

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 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, July 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., Robert H. Barrette, Jr., Bruce Bisballe, Kay Felt. (Arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Robert E. Gesell

Absent: Daniel T. Schulte – Excused on motion of Council Member Ajlouni, support by Council Member Gesell – Carried 6-0

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 JUNE 18, 2013 REGULAR MEETING**

The minutes of the June 18, 2013 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Ajlouni and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present. (6-0- with Council Member Schulte not present).

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2013 CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

The minutes of the June 18, 2013 Closed Session Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present. (6-0- with Council Member Schulte not present).

**6. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES**

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

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Resident Zaira Maio expressed her concern regarding 41 Colonial Rd. and its blighted and incomplete state of construction, failure to maintain the grounds, landscape, code violations, and the need for a stop work order from the city. Mayor Kedzierski informed Council that he has visited the property and that it has been cited by the city for violations.

Resident Meredith McKinley also provided backup testimony about the poor condition of the property, and its status as a public nuisance.

City Manager Mark Wollenweber said an order has been issued to stop work, and he has met with the offending homeowner regarding the property. Mr. Wollenweber also indicated that enforcement of pertinent ordinances against the homeowner were imminent.

#### **8. GPSIF SPLASH PAD PRESENTATION-**

Karl Kratz of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation informed Council that their board of trustees approved payment of the sum of \$162,000 toward the splash pad project. Warranty issues have been addressed. Council Member Bisballe mentioned that the Finance Committee unanimously approved the splash pad concept. Low flow nozzles will dramatically reduce water usage by a high efficiency spray. Recycling of water is too expensive and renders poor water quality; and is therefore not an option.

Council discussed whether the city should act as the principal of the splash pad contract.

On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0- with Council Member Schulte not present) the Council approved a resolution adopting the concept of the splash pad and proceeding with the installation of the proposed splash pad as outlined by Karl Kratz. As part of the resolution, the city attorney was to review the contract and the city manager is authorized to sign the contract regarding the splash pad.

#### **9. 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 Bisballe and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present. (6-0- with Schulte not present). All of the ordinary expenses including the purchase of a used front end loader, a new patrol vehicle, a placement agency fee for issuance of the Honeywell financing contract, and additional paving.

There were no financial documents provided as the fiscal year-end closing is imminent.

2. Finance Committee - Chairman Report  
Council Member/Chairman Bisballe reported the committee's continuing long-term review of the municipal budget moving forward.

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

1. Monthly Update – Director John Schulte reported his department is actively pursuing public safety concerns regarding 41 Colonial Rd. The top 20 calls for service were about average for the month. The USODA sailing event at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club worked out very well. Candidates for the new 24 hour municipal building public safety clerk position are being interviewed. The Director recommended Council approve new in-car cameras with automatic computer download for installation in public safety cruisers. The Chief also indicated two candidates have been offered jobs as public safety officers. The intent is to have the candidates in the Academy for training on August 12 in anticipation of a December swearing in. False burglar alarms continue at the rate of one per day.

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

1. Monthly Update

Director Brett Smith reported the paving projects are near completion. Minor punch list items remain. The paving project came in under budget, so proceeds were available to pave Oxford Road. The street lighting project is almost complete and ready for DTE activation. The Tree Board met and concurred that numerous Ash trees must immediately be removed. Tree replacements should be considered. A preconstruction meeting was held for the Honeywell project. Director Smith expressed appreciation to Brian Renaud, the City Attorney, for his assistance with the street lighting contract. Approximately 2/3 of the replacement decking materials have been delivered to Osius Park.

**D. Parks and Harbor**

1. Monthly Update

Mr. Wollenweber reported only 12 wells were vacant in the Marina. The decking replacement installation will commence after Labor Day so as not to interfere with the resident's use of the park. Rent was received from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club during the USODA event.

**E. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported that during the month he negotiated the final version of the energy services (lighting) contract with Corby Electric, a FOIA fee schedule and a policy proposal were drafted, a PAATS operating agreement was drafted and circulated, a discussion agenda for final negotiations with the Marina architects was created, numerous FOIA requests from the press were processed, and a long standing records request was coordinated.**

**F. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber**

Mr. Wollenweber informed Council that resident notification was provided regarding the DTE lighting improvements. The Ford House/DSO concert and the USODA sailing event went very well. Mr. Wollenweber recommended the purchase of new in car video equipment for public safety vehicles. Arthur Woodford was interviewed as an author for the municipal history book. Sample municipal tiles have been prepared.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Ambassador Committee** – Council Member Felt pointed out 21 active homes for sale and 25 have been sold in Grosse Pointe Shores during 2013. The municipal bookmarks have been printed and distributed. The committee is exploring the possible use of the municipal website for links to Grosse Pointe Shores homes for sale.
- B. Blue Ribbon Operations Committee** – Mark Wollenweber reported circulation of a comprehensive report by the Blue Ribbon Operations Committee is in final edit stage.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS –**

### **A. FOIA policy and implementation resolution**

City Attorney Brian Renaud explained the policies and responsibilities of a FOIA coordinator and expenses associated with it. The process of determining a fee schedule was also discussed. On motion of Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0- with Council Member Schulte not present) the Council approved a resolution adopting the proposed FOIA policy and fee schedule as outlined by the City Attorney.

### **B. Approval to purchase Public Safety in-car video cameras**

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette , and carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0- with Council Member Schulte not present) the Council approved a resolution authorizing the purchase of a comprehensive in car video replacement system from Digital-Ally at a price not to exceed \$25,060. The city was able to use \$11,500 from the separate drug and alcohol fund.

## **12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None**

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

Council Member Barrette gave a brief update on the DTE LED lighting project.

Council Member Gesell asked about recent power outages. Council Member Barrette reported that DTE is rerouting electrical circuits to alleviate outages in the future.

## **14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS –** Mayor Kedzierski remarked on the last swim meet which will be held tomorrow. The Mayor commented on the swim team's successful season. He

expressed delight with the new residents moving into the community.

**15. ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS-**The Council adjourned at 8:40pm into a closed session for strategy and discussion connected with the negotiations of a collective bargaining agreement as permitted by The Open Meetings Act MCL.(15.268c.)

**16. ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Kedzierski reported the Closed Session resulted in an authorization of the administration to proceed with the negotiation of labor contracts in accordance with discussions held in Closed Session. No action was taken.

**17. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 8/20/13 & 9/17/13 - 7:00pm)**

**18. ADJOURNMENT** - On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette ,and carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0- with Council Member Schulte not present) the Council adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk