

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 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, March 18, 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 Robert H. Barrette, Jr., Bruce Bisballe, Kay Felt, Robert E. Gesell, Daniel T. Schulte

Absent: Alexander Ajlouni, M.D. (Excused on Motion of Schulte, seconded by Gesell, carried unanimously)

Also present: City Clerk Bruce R. Nichols
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 FEBRUARY 18, 2014 REGULAR AND CLOSED MEETING
The minutes of the February 18, 2014 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Felt seconded by Council Member Gesell and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present. (6-0- with Ajlouni not present).

The minutes of the February 18, 2014 Closed Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Gesell and seconded by Council Member Barrette and carried by unanimous vote of those Council Members present. (6-0- with Ajlouni not present).

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 by those in attendance (6-0- with Ajlouni not present).

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

7. PROMOTION – Sergeant James Tassie, a 17 ½ year veteran of the department, and paramedic, was promoted to Sergeant. Chief Schulte praised the fine work of Sergeant Tassie.

8. LIVESAVING AWARD – Lieutenant Ken Werenski, Sergeant Ronald Coste & Sergeant James Tassie were presented with the Lifesaving Award by Chief Schulte for their heroic efforts in a difficult

and successful water rescue performed on Lake St. Clair in 2013.

9. **BLUE RIBBON OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** - Blue Ribbon Committee member John Booth gave a brief overview of the need and purposes of the Blue Ribbon Operations Committee, the efforts of Council Member Dan Schulte in spearheading and guiding the committee, the research involved in the 36 municipal job descriptions, pension funds, capital funding budget, aging infrastructure, debt service, Detroit Water and Sewage Department, the Lake Shore Rd. seawall, and ambulance services. Discussion ensued with questions directed to Mr. Booth.

Committee Member Alan Broad addressed Council with recognition and commendation for members of the Blue Ribbon Operations Committee for their fine work. He directed the attention of Council to the statement of community principles contained in the report.

10. 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 Ajlouni not present).
2. Review Financial Statements - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts reviewed and presented same to Council indicating the budget was proceeding in accordance within financial forecasts with no surprises in store. 99.2% of the property taxes have been collected. SEV was up 5% to \$274 million with Taxable Value increasing by 1.77% to \$257 Million.
3. Finance Committee - Finance Committee Chairman Bisballe reported the committee last met in February. During the upcoming April meeting, the committee will attempt to incorporate the Blue Ribbon Operations Committee report into the new municipal budget.

- B. **Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte explained the benefits of the Grosse Pointe Mutual Aid Agreement for a small municipality like the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores. He also recommended adoption of the Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan which is on the meeting agenda.

The Chief presented a glowing annual report of the Department of Public Safety. It is arguable that the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores has the lowest crime rate in the State of Michigan. During the year, the Department of Public Safety made over 3,000 home checks, experienced negligible serious crime, made 163 medical runs, with an average response time of three minutes or less, 2,372 hours of training were completed, \$46,588 was retrieved in cost recovery from third parties, and \$77,000 was recovered with other fees and claims for damages to municipal property.

The Chief reported the Patrol and Command Officers contracts are completed. The matter of exterior closed circuit cameras will be presented to Council at the April meeting.

- C. **Public Works** - Director Brett Smith reported winter was very hard on city streets. Cold patch crews are waiting for the weather to warm up. Charles Mengden is a new employee of the Department of Public Works replacing Jimmy Riddle. The Department is currently seeking applications for summer help. The road salt budget has been exhausted.

[Councilmember Schulte leaves at 8:05pm]

D. Parks and Harbor Council Member Barrette reported the 3% increase in well rates will not be sufficient to cover the deficit of park operations. National Coney Island is discussing a cost neutral food-service arrangement for the municipal park.

E. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported addressing the following matters during the previous month: advice regarding the city emergency recovery costs and no need for amendment of the ordinance regarding Medicaid, a construction issue on Colonial Road, several FOIA requests, and Open Meetings Act question, the matter of the Grosse Pointe Clinton Township Refuse Authority funds escrow, the deposition of a city employee, and revisions of the PAATS/SOC contract.

F. Manager's Report – Brett Smith, in City Manager Mark Wollenweber's absence reported the Honeywell project is nearing completion. The municipal building has a new front door. New employee contracts are complete. A village tile prototype is being fabricated. Park Pass applications have been forwarded to residents.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ambassador Committee – Council Member Felt reported efforts continue on the municipal book. She remarked on the PAATA/SOC contract finalization.

12. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Purchase of Public Safety Vehicle** The Department of Public Safety having recommended the purchase of a public safety vehicle, on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously by those in attendance (5-0- with Council Members Ajlouni and Schulte not present) a resolution was a passed authorizing the purchase of a 2010 Ford Taurus from Crest Ford in the amount of \$15,515.
- B. Adoption of the Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan** The Department of Public Safety having recommended the Adoption of the Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan, as submitted by the Wayne County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Felt, and carried unanimously by those in attendance (5-0- with Council Members Ajlouni and Schulte not present) a resolution was a passed adopting the Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (dated August 5, 2013) pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations Title 44 Chapter 1 Subchapter D part 201 Section 201.6.c.5.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Helen Bai reported on a SEMCOG meeting regarding phragmites and their impact on Southeast Michigan.

Dr. Raymond Rahi addressed emergency medical services and the need for immediate response

when called.

Harry Kurtz addressed the matter of ambulance runs and the new Rivers assisted-living project.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Barrette reported our municipal streetlights now contain LED light fixtures.

Council Member Bisballe commended the LED Street light project and the favorable capital planning involved in it. He posed possible issues with the opening of the Rivers project and the potential for overtaxing municipal ambulance services.

Council Member Gesell commended staff for the completion of the Honeywell project.

15. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – The Mayor commented on the passing of resident William Clay Ford, the upcoming Town Hall meeting on Saturday, May 7, 2014 at 10 AM, swim team registration scheduled for Saturday, April 12, and the continued organization of the Fun Committee.

16. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 4/15/14 & 5/20/14 - 7:00pm)

17. ADJOURNMENT- On motion by Council Member Gesell and seconded by Council Member Barrette, carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk