

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 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, June 18, 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, 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 MAY 21, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the May 21, 2013 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present. (6-0- with Council Member Felt not present).

5. 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 Bisballe. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously by those in attendance (6-0- with Council Member Felt not present).

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

[Council Member Felt arrives at 7:07pm]

Joe Girardi, a resident of the city for 49 years commented on the property line height restrictions, the application of such restrictions to hedges, and the need for a municipal ordinance for residents to “shape up or ship out.”

7. PROCLAMATION – Gary Abud, Teacher of the Year Recognition

Mayor Kedzierski presented Gary Abud with a proclamation recognizing the city’s appreciation of Mr. Abud and his recognition as *Michigan’s Teacher of the Year*. Such a proclamation has not been

bestowed on any other Grosse Pointe Public School System teacher since 1952. Mr. Abud addressed Council to express his appreciation for the proclamation.

8. GPSIF SPLASH PAD PRESENTATION

Karl Kratz, Vice President of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation presented design and engineering plans for a proposed splash pad for Osius Park. The cost of such a splash pad was estimated in the amount of \$162,000. Mr. Wollenweber estimated approximately \$25,000 in support construction and utility hookup expenses for the project. The fresh water expense is estimated at approximately \$22,000 annually. Council Member Schulte was concerned with escalating water costs and the possibility of an extended warranty for the splash pad. The matter was discussed relating to additional costs, warranties, completion dates, resident usage, and conceptual approval of the project.

9. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

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

1. Approval of Bills - Roof repairs, tree trimming, and life guard uniforms were designated as out of the ordinary expenses for the month. The bills were approved on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Felt and carried by unanimous vote of Council Members (7-0).
2. Review of Financial Statements - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts indicated the budget is still on track with a slight surplus expected by the end of the fiscal year.
3. Finance Committee - Chairman Bisballe reported the finance committee did not meet, nor see any need to meet, with approval of the budget at the last meeting of Council.
4. Final FY 2012-2013 Budget Amendments - Revenue and expenditure reports for various funds of the city were presented to Council. Each year, the city is required to amend the current year budget when significant changes to the original adopted budget have been made. Council reviewed such variances and discussed same. The amendments were approved on motion by Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Gesell and carried by unanimous vote of Council Members (7-0)

B. Public Safety – Director John Schulte

1. Monthly Update, Statistical and Various Other Reports

Director John Schulte reported a routine month with the top 20 calls for service presented to Council. False burglary alarms have increased. Candidates are being interviewed for the position of public safety officer and personnel for 24 hour police support for the municipal building staff. Reorganization of public service officers is underway. A rescue loop and life jackets have been purchased for lake front rescues. A closed circuit television provider has been contacted. A fire at 981 Lakeshore Drive was expertly doused by Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety officers with assistance from Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods under our mutual aid agreement. A frayed cassette player power cord caused the fire. A smoke detector is credited for the life-saving alarm which avoided injury and/or possible loss of life.

C. Public Works - Director Brett Smith reported on the road paving project which is nearing completion. The crowning of paved streets has required replacement of many driveway approaches. The DTE lighting project is moving toward completion with Council Member Barrette's able assistance. Fire hydrant painting is underway.

D. Parks and Harbor

1. Monthly Update - Council Member Schulte reported Wally's Custard will make appearances at Osius Park during the summer. The committee is examining the splash pad proposed by the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation. The construction of a miniature golf course is still under analysis.

E. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reviewed the following legal issues during the month: CCTV program for the municipal building, Corby Electric service contract, SMART/PAATS/SOC transportation management agreement, a legal opinion regarding the marina decking (which will be discussed in closed session), Wayne County municipal bike racks contract, several FOIA requests, a real property tax matter, and consultation with the Department of Public Safety about auto property damage collections.

F. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported on the upcoming United States Optimist Dingy Association sailing event at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Parking and security procedures have been formulated. GPYC has asked for use of the tennis courts during the sailing event. Our city intends to host the 2014 Michigan Dinner for Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods elected officials. An insurance rebate in the amount of \$56,000 is expected to arrive soon. WOW cable network representatives have resurfaced and once again considered appearing at a Council meeting to respond to questions from Council Members. Bond refinancing is in the preliminary stages. Annual municipal operations came in under budget for the fiscal year. The closing of the placement/assignment of the Honeywell installment contract will occur in July.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Marina Decking** - Mr. Wollenweber reported that portions of the marina decking have been temporarily patched with plywood. The replacement decking will begin to arrive soon. It will be stored in the Osius Park parking lot.
- B. Ambassador Committee** – Council Member Felt reported 25 homes have been sold since the beginning of the 2013 year. Discussions continue with potential authors for a book about the municipality. Council Member Felt has been active with the PAATS transportation transition. She indicated an impending 50% reduction in the Michigan state budget for South Eastern Michigan will present significant challenges for this necessary and important transportation service.
- C. Blue Ribbon Operations Committee** – Council Member Schulte indicated various areas of examination in municipal matters which are being conducted by the committee. Significant progress has been made on a comprehensive report being prepared by the committee.

11. NEW BUSINESS - Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA)

The approval of a three-year plan and recommendation that Mark Wollenweber and Fran

Schoenberg be appointed to the DAAA board were approved on motion by Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Bisballe and carried by unanimous vote of Council Members (7-0)

12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Harry Kurtz had questions concerning height restrictions of the hedge and fence ordinances; and whether there might be a requirement as to the cutting of existing hedges.

13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Felt commended the administrative staff for their efforts in construction and operation of the new computer server and IT system.

14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Kedzierski, in light of a recent fire in the community, asked residents to check their smoke detectors, and to check for old electrical components which may constitute a fire hazard

15. ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION- At the request of the Mayor, and after a roll call vote, approved and carried by unanimous vote of Council Members (7-0), the council adjourned into closed session at 8:38PM for Review of Legal Opinion on Marina Decking Claims.

16. ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION – The Council returned into open session at 9:27PM. On motion by Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried by a 6-1 vote (Council Member Schulte voting against), the Council authorized City Attorney Renaud to continue the marina decking negotiations with recalcitrant parties in accordance with the discussion held among Council Members in Closed session.

17. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 7/16/13 & 8/20/13 - 7:00pm)

18. ADJOURNMENT - On motion by Council Member Schulte, seconded by Council Member Gesell and carried by unanimous vote of Council Members (7-0) the meeting was adjourned at 9:27PM

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk