

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 21, 2012

A monthly meeting of the City Council of Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City, was held on Tuesday, February 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Ted Kedzierski

Council Members: Robert Barrette, Bruce Bisballe, Robert Gesell, Daniel Schulte

Absent: Council Members: Alexander Ajlouni, Kay Felt

Motion made by Council Member Gesell, Seconded by Council Member Barrette to excuse Council Members Ajlouni and Felt. Unanimously approved.

Also present: City Manager Brian P. Vick
City Clerk Bruce Nichols
City Attorney Mark McInerney
Finance Director Rhonda Ricketts
Public Works Director Brett Smith
Public Safety Director John Schulte

All correspondence and reports relating to this meeting are either attached or placed on file.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE January 17, 2012 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Motion made by Council Member Bisballe, Seconded by Council Member Gesell to approve the minutes from January 17, 2012 Regular Meeting. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE January 17, 2012 CLOSED SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

Motion made by Council Member Bisballe, Seconded by Council Member Gesell to approve the minutes from January 17, 2012 Closed Session Meeting. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE January 5, 2012 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Motion made by Council Member Barrette, Seconded by Council Member Gesell to approve the minutes from January 5, 2012 Regular Meeting. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE January 5, 2012 CLOSED SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

Motion made by Council Member Bisballe, Seconded by Council Member Gesell to approve the minutes from January 5, 2012 Closed Session Meeting. Unanimously approved.

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM –

- A. Public Safety Director John Schulte – Mayor Kedzierski recognized and welcomed the newly hired Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Director John Schulte and his family.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS -

Gloria Anton, 11 Willison Road - Regarding placement and notification of suggestion box.

Jan Pemberton, 62 Michaux Court – Regarding recycling contractor and police car accident debris.

Robert Lee, 29 Belle Meade – Regarding PEG revenue.

REPORTS BY CHAIRMEN OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A. Budget and Finance

1. Approval of the Bills

The monthly bills were presented by Finance Officer Ricketts, reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved for immediate payment on motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Gesell.

2. Review of Financial Reports. Council discussed revenue / expenditure projections, balance sheet, and county equalization report

3. Finance Committee – Chairman Bisballe

Chair Bisballe encouraged the public to attend the scheduled Finance Committee meeting on February 22, 2012 at 7PM and highlighted the goal of addressing the twenty largest expenses associated to vendors of goods and services.

B. Public Safety

Chief Schulte updated City Council on the following:

- Monthly statistics
- Cost recovery policy
- Yearend report is being worked on.
- Private residence alarms, direct report alarms, and false alarm policy.

C. Public Works

Director Smith updated the City Council on the following:

- Snow removal, tree trimming, rebuilding marina barge, and rebuilding refuse scooter
- Salt and winter overtime expenditure update
- Claireview sewer lining update.
- Various water and or sewer repairs

D. Park and Harbor

Mr. Vick reported on the following park and harbor activities:

- Daddy / Daughter Dance is scheduled for March 19, 2012.

Council Liaison Schulte provided the following update: Next Parks and Harbor meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2012 at 7PM, park passes reflecting birth year and not birth date, and Fun Run Route options.

E. Legal Report –

Mr. McInerney provided the following updates:

- Planning Commission solar ordinance moratorium
- Lawsuit from IT vendor which will be responded to and processed in Macomb County
- Council had requested information related to Charter Amendment process.

F. Manager's Report

Manager Brian Vick reported on the following:

- Reminded the council of the DIA Inside/Out Program. Contract was signed and City Council was reminded of the program press release which they are invited to
- Phone system upgrade: City has received a proposal and will discuss this proposal at the Finance Committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Assign All PEG revenue to Grosse Pointe Shores

Motion by Council Member Schulte, Seconded by Council Member Barrette, to discontinue sending PEG money to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and retain said funds to be used by Grosse Pointe Shores for Channel 12 broadcasting purposes.

City Council discussed legal aspects, signing status of the existing contract and current practice of handing these funds.

Citizen Comment

Jan Pemberton, 62 Michaux Court – Regarding GP War Memorial and PEG fees.

AYES: Barrette, Schulte

NAYS: Mayor Kedzierski, Council Members Bisballe, Gesell

Motion fails 2-3.

B. DWSD Proposed Water Rate

City Council discussed the recent media reports related to water rate increases in the various metro-Detroit communities and specifically mentions a 28.9% increase for Grosse Pointe Shores. City Council was provided a memo from the city engineering consultant, HRC, dated February 21, 2012 which clarifies the HRC anticipated 20% increase as mentioned at the January 5, 2012 meeting. Since the January 5, 2012 meeting, DWSD has confirmed that the rate needed to cover DWSD costs would need to increase 19.1% for Grosse Pointe Shores. City Council discussed the scenario of utilizing the Grosse Pointe Woods water tank. Staff was instructed to place the HRC letter, which clarifies the rate increase calculation, on the city website.

C. SOLAR PANEL MORATORIUM

Motion by Council Member Barrette, Seconded by Council Member Bisballe to extend the solar panel moratorium for 60 days, or to the end of the May City Council meeting to allow the Planning Commission to complete their efforts of drafting a new ordinance. Unanimously Approved

NEW BUSINESS

A. EVIP Grant for all Grosse Pointe Dispatch Center

On January 20, 2012, the City of Grosse Pointe received a notice of intent from the Michigan Department of Treasury to award an Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) Grant in the amount of up to \$300,000. The grant would cover capital costs associated with implementation of a proposed 911 Dispatch Center and Joint Lockup Facility that would serve all five Grosse Pointes.

The State of Michigan requires each city that is participating in the proposed project to pass a supporting resolution before the award is finalized. This must be done within 60 days of the notice of intent to award, or the potential to receive the grant will be forfeited. A draft resolution has been circulated to each Grosse Pointe municipality to accomplish this.

This grant would reimburse the Grosse Pointes for half of the capital costs actually expended in building out a facility to perform dispatching services for all five Grosse Pointes, up to a limit of \$300,000 in State funds.

City Council discussed the need for additional information and analysis prior to passing a resolution in support of this grant.

Citizen Comment

Vito Cusenza – Regarding centralized dispatch location.

B. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant

Council was provided a copy of the proposed contract with the State of Michigan to receive grant dollars through the Federal Highway Administration under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program for the purchase of one newer, less polluting utility vehicle to replace an older vehicle with high emissions.

The project cost will be paid by CMAQ funds in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.

Motion by Council Member Bisballe, Seconded by Council Member Barrette to adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the MDOT contract on behalf of the City in order to receive the CMAQ grant of \$135,000.

Unanimously approved.

C. Recycling Contract – Rizzo Services

City Council was provided a proposal from Rizzo Services dated February 9, 2012 to extend the current three year contract for an additional three years at the current collection rate. City Council was provided historical information related to the June 2009 bid results and contract award. Each of the participating Grosse Pointe/ Harper Woods communities will need to approve this contract extension.

Motion by Council Member Gesell, Seconded by Council Member Barrette, to extend the recycling contract for an additional three years with Rizzo Services at the current unit rate. Unanimously approved.

D. Verify 12% Decrease in Grosse Pointe Shores Property Values

City Council discussed the confirming information received from Macomb and Wayne Counties which reflect a 12% decrease in property values in Grosse Pointe Shores.

E. Request a Forensic Audit of City Finances and Operations

Council Member Schulte suggested conducting a forensic audit of city finances and operations. Topics discussed included: a top down organizational analysis, scope of engagement, multiple year process, costs associated with the process, defining parameters. No action was taken on this matter at this time.

F. Establish A Macomb County Ad hoc Research Committee

As follow up to city council discussion from the January City Council meeting, Council Member Schulte presented a list of proposed committee members to the City Council for confirmation. Proposed members include:

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| Gloria Anton | 11 Willison |
| Robert Lee | 29 Belle Meade |
| Gerald Miserendino | 30 Woodland Shore |
| Bruce Nichols | 30 N. Edgewood |
| Bernie Pemberton | 62 Michaux Court |
| Roger Stock | 16 Hampton |
| Dan Schulte | Council Liaison |

Motion by Council Member Schulte, Seconded by Council Member Gesell that the proposed committee members be approved. Unanimously adopted.

G. Proposed Implementation of ISO 9001 Certification in Grosse Pointe Shores

Council Member Schulte distributed material related to ISO 9001 Certification and City Council discussed the proposal related to: cost, ISO practices, management operational standards, call for volunteers, checking with SEMCOG and MML on resources they may have available, length of commitment and dedication of resources.

Motion by Council Member Schulte, Seconded by Council Member Barrette, to post a notice on the city web site, PEG channel and Marquee soliciting interested residents to sit on a potential Blue Ribbon Committee to review Municipal Operations. Unanimously Approved.

H. Proposed Ambassador Committee – Promoting Grosse Pointe Shores

Mayor Kedzierski proposed the formation of the Ambassador Committee to help promote Grosse Pointe Shores real estate to the local business community. The proposed Chair is D.J. Boehm. Other proposed members include Madeline Phillips and Gloria Anton.

Motion by Mayor Kedzierski, Seconded by Council Member Gesell that the proposed Ambassador Committee be established and the proposed members be appointed. Unanimously approved.

I. Place Engineering Services up for bid – To be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting.

J. Place Legal Services up for bid – To be discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting.

K. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council will meet in closed session to discuss written legal opinions and collective bargaining strategy as permitted by the Open Meetings Act. Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mayor Kedzierski, Council Members Barrette, Bisballe, Gesell, and Schulte
NAYS: None

Motion passes 5-0.

L. Contract Amendment

Motion by Council Member Bisballe, Seconded by Council Member Barrette, to place Contract Amendment on the City Council agenda. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Council Member Bisballe, Seconded by Council Member Gesell to adopt the proposed amendment to the City Manager's contract. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Kedzierski – Ambassador Committee will canvas the City and market Grosse Pointe Shores to the business community, suggestion box location and access by council member Schulte.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at the GPS Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Council was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

City Clerk