

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.
*Amended**

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 15, 2014 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 Robert H. Barrette, Jr., Bruce Bisballe, Kay Felt, Robert E. Gesell.

Absent: Alexander Ajlouni, M.D., Daniel T. Schulte (Excused on Motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette carried unanimously)

Also present: City Manager Mark Wollenweber
City Clerk Bruce R. Nichols
City Attorney Brian Renaud
Public Safety Director John Schulte
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the March 18, 2014 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. (5-0- with Ajlouni and Schulte not present).

5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Gesell to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees , seconded by Council Member Barrette. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance (5-0- with Ajlouni and Schulte not present).

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Brian Geraghty recommended the adoption of an ethics ordinance for municipal officials; and then *commented on the appropriateness of a recent cash payment from an anonymous source of a public official's municipal fine. Mayor Kedzierski referred to the Michigan Attorney General's Model Ethics Code as a possible source of guidelines for such an ordinance.

7. ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION & TREE BOARD UPDATE

Brett Marshall reported on the 2014 Arbor Day scheduled for May 3, 2014, the upcoming annual tree maintenance program, and the celebration of the 10th year the city has been designated as a "Tree City USA". The problem of monoculture of trees was presented as a particular problem on North and South Edgewood. On that street, eighty-nine Locust trees are doomed to extinction because of a root pathogen. Mr. Marshall also pointed out a problem with a spruce tree in front of the municipal building. The current spruce tree will be replaced with a Norway spruce. Mr. Marshall also recommended the continuation of the tree trimming contract with Dittman Tree Service.

8. .REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A. Budget and Finance – City Manager Mark Wollenweber for Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts

1. Approval of Bills

The bills were approved on motion by Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Gesell and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present. (5-0- with Ajlouni and Schulte not present).

2. Review Financial Statements

City Manager Mark Wollenweber for Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts reviewed and presented same to Council indicating the budget was proceeding in accordance within normal financial forecasts.

3. Finance Committee - Council Member Bisballe reported the new preliminary budget has been drafted and will be presented at a joint meeting of the City Council and Finance Committee to be held on April 29, 2014.

Public Safety –

Chief Schulte reported a routine month in calls for service. Diligent drunk driving enforcement continues with eight arrests for operating under the influence last month. The public safety officer candidate interviews continue. Two closed circuit TV vendors have been consulted and the project planning is underway. 981 Lakeshore is still in the repair stage and being carefully reviewed by the Department of Public Safety.

B. Public Works – Bob Barrette in Director Brett Smith's Absence

Council Member Barrette reported that pothole repairs have been completed. The spring cleanup is underway.

D. Parks and Harbor

Council Member Barrette reported the Marina is now open. The splash pad figurines have been delivered. April 26, 2014 is the date for a hazardous waste collection pickup day at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier. The harsh winter freeze and thaw cycle is evident on the tennis court surfaces.

E. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported addressing the following: Grosse Pointe Clinton Township Refuse Authority, consultation regarding a community activist, FOIA requests, responses to

a subpoena, criminal prosecution regarding a painting contractor, consultation regarding PAATS/SOC, letters of advice to Council regarding legal matters, review of a food service contract at the municipal park, analysis of a third-party lawsuit, and consultation regarding the ethics code and Michigan statutory law. Mayor Kedzierski and Council Member Gesell indicated their concerns that the ethics code adoption should be expedited.

F. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the iPads are now being used for the distribution of City Council monthly packets. The possibility of a combined dispatch and lockup at Grosse Pointe Woods is being reviewed by Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Farms. The process of obtaining a grant application for study of a joint lockup facility is under consideration. The Colonial Road property, which has been continually under construction for an extended period of time, is stalled. A 2009 Michigan State permit refund of \$7,980.00 is being pursued. IT services are also being reviewed at a significant potential savings. The adaptation of the prisoner processing room at our municipal building is underway. A generator ordinance is under review by the Planning Commission.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Concession Stand Update** - Mr. Wollenweber circulated a site plan of the proposed addition of a permanent 10' x 20' concession stand located to the east side of the municipal park bath house. Having reviewed the plans, on motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Felt, and carried unanimously by those in attendance (5-0 Council Member Schulte and Council Member Ajlouni being absent), council authorized staff to proceed with the concession stand project at an approximate cost of \$30,000.
- B. Ambassador Committee Update** - Council Member Felt reported the committee is awaiting updates on the municipal book and a municipal tile.

10. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget, Tax Rate, Water Rate – Set Public Hearing, May 20, 2014**

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously by those in attendance (5-0 Council Member Schulte and Council Member Ajlouni being absent) the date of May 20, 2014 was set for a public hearing date for the approval of the 2014- 2015 budget, tax rate and water rates.

- B. Returned Check Fee** -

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Felt, and carried unanimously by those in attendance, (5-0 Council Member Schulte and Council Member Ajlouni being absent), effective April 16, 2014 the returned check fee for all departments will be increased to \$40.

- C. Set Study Session Date – Draft Ordinances**

Mr. Wollenweber reported on the need to set a date a study session in June to review three pending ordinances.

D. Clean Water Town Hall Report

Council Member Felt reported on the recent town hall meeting on clean water which was held at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford home. She also presented numerous suggestions that residents may utilize to help conserve and maintain clean water in the Great Lakes.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS None

12. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Barrette reported the Grosse Pointe Shores Marina has been designated as a "Clean Marina".

Council Member Felt reported the Easter Egg Hunt was spectacular and our municipal staff was fabulous with the children at the event.

Council Member Bisballe asked for the community support of Helen Bai in her efforts regarding resident sponsored gardens.

13. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski expressed sorrow on the loss of long time Grosse Pointe Shores resident Ralph Wilson, Jr. He also reminded those in attendance of the May 3rd Town Hall Meeting and said he hoped residents would attend.

14. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE JOINT CITY COUNCIL/FINANCE MEETING (Tues, 4/29/14 - 6:00 pm & CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 5/20/14 & 6/17/14 - 7:00pm)

15. ADJOURNMENT - On motion of Council Member Gesell and seconded by Council Member Felt, carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk