

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014 - 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, January 21, 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 Alexander Ajlouni, M.D., 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 17, 2013 REGULAR MEETING**
The minutes of the December 17, 2013 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Gesell and carried by unanimous vote
5. **RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES**
Motion by Council Member Gesell to accept and receive the minutes of various municipal committees was offered and seconded by Council Member Bisballe. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**
Vito Cusenza had comments related to the Grosse Pointe Public School System technology bond matter.
7. **INTRODUCTION OF PLANNING CONSULTANT – Carlisle-Wortman, Dave Scurto**
Mark Wollenweber introduced David Scurto of Carlisle-Wortman Associates, Inc. and described the process involved in his firm's nomination as Planning Consultant for the city. Mr. Scurto addressed Council with the qualifications of his firm.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, Carlisle-Wortman Associates, Inc. was appointed as Planning Consultant.

The fee schedule of the Planning Consultant will be reviewed at the next meeting of Council.

8. **GPPSS TECHNOLOGY BOND PRESENTATION** – Rebecca Fannon of the Grosse Pointe Public School System addressed the upcoming technology bond issue ballot. Resident Greg Walton pointed out the impact of the increased property tax burden on residents. Frank Tenkel asked questions regarding IT hardware. Mickey Montaine Shield of Residents for Responsible Spending addressed Council.

9. **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 for immediate payment on motion by Council Member Gesell seconded by Council Member Felt. An extraordinary expense item was incurred for a water main break occasioned by the extremely cold weather.
2. Review Financial Statements - Finance Officer Ricketts presented the current financial statements, including balance sheet, with revenue and expenditures for review by Council.
3. Finance Committee - Chairman Bisballe reported that the finance committee met prior to the council meeting and is still refining some assumptions regarding capital expenses. The preliminary budget is anticipated for February.

B. **Public Safety** – Lieutenant Ken Werenski in Chief John Schulte’s absence reported the new public safety officers were excellent choices; and will be a great help to the department. The new vehicles, particularly the new four-wheel-drive SUV, have been fairly useful. On January 7, 2014, crossed trained public safety officers, in conjunction with the advanced ambulance unit, saved a heart attack victim from certain death. The delinquent court fine amnesty collection program has resulted in the collection of \$7,500 in unpaid fines. The Impound Administrative Fee has collected \$2,900.

C. **Public Works** - Director Brett Smith reported that unusually cold weather froze pipes in the Marina Park Bath House. The relentless snowfall has been a challenge on both equipment and personnel. The department still needs to complete repairs on life removal equipment. Minor street light issues remain problematic. The Osius Park fence has been repaired at no cost to the city.

D. **Parks and Harbor** - Council Member Barrette reported the committee has discussed the splash pad and is currently exploring the possibility of a food stand in the Park.

E. **Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reviewed and commented on a FOIA request involving the Marina deck settlement, the Grosse Pointe Clinton refuse authority corporate extension status, and municipal Park concession stand contract, PAATS/SOC transportation contract which has been circulated for signatures, contract with Asset Strategies, and a draft of a municipal parking ordinance.

F. **Manager’s Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported block grant applications are underway. Proposals for an accretion study is being reviewed in conjunction with a possible federal grant. Staff is working with the Blue Ribbon Committee to help finalize their report. Monday, March 31, 2014 State Representative Brian Banks will be doing a program regarding protecting the Great Lakes waters at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford estate. The Honeywell project is almost completed.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Ambassador Committee** – Council Member Felt reported the local history will be published by Arcadia press by December 2014. A municipal tile will likely contain a view of our municipal building. There are 26 homes on the real estate market, with two pending sales. There are 2 year to date sales in 2014. There were about 26 sales last year.
- B. **Blue Ribbon Operations Committee** – Council Member Schulte indicated the Blue Ribbon Committee report will be delivered at next month’s meeting.

11. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. **Recommendation for Planning Consultant – Carlilse-Wortman** - Moved to Agenda Item Seven and Draft Review Fee Schedule – Discussion Tabled on Fee Schedule.
- B. **Grosse Pointes Clinton Refuse Disposal Contract Amendment**
Discussion ensued regarding the amendment to the articles of incorporation allowing the extension of the Grosse Pointe Clinton Township Refuse Authority. City Attorney Brian Renaud, the City Manager, and the Director of the Department of Public Works having all recommended the approval of a proposed amendment to the refuse disposal contract, Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Felt, and carried unanimously, the Council approved the amendment of the refuse disposal contract and authorized the Mayor and Clerk to act as authorized signers.
- C. **GPS Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance Sec. 1-57 Amendment, Draft & Parking Ordinance Sec. 34-3, 34-4 Amendment, Draft**

This matter was discussed and tabled until the February 2014 meeting.

- D. **Harbor Study/2014 Well rates** - Council Member Barrette reported a 3% increase in boat well rates will still allow our municipal rates to compete with other marinas in the area. The Parks and Harbor Committee recommended an increase of boat well rental fees by 3%.

Resident Frank Tenkel suggested more detail be provided to Council before a decision was made on the boat well rate increase.

A motion by Council Member Bisballe to increase boat well rental fees by 3% was seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Frank Tenkel had questions about Marina bond refinancing.

- 13. **COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS** - Council Member Barrette reported the city is beginning to receive paybacks from the Honeywell project. DTE rebates have arrived, with more expected soon. The horse trough which was in front of the municipal building has been removed and is in the process of

being refurbished for reinstallation.

14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski spoke briefly about municipal finances and council's stewardship of municipal funds. He also touted the benefits of the 24/7 staffing of public safety officers in the municipal building.

15. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 2/18/14 & 3/18/14 - 7:00pm)

16. ADJOURNMENT - On motion of Council Member Gesell, Seconded by Council Member Felt, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk