

**MINUTES OF
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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, September 21, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 AUGUST 21, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the August 21, 2012 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette and carried by unanimous vote.

4.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING

The minutes of the August 21, 2012 Special Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette and carried by unanimous vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Vito Cusenza stated his opposition to a mandatory home inspection ordinance.

6. PUBLIC HEARING-PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE #259

Mark McInerney presented a proposed sign ordinance which would allow for “open house” signage to assist in the sale of residential homes. Proposed limitations on the use of such signs were described by Mr. McInerney.

Vito Cusenza advocated the use of the median on Lakeshore Drive for open house signage.

Public Safety Director Schulte reported to Council that there have been no problems since an informal moratorium on enforcement against open house signage commenced several months ago.

No action was taken on this matter.

6.1 Public Relations Liaison - Council Member Schulte expressed his displeasure with having been removed as Public Relations Liaison at the previous Council meeting.

7. 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 Bisballe. Finance Officer Ricketts pointed out that the Lake Shore Road improvement expenses would have some reimbursement. The check of \$142,000 for the new refuse disposal truck would also be reimbursed.
2. Review of Financial Statements - Finance Officer Ricketts reported taxes were delinquent for 49 parcels in the city. Increased water billings reflected seasonal use and the new rate increase from DWSD.
3. Finance Committee - Chairman Report

Council Member Bisballe reported that the finance committee will meet on September 20, 2012. The committee is firming up revenue numbers for the budgeting process.

B. Public Safety – Director John Schulte

1. Monthly Update

Public Safety Director Schulte reported that retired Public Safety Officer Archie Greve passed away. The Sunday night shift will do a streetlight status check for the entire city. The city owns all of the streetlights within the municipality. Calls to DTE for streetlight repairs only result in delay. The 911 emergency telephone system is now working well. Patrol cars are having their radios upgraded to the state system.

The Chief requested that Council consider the departments need for a new SUV command vehicle. Research on this type of vehicle has been completed. It is a recommendation of the Chief that the city purchase a Ford Explorer.

The Chief also recommends closing the closing Osius Park gates on Lakeshore at dusk during the winter season.

C. Public Works - Director Brett Smith

1. Monthly Update - Director Smith reported that Lakeshore road paving is completed.

There is some minor restoration work underway. A punch list was being compiled. The road beds have passed inspection. The paving cost of \$1.2 million was within the allotted budget. Cadillac Asphalt Company did the job. After the federal reimbursement, the cost was \$220 per municipal household. Larger recycling retainers are on the way. The new disposal packer truck should be here soon.

2. Solid Waste Authority Future - Director Smith again cautioned that the sunset date of the Gross Pointe Clinton Township Disposal Authority is rapidly approaching. Information and reports to Council will be forthcoming.

D. Parks and Harbor

1. Harbor Committee Chairman Report & Monthly Update

Council Member Schulte reported that no meeting was held this month. He also indicated that the Harbor Committee has a vacancy.

- E. Legal Report** – City Attorney Mark McInerney asked Council if the proposed sign ordinance should be an agenda item for the next meeting. No action was taken. Mr. McInerney presented an informative memorandum of law concerning the Open Meeting Act.

F. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber

Mr. Wollenweber has met with two of the engineering firms and needs to meet with two more. No action was taken.

WOW is still interested in adding the city to its 2014 construction schedule if the municipal door to door solicitation ordinance is amended to their satisfaction. Discussion among Council ensued and no action was taken.

Mr. Wollenweber reaffirmed the need for a command vehicle and asked the council to approve the purchase of a new Ford Explorer in the amount of \$25,108 plus \$3,000 to outfit the vehicle. On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Schulte, the request was approved unanimously by the Council.

SME reduced their fee to \$4,000 to determine the extent of the decking repair at the harbor.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Engineering Services- Tabled with recommendation to follow.

B. Ambassador Committee - DJ Boehm reported that the committee is still progressing and will make a report in the future.

C. Blue Ribbon Operations - Council Member Schulte reported the Blue Ribbon Committee is working with SEMCOG in the drafting of job descriptions. The committee is meeting often; and considerable progress has been made.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Retiree Contract, Finance Director

Recommendation: To Approve

On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously, the Council approved the retirement contract for Finance Officer Rhonda Ricketts.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The Council received information from Helen Bai, Chair of the Beautification Committee, that November 10, 2012 is targeted as free paper shredding day for municipal residents.

Mary Matuja reported that the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Fund raiser was a success. She thanked Anthony and J. J. Curis for allowing the use of their home during the fundraiser.

George McMullen reported that the League of Women Voters had an upcoming seminar regarding campaign financing.

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Barrette attended a meeting in Grosse Pointe Woods with DTE officials regarding the problem of outages in the community. Council Member Barrette reported that repairs described at the meeting will have no bearing on the outages in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Council Member Bisballe informed the Council that an October 2nd Park cleanup is scheduled. Participation of residents is encouraged.

Council Member Schulte suggested a town hall meeting with DTE regarding outages.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski

Mayor Kedzierski reported that there was a vacancy Harbor Committee. Those interested in appointment to such committee should submit their application as soon as possible.

13. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10/16/12 & 11/20/12 - 7:00pm

14. ADJOURNMENT - On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Schulte, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Bruce R Nichols
City Clerk