

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013 - 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, April 16, 2013 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, M.D. (arrived at 7:35 p.m.) 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 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 MARCH 19, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the March 19, 2013 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Bisballe and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present. (6-0- with Ajlouni not present).

5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES

Motion by Barrette to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees was offered and seconded by Bisballe. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0- with Ajlouni not present).

6. SWEARING IN CEREMONY – Public Safety Officer Sean Gunnery was sworn in by Mayor Kedzierski.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT- Gary Gula, Planning Commission

Planning Commission Chair Mary Matuja introduced Gary Gula as a candidate for membership in the Planning Commission. Mr. Gula addressed the Council.

Motion by Felt to appoint Gary Gula to the Planning Commission was offered and seconded by Gesell. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0- with Ajlouni not

present).

8. **USODA National Championships GPYC** – William Vogel, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Commodore described the upcoming United States Optimist Dinghy Association National Championships coming on July 6-14, 2013. Past Commodore Jim Morrow pointed out the benefits to the community from participation of more than 400 youngsters, their families, coaches and officials.
9. **ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION & TREE BOARD UPDATE** – City Forester Brett Marshall reported on the tree trimming program, the identification of hazardous trees, and the continued designation of Grosse Pointe Shores as a “Tree City USA”. A proclamation declaring Grosse Pointe Shores as a “Tree City USA” was presented to the Mayor by Mr. Marshall.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - none

11. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

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

1. Approval of Bills - The bills were approved on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present. (6-0-with Ajlouni not present).
2. Review of Financial Statements - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts reviewed and presented same to Council indicating the budget was proceeding in accordance within financial forecasts with a small surplus expected.
3. Finance Committee - Chairman Bisballe reported the committee met three times, including once with the entire Council. A preliminary balanced budget has been prepared. With some increased revenues, limited capital expenditures are possible without changes in personnel. A public hearing will be held on the budget for a planned May adoption by Council. Services have been maintained. The committee has been working hard with great success on budgeting. Road paving is in the budget.

B. Public Safety – Director John Schulte

1. Monthly Update - Chief Schulte reported the prior month crime activity as routine. Home invasions did not occur last month. Previous breaking and entering's in the city are still under investigation.

[Council Member Ajlouni enters the meeting at 7:35pm]

C. Public Works - Director Brett Smith

Public Works Director Brett Smith reported the municipal streets have all been swept, perennial beds have been cleared, spring planting is underway, and swimming pool activation is on schedule. Rubbish is now being tipped at Greater Detroit Resource Recovery Authority. Garden rubbish pickup has commenced. The tree trimming program is underway.

D. Parks and Harbor

Councilmember Schulte reported that the grade for the ice rink has been modified to enhance the quality of the ice. The Fun Run is scheduled for May 5. Park passes are being issued. Almost 100 boat wells are leased. The problem with the Marina deck issue will be addressed later in the meeting.

E. Legal Report

City Attorney Brian Renaud reported a potential settlement regarding the Marina decking is under review. During the month, he reviewed the PAATS contract with Services for Older Citizens, the Honeywell contract, credit card processing of fines, a fence and shrubbery issue with a resident, Wayne County bike rack contracts, the Public Safety pursuit policy, and various FOIA requests.

Manager's Report

City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the 2013 Board of Appeals heard 27 cases, with 13 adjustments made, and 14 denials. Attempts are underway to secure federal funds for PAATS. The Easter Egg Event at the Municipal Park was a success. The budget process is still being discussed. Preliminary indications forecast that DWSD will be increasing water rates approximately 4% and sewer charges by approximately 5%-6%.

Mr. Wollenweber indicated the Park and Harbor Committee needed approval of usage fees.

On motion by Council Member Schulte seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present (7-0), council approved a \$25 use fee and a \$150 deposit (refundable) for reserved use of the municipal park picnic facilities.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2013 Road Rehabilitation** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported five (5) 2013 road rehabilitation project bids for Lochmoor, Sunningdale, Hampton, Oxford and Willow Tree Place have been reviewed. Enhanced street lighting is included in these projects. Mr. Wollenweber expressed his appreciation for Council Member Barrette's able assistance in the lighting portion of the projects. Council Member Barrette explained the new LED lighting projects, the need for same, and the extent of the renovations required. Savings to the city of electrical usage with the new lights will be significant.

On motion by Council Member Barrette seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present (7-0), council approved the recommendation to proceed with road rehabilitation on Division #1; Lochmoor/Sunningdale, and Division #2; Hampton; and if these projects come in under budget, council approved moving forward with road repairs on Oxford from Lake Shore west to where the boulevard ends (Division #3) should appropriate funds be available.

- B. Honeywell** – Honeywell representative Dick Williams addressed Council regarding the proposed project for the upgrade of equipment that is beyond its lifespan. Mr. Williams introduced the Honeywell staff members who will implement the program. Discussion ensued among City Council members regarding methods to allow progress on obtaining final submissions for the work to be done. Extensive discussions ensued regarding street lighting

and the requirement of general fund. Resident Vito Cuzenza asked a question regarding the warranties of the lighting equipment.

On motion by Council Member Felt seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council Members (7-0), council approved the recommendation to approve the Honeywell contract and set \$3,160,000 as the contract ceiling with the understanding that staff is working with Honeywell to lower the price by looking for additional acceptable bids that would lower the bids already received; and further that Council conditioned approval on a final list of bidders acceptable to staff and the city attorney prior to the manager signing the Honeywell contract.

- C. Dispatch Operations** – Update - Director Schulte reported there were no complaints about Dispatch during the previous month. He is working with Grosse Pointe Farms for long-term improvement of services and addressing specific changes in the Dispatch contract. Mark Wollenweber reported that returning dispatch to the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building would be very expensive due to extensive alterations that would be required to the building structure. Director Schulte addressed the issue of CCTV coverage in a municipal lobby and an event involving an individual sleeping in the building (other than a municipal employee).
- D. Sign Ordinance #259** – On motion by Council Member Schulte seconded by Council Member Ajlouni, and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present (7-0), council approved a \$75 fee for violation of the “Open House” sign ordinance #259.
- E. Ambassador Committee** – Update - Council Member Felt reported 17 homes currently for sale in Grosse Pointe Shores. One year ago 50 homes were for sale in the city. The committee is working on testimonials, bookmarks, a history of the city, and a municipal tile.
- F. Blue Ribbon Operations Committee** – Update - Council Member Schulte reported the committee is drafting a high level report covering a broad spectrum of municipal issues and operations. The committee’s work product as it relates to employee descriptions is now in compliance with federal law.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Tech Resources Quote** - Mr. Wollenweber reported on a budgeted cost that was quoted by Tech Resources for necessary upgrades to existing and outdated IT servers. Council Member Schulte asked questions as to the cost of the system. On motion by Council Member Bisballe seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present (7-0), council approved the quote from Tech Resources in the amount of \$11,384 for IT server upgrades; such motion was subject to a written report provided to Council Members prior to entering into the contract with Tech Resources.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Helen Bai reported the Downy Mildew infestation on impatiens has returned this season. Waxed begonias may be an adequate substitute. There are other options but at increased expense. The sponsored garden projects are still under way.

Vito Cuzenza expressed concern on a flagged stop sign. Chief Schulte was to review the situation. Parking

enforcement signs on Lake Shore have deteriorated. Public Works Director Brett Smith indicated an evaluation of all municipal signs was currently underway.

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Barrette attended a Grosse Pointe Shores Foundation meeting and reported a splash pad for the Municipal Park is being explored. Council Member Felt expressed appreciation and admiration for the administrative staff assistance in the budgeting process.

15. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Kedzierski reported the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is May 2, 2013. Grosse Pointe Shores is the host for Swim Finals this year. The upcoming May 21 Council meeting will address budget issues and he encourage residents to attend.

17. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 5/21/13 & 6/18/13 - 7:00pm)

18. ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION – Review legal counsel opinion on marina decking

After a roll call vote the city Council, unanimously approved (7-0), city Council adjourned to closed session at 9:30 PM to review the opinion of the city attorney regarding the outside decking of the Municipal Park.

19. ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION – Potential settlement on marina decking.

At 10:30 PM, the city Council reconvened into open session to discuss the marina decking.

On motion by Council Member Bisballe seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council Members (7-0), council authorize the city manager and city attorney to continue negotiations in accordance with discussions held in the closed session.

20. ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Gesell seconded by Council Member Bisballe, carried unanimously to adjourn at 10:35 p.m.

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk