B. Legal Services-Update

Council Member Bisballe reported the top six (6) will be asked to present a 10 minute presentation before council before a vote is taken.

C. Permanent City Manager-Update

City Clerk Bruce Nichols delivered the applications received to Search Committee Member Bisballe.

D. Ambassador Committee-Update

Council Member Felt addressed realtor sign issues, potential certificate of occupancy review, vacant home maintenance, update of the city website, consideration of kayak storage and issues of municipal park usage.

E. Move To Macomb Committee-Update

Council Member Schulte reported an informational meeting of the Move to Macomb Committee will be held June 21 at 7:00pm. He confirmed the committee findings that a county line change will not affect the Grosse Pointe Schools District. Discussion ensued regarding the multiple issues that must be addressed prior to any county line change.

F. Blue Ribbon Operations Committee-Update

Mary Ann LaHood presented an extensive written report to council regarding the methodology of the Blue Ribbon Committee, along with numerous recommendations for more efficient and economical operation of the city.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2011-2012 Budget Amendments

Recommendation: It was the recommendation of the City Finance Director, with the Interim City Manager's concurrence that budget amendments, being in variance less than \$20,000 with the original budget, for years 2011-2012 be approved. There being discussion of same, and on motion of by Bisballe, seconded by Gesell, the remaining Council Members unanimously approved such amendment.

Detroit Area Agency on Aging Annual Plan - There being discussion of same, with significant funding coming to the Grosse Pointes, and on motion of by Gesell, seconded by Bisballe, the remaining Council Members unanimously approved such resolution approving the Detroit Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Plan FY 2013 as requested.

B. Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Service Agreement - On motion by Bisballe, seconded by Gesell, the remaining Council Members unanimously approved a contract, not to exceed \$2000 per year, to contract with Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Service to provide shelter for stray or found animal pickup in the city, and authorization of the Interim City Manager to sign such contract.

C. Command Officer Arbitration – Interim Manager Mark Wollenweber informed council that a tentative agreement has been attained with Command Officers by the arbitration process. Significant savings will occur for the city. The agreement will also serve as a model and basis for the PSO contract going forward. There being discussion of same, and on motion of by Bisballe, seconded by Felt, the remaining Council Members unanimously approved such arbitration award.

GPYC Agreement - Mayor Kedzierski recused himself from the matter and Mayor Pro-Tem Daniel Schulte called on Council Member Bisballe to set forth the terms of a mediated settlement of \$25,000 per year for 16 years to resolve the overcharging of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for water. A true copy of the Resolution Approving the Settlement and setting forth the terms of the settlement is attached to these minutes. On motion by Gesell, seconded by Bisballe, and Mayor Kedzierski having recused himself, the remaining Council Members unanimously approved such resolution approving the settlement agreement as attached.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vito Cuzensa opposed the implementation of a certificate of occupancy ordinance in the city.

Scott Benson, a candidate for State Representative, addressed the council with his qualifications for election.

George McMullen announced an upcoming meeting at the GP North High School Media Center concerning the selection of a new principal at North High School.

Greg Walton complimented the council on the settlement efforts regarding the GPYC matter. Mr. Walton also expressed concerns with the 911 system and the possibility of a certificate of occupancy ordinance.

12. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Members Barrette and Ajlouni expressed appreciation of the efforts made to settle the GPYC matter.

Council Member Felt had concerns about highway maintenance and is in favor of doing it now. She also advocates home inspections to avoid problematic real estate, and its deleterious effect on surrounding properties.

Council Member Bisballe pointed out that home occupancy certificates can be explored, the roads are being repaired, trees are getting trimmed, the GPYC matter is settled and the municipal budget is balanced.

Council Member Gesell was pleased with the progress in resolution of problems within the city in the last six months of council's tenure.

Council Member Schulte also noted great progress but feels the Finance Committee should be more inclusive of other Council Members.

13. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski reflected on many positive developments accomplished through the efforts of City Council over the last six months. He especially noted the efforts of the Finance Committee and their long term planning ideas.

14. THE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 07/17/12 & 08/21/12 - 7:00pm)

15. ADJOURNMENT- On motion, and duly seconded and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm.

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk