

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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, February 19, 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 Robert H. Barrette, Jr., Bruce Bisballe, Kay Felt, Robert E. Gesell, Daniel T. Schulte (arrived at 7:08pm)

Also present: City Clerk Bruce R. Nichols
City Manager Mark Wollenweber
City Attorney Brian Renaud
Public Safety Director John Schulte
Finance Director Rhonda Ricketts
Public Works Director Brett Smith

Absent: Alexander Ajlouni, MD (excused)

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2013 REGULAR MEETING**

The minutes of the January 15, 2013 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion of Barette, duly seconded by Felt and carried by unanimous vote of those in attendance (5-0). (Schulte not present for the vote. Ajlouni absent).

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – Gloria Anton commented regarding her concerns about Public Safety Dispatch.

6. **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 by those in attendance (5-0) for immediate payment on motion by Council Member Gesell seconded by Council Member Barrette. (Schulte not present for the vote but arrived immediately afterward at 7:08pm. Ajlouni absent)
2. Review of Financial Statements - The financial statements were reviewed and placed on file. The \$4.9 million budget had distributed \$3.5 YTD remaining within the parameters of the budget constraints.
3. Finance Committee – Chairman Bisballe reported the finances are in good shape moving forward. Water rates are again under examination.

B. Public Safety – Director John Schulte

1. Monthly Update, Statistical and Various Other Reports

Director Schulte reported that monthly calls for service have increased due to good participation by the residents in crime spotting and forwarding crime prevention information. A new triple trained public service officer candidate is a potential new hire. House invasions are a top priority. The department has suspects in a January break-in which investigation continues. Traffic control engineer Bob DeCoury's passing was reported to Council. The Grosse Pointe Chiefs of Police meeting is upcoming and "automatic response" for targeted structures is on the agenda. Grosse Pointe Shores has two targeted structures, being the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Home.

C. Public Works - Director Brett Smith

1. Monthly Update - Director Brett Smith reported the municipal building foyer was painted and windows were replaced by the good efforts of municipal employees. The Honeywell Project continues with many meetings. More large recycle bins are available at \$60 each. The new tire changer is in operation in the garage area. Request for quotations for the 2013 paving projects are going out in April. Construction is expected to begin in May. Tom Mason, the previous Public Works Director of Grosse Pointe Shores, recently passed away.

D. S-2 Grant Agreement Resolution

1. Scott Lockwood of Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. gave Council an overview of the S2 Grant Agreement between the city, the Michigan Finance Authority and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Mr. Lockwood felt it was a great agreement to cover costs for sanitary sewer inspections and improvements.

Recommendation: That the Council adopt the S2 Grant Resolution and name Mark Wollenweber as the authorized representative for purposes of the S2 Grant Agreement.

Motion by Gesell to accept the recommendation to adopt the S2 Grant Resolution and name Mark Wollenweber as the authorized representative for purposes of the S2 Grant Agreement was offered and seconded by Felt. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously with Schulte now participating in the vote. (Ajlouni absent)

E. Parks and Harbor

1. Harbor Committee Chairman Report - Mayor Pro Tem Schulte reported that the applications for boat wells are moving along well. The decomposing marina deck issue continues. Discussions have been conducted with local suppliers and the city attorney regarding the matter.

F. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on discussions concerning the marina deck problem, and meetings held with contractors suppliers and architects regarding resolution of the problem. Throughout the month, the city attorney addressed issues of mailboxes on vacant lots,

falling tree issues, review of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club boat slip leases, SOC-PATS transit system, joint lockup facilities, and an opinion regarding a variance issue for 529 Lake Shore Drive.

G. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported that the Honeywell Project is proceeding well, a new employee manual is underway, insurance is being reviewed concerning municipal facilities, standardization of public safety equipment is being examined with the other Grosse Pointes, and the municipality is seeking a used backup generator for the municipal building. The municipal website is being reviewed for privacy issues. Our ice rink is also under review and Grosse Pointe Farms has allowed Shores residents to use their rink from Monday through Thursday. WOW continues to evade any meaningful discussions regarding cable television in Grosse Pointe Shores. Committee minutes will be forwarded to Council in the future for review and receipt of City Council. Mr. Wollenweber pointed out that fiduciary insurance for the municipality is expiring in the near future, and recommended approval of the Chubb premium for coverage.

Recommendation: That a premium in the amount of \$11,515 to Chubb Insurance Company be approved to renew expiring fiduciary insurance for the municipality.

Motion by Gesell to accept the recommendation to adopt a resolution approving a premium in the amount of \$11,515 to Chubb Insurance Company be approved to renew expiring fiduciary insurance for the municipality was offered and seconded by Bisballe. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0). (Ajlouni absent)

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Potential Bond Refunding Resolution

1. Mike Gormley of Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. reported to Council estimates of substantial savings, in the approximate amount of 9%, **if** the city refinances the 2004 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds. The savings has been attained by structuring around the existing bonds that are non-callable so that the annual payment is less than the current payment. The dual payments for 2014 and 2015 have been taken into consideration. Sources and uses of funds for such refinancing were presented to Council. City Manager Mark Wollenweber and Chief Financial Officer Rhonda Rickets recommended proceeding with the re-funding of the bonds.

Finance chairman Bisballe did not see the need to include monies for a financial advisor as the financial requirements of the city have been adequately analyzed by in-house financial personell.

Patrick McGow of Miller Canfield presented a Bond Refunding Resolution for action by City Council to commence the bonding process.

Motion by Gesell to accept the recommendation to adopt a Bond Refunding Resolution was offered and seconded by Bisballe. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0). (Ajlouni absent)

B. Employee Contract Update – Tentative Agreement POAM/AFSCME

City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the city has a tentative agreement with AFSCME. Both he and Public Works Director Smith recommended approval. The terms of the proposed contract were discussed with Council. In the PSO agreement with POAM, the employees and their bargaining representative agreed to the same contract previously agreed to by the Command Officers with two (2) minor differences. Those differences were explained to Council. Mark Wollenweber and Chief Schulte recommend approval of the PSO agreement.

Motion by Barrette to accept the recommendation and adopt a resolution approving both the AFSCME and POAM agreements seconded by Felt. Discussion followed with concerns expressed by Council Members Felt and Schulte that the poverty guidelines may be too low with no reasonable expectation of any property owner qualifying for such relief. The motion by Barrette carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0). (Ajlouni absent)

C. Ambassador Committee – Update

DJ Boehm reported 13 homes for sale in the city. Suggestions for taglines were presented to the Council. As the spring selling season is approaching, she encouraged action on the real estate sign ordinance.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Member Appointments Motion by Barrette to accept the recommendation of the Mayor to appoint Bernie Pemberton and Heather Ross to the Park and Harbor Committee was offered and seconded by Gesell. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0). (Ajlouni absent)

B. Poverty Exemption Resolution Motion by Bisballe to accept the recommendation to adopt a Poverty Exemption Resolution was offered and seconded by Gesell. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0). (Ajlouni absent)

C. ICMA-RC – Retirement Health Savings Plan Resolution

Motion by Bisballe to accept the recommendation of the City Manager to adopt a Resolution creating a retirement health savings plan for new hires to participate in the ICMA-RC; deferred compensation increase for the city manager; and the city manager's telephone expense reimbursement. Seconded by Gesell. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0). (Ajlouni absent)

D. GPS-GPF Dispatch Discussion

Mayor Kedzierski express concerns about nonemergency calls to dispatch and residents' displeasure with its operation. The Mayor felt a citizens advisory panel would be advisable.

Public Safety Director Schulte reported the previous contract with Grosse Pointe Farms did not allow for proper resolution of issues between the two cities. Grosse Pointe Farms has never been instructed on our policies and procedures in public safety operations. The Chief would like a chance to work on nonemergency response issues with the City of Grosse Pointe Farms. He would also like to review the contract and suggest possible revisions of the

contract with Grosse Pointe Farms. Some Grosse Pointe Farms employees are not responding within the standards required for Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety operations. Chief Schulte indicated the quality of service needed to be addressed in the contract itself. Council Member Felt expressed displeasure with the lack of forward progress on this issue in light of the high level of citizen concern.

No action was taken by council and the matter was to be addressed again at the next Council meeting.

E. GPS Municipal Court Proposed Fines & Costs Increase Effective July 1, 2013 Motion by Gesell to accept the recommendation to adopt a Resolution increasing Fines and Costs for GPS Municipal Court was offered and seconded by Felt. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0). (Ajrlouni absent)

F. Wayne County Parks Signs & Bike Racks Allocation Motion by Bisballe to accept the recommendation to adopt a Resolution accepting a Wayne County Parks Signs & Bike Racks Allocation was offered and seconded by Felt. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0). (Ajrlouni absent)

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vito Cuzenza requested information on the cost to return Public Safety dispatch back to Grosse Pointe Shores. He also urged use of a central lockup for all the Grosse Pointes.

Gloria Anton expressed her concern that the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department is not staffed on a 24-hour basis.

10. MISCELLANEOUS -

Motion by Bisballe to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees was offered and seconded by Gesele. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0). (Ajrlouni absent)

Motion by Felt to excuse the absent of Ajrlouni was offered and seconded by Gesele. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0). (Ajrlouni absent)

11. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski reported on another successful town Hall meeting with good citizen participation

12. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 3/19/13 & 4/16/13 - 7:00pm)

13. ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Gesell seconded by Bisballe, carried unanimously to adjourn at 9:30 PM

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk