

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2012**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City was held on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m, by Chairman Bisballe. The meeting was noted as a joint meeting with the rest of members of Council.

Present: Council Member Bisballe, Chair
Council Member Gesell, .
Council Member Felt

Also Present: Mayor Ted. Kedzierski
Council Member Robert Barrette, Jr. arrived 6:12 pm
Council Member Alexander Ajlouni arrived 6: 14 pm
Mayor Pro-Tem Daniel Schulte arrived 6:40 pm

Interim City Manager Mark Wollenweber
Public Safety Director, John Schulte
Public Works Director, Brett Smith
Finance Director, Rhonda Ricketts

All items pertinent to this meeting are either attached or placed on file.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 27, 2012

Motion by Council Member Felt, Seconded by Council Member Gesell, to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2012 Finance Committee Meeting. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Under legal proposals the committee suggested that a Special Council Meeting be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 14,2012 to go over the proposals for attorney services. Each firm would be given 10-15 minutes to make a presentation to the entire Council. Staff was asked to make contact with each of the firms.

Under the Engineering Proposals staff indicated that both the Interim Manager and the Public Works Director would provide their analysis of the information submitted. The Committee suggested a meeting date just before the Regular meeting of 8-21-12 with the 4 engineering firms who submitted a proposal. The Special Meeting would be held beginning at 6:00 pm in advance of the regular meeting on that date. Staff was asked to contact the firms and confirm their attendance.

Council had been forwarded the latest handout prepared by the Finance Director showing the latest draft of a second and third year budget. (see attached).

Chairman Bisballe mentioned that each year includes replacement Police and DPW vehicles. A presentation from Council Member Barrette about changing our street lights as part of a

construction project on Lochmoor anticipated for the FY 2012-2013 year was made. He discussed costs and possible switch to either high pressure sodium lights or LED's. It was mentioned that there may be unspent monies from the Federal Energy Block Grant program and that staff has been checking on whether GP Shores can apply for some funds. It was also mentioned that as previously discussed Honeywell is reviewing city energy costs for heating, cooling and street lighting to see what could be consolidated into a performance contract where system improvements would be paid for by the energy costs saved.

Staff also mentioned they are looking at possible acquisition of a generator to power the municipal complex in case of further power outages from a neighboring city that has one not being used. Further capital plans could include possible applications for state revolving fund sewer and water grant applications. A letter to Wayne County requesting an additional 1 cfs of sewer capacity was also mentioned and that they are considering it.

Under the New Business section the Interim Manager again mentioned that staff and the engineers are reviewing adjusting the fixed monthly charges on water bill to better reflect changes that the Detroit Water and Sewer Department has implemented over the last several years. The concept of creating "meter equivalent units" that would be charged based upon the size of the meter would likely be brought back to the Finance Committee at a future meeting once more information has been assembled and after that forwarded to the City Council for consideration. It was also discussed that the current budget includes plans to put in place remote reads for those properties that have water meters in pits.

Staff also mentioned that pending retirements for non union employees would result in an estimated savings of over \$80,000 in the budget that began 7-1-12.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next Finance Committee meeting is to be scheduled.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Mark Wollenweber
Interim City Manager