

**MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - The monthly meeting of the City Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City was held on Tuesday, January 15, 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, MD, 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 DECEMBER 18, 2012 REGULAR MEETING**

The minutes of the December 18, 2012 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Gesell and carried by unanimous vote of Council.

5. **PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT-** The Mayor presented Lieutenant James Demeulenaere with a proclamation commending him for his 27 years of service to the city (1985-2012). Public Safety Director Schulte presented Lieutenant James Demeulenaere with his retirement badge.

6. **PUBLIC SAFETY PROMOTIONS-** Lieutenant Scott Rohr, Lieutenant Ken Werenski and Sergeant Ron Coste were all presented with their badges of new rank.

7. **HONEYWELL PRESENTATION**

Honeywell Government Market Manager Dick Williams presented a comprehensive report concerning the condition of municipal equipment. Much of the equipment is outdated and beyond its serviceable life. The Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Works, municipal buildings and the pool were also examined. Honeywell Engineer Marijana Zlateska also joined in the presentation to Council. Options were presented for the scope of work, with the financial analysis of each option. Mr. Wollenweber indicated the administration was in favor of adopting the Honeywell program. Finance Committee Chairman Bisballe and Vice Chair Felt also recommended approval of the Honeywell feasibility study and proposed plan of action.

On motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously, the Council resolved to enter into a contractual agreement with Honeywell International to implement the *Honeywell Guaranteed Savings Program*.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

John Chasteen requested information regarding the status of the Colonial Road streetlights.

Alex Lucido had questions regarding the funding of the Honeywell program.

## **9. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

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

1. Approval of Bills - Motion by Gesell, seconded by Aljouni, motion carried .
2. Review of Financial Statements - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts reviewed and presented same to Council.
3. Finance Committee - Chairman Bisballe reported continued positive progress in the budgeting process. The committee will be examining the Honeywell project. Budget proposals will be upcoming.

### **B. Public Safety – Director John Schulte**

1. Monthly Update - Director John Schulte reported that December was a routine month. Recent home invasions occurring in January have caused great concern. Efforts are underway regarding crime prevention associated with seasonally vacant residences. The importance of the Watch List and a caution about the theft of vehicles warming up in driveways was emphasized. The Ford Explorer is now in service. The department is actively seeking replacements for current vacancies of public safety officers.

### **C. Public Works - Director Brett Smith**

1. Monthly Update -Municipal snow removal services are in top shape. The ice rink preparation is underway. It was necessary to purchase a tire mounting machine for approximately \$7,000. An electrical system “health check” was conducted by DTE. The Grosse Pointe Clinton Refuse Authority “sunset” meeting was attended by Brett Smith.

### **D. Parks and Harbor**

Monthly Update and Harbor Committee Chairman Report - Council Member Schulte reported marina dock fees will not be increased for the 2013 season. The Marina deck deterioration is being addressed by the committee. Issues regarding the hours of operation during ice fishing season and the municipal liability associated with same are under deliberation. A vacancy continues in the Parks and Harbor committee.

- ### **E. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported his review of the Honeywell contract, the Marina decking, Grosse Pointe Clinton Refuse Authority, and municipal park operations.**

- F. Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the DTE meeting was very helpful. The city has six circuits which feed from two substations. Upgrades are planned for the DTE circuits to reduce the potential for outages in the city. WOW's presentation of their services and practices before Council still remains pervasive.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Ambassador Committee** – DJ Boehm reported that home sales have increased. Chace Wakefield asked the Council to consider an open house sign ordinance amendment which he presented to Council for their review.

Vito Cusenza and Alex Lucido commented on the proposed open house sign ordinance.

- B. Blue Ribbon Operations Committee** - no report

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Committee Member Appointment – Pension Committee**

On motion by Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Gesell and carried unanimously, Charles L. Ruifrok, CPA was appointed to the Pension Committee. Due to Pension Commission Chairman Jim Vandenberghe's departure, Bruce Campbell will take over as Chairman of the committee.

- B. Committee Member Appointment – Parks and Harbor Committee**

On motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Ajlouni, Grant Strobl was appointed to the Parks and Harbor committee.

## **12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mary Anne LaHood suggested that the city engage an engineering firm to commence a study regarding invasive vegetation along the shoreline.

## **13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Council Member Barrette reported meeting with the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation concerning streetlights and the potential for a splash pad.

Council Member Ajlouni indicated he will be out of town and unavailable to attend the next Council meeting in February.

- 14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – Mayor Kedzierski announced a Town Hall meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 19 at 10 AM.

- 15. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 2/19/13 & 3/19/13 - 7:00pm)**

- 16. ADJOURNMENT** - On motion by Schulte duly seconded by Ajlouni and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk