

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - A monthly meeting of the City Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City was held on Tuesday, December 18, 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 (arrived 7:20 PM)

Also present: City Clerk Bruce R. Nichols
City Manager Mark Wollenweber
City Attorney Brian Renaud
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 NOVEMBER 20, 2012 REGULAR MEETING**

The minutes of the November 20, 2012 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Gesell and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present.

5. **COUNCIL MEMBER PROCLAMATIONS-** Victoria Boyce, Brian Geraghty, Robert Graziani, David Galbenski, Brian Hunt, Fred Minturn, Karl Kratz, Linda Somers, Glenn Peters & Rose Garland-Thornton were presented with City Council proclamations by Mayor Kedzierski for their service to the city. Former Mayor James Cooper was presented the Presidential Award by Mayor Kedzierski.

6. **PROCLAMATION-** State Representative Tim Bledsoe was presented with a City Council proclamation by Mayor Kedzierski for his service to the community.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** - None

8. **PUBLIC HEARING – 529 LAKE SHORE RD. VARIANCE REQUEST**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning Commission, no objection having been made by surrounding neighbors, and the petitioners having modified their variance request for the expansion of a three car garage to a five car garage, on motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously by those Council Members present (Schulte not participating in the vote), the Council granted the expansion of the three car garage to a five car garage.

9. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A. **Budget and Finance** – Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts

1. Approval of Bills - Motion by Bisballe, seconded by Gesell, motion carried unanimously by those present.
2. Review of Financial Statements - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts reviewed and presented same to Council.
3. Finance Committee Chairman Bisballe reported positive progress has been made in the budgeting process. A new medical prescription plan will be helpful for city finances. The Finance Committee did not meet last month. It appears the taxable value of homes in the community is increasing as homes are now generally selling for more than their taxable value.

[Council Member Schulte arrives at 7:20 PM]

B. **Public Safety** – Director John Schulte

Monthly Update - Director Schulte reported the previous month as being relatively quiet, while surrounding communities are experiencing more crime incidents. Grosse Pointe Shores participated in the “Shop with a Cop” Christmas program. The city has had one retirement and one new hire leaving the department with a replacement to be promptly obtained. The identity fraud case commenced in Grosse Pointe Shores has been taken over by federal law enforcement officials due to its extensive nature. Area chiefs met regarding preparedness of the Special Response Team.

C. **Public Works** - Director Brett Smith

Director Smith reported that the year 2012 saw the repaving of Lakeshore Drive, addition of a new garbage truck with 95% of its cost funded with grants, repainting of the base of light poles, a traffic sign inventory in progress, enthusiastic response to new high capacity recycling containers, and a snow removal program implemented in time for winter 2013.

D. **Parks and Harbor**

Harbor Committee Chairman Report by Councilmember Schulte reported that The Harbor Committee lost a member and now needs a replacement committee member. The deterioration of the Marina decking needs to be addressed for spring 2013. Mark Wollenweber says quotations for repairs are underway. The manufacturer of the defective decking is out of business.

E. **Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported examining the Honeywell service agreement which he marked up for review along with the medical prescription contract which was also reviewed. In addition, issues regarding medical care of prisoners, ice fishing in the park, and Marina decking were examined.

F. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported that a new microphone system has been installed in the Council chambers. A letter has been written to DTE asking for a community meeting regarding the deterioration of the power grid in the city. The Honeywell presentation will be presented to city Council soon. Wayne County Equalization is assisting the city in the local assessment process. The Lakeshore Drive paving budget completed the project within budget and actually had some funds remaining. A traffic control device evaluation is underway. WOW cable is still threatening to appear before Council to answer questions.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ambassador Committee** - Council Member Felt indicated the committee did not meet, but is still working on projects: and is still asking for archival historical data about Grosse Pointe Shores for publication.
- B. Blue Ribbon Operations Committee** - Council Member Schulte reported there was no meeting of the committee in the previous month.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MDOT Resolution** On motion of Bisballe, seconded by Gesell, and carried unanimously, Council approved the designation of City Manager Mark Wollenweber as Street Administrator.
- B. Wayne County Road Permits** On motion of Schulte, seconded by Felt, and carried unanimously, Council approved the Wayne County Permit Resolution.
- C. Beautification Committee Annual Report** – Helen Bai commented on the committee's annual report which was submitted and received by City Council. Mayor Kedzierski thanked Helen Bai and the Beautification Committee for their successful efforts over the year.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS - None

14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski - None

15. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 1/15/13 & 2/19/13 - 7:00pm)

16. ADJOURNMENT - On motion by Gesell duly seconded by Felt and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk