

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 – 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, May 15, 2018 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, Bruce Bisballe, Tina Ellis, Robert E. Gesell, Doug Kucyk and Matthew Seely

Absent: None

Also present: City Clerk Bruce Nichols  
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts  
City Attorney Brian Renaud  
Public Safety Director John Schulte  
DPW Director Brett Smith  
City Manager Mark Wollenweber

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2018 REGULAR MEETING**

On Motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the minutes of the meeting held on April 17, 2018 were approved unanimously.

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

On Motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the minutes of the meetings of the various committees and commissions were approved unanimously to be received and filed.

**6. PROCLAMATION** – Kathleen Mullins, a resident of the Village Grosse Pointe Shores, and having served as President and CEO of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, and upon her retirement, Mayor Kedzierski presented a proclamation in honor of Kathleen Mullins’s service to our community.

**7. PRESENTATION** – K-9 Swearing In.

For exceptional service in goose chasing at Osius Park, Chief John Schulte presented K-9 badge number 3 to Dalmatian “Trace”. Fran Bachman, as owner and trainer, assisted in the swearing-in ceremony. Trace barked in approval of the entire proceeding.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET, TAX RATE, WATER RATE**

**A. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget**

On motion of Council Member Seely, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously (7-0), Council adopted the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and staff and on a fund and activity basis for the fiscal year 2018/2019. Specifically, the General Fund at the functional level and all other funds at the expenditure level.

**B. 2018 Tax Rate**

On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Seely, and carried unanimously (7-0), Council approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to establish the 2018 tax rate for the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City, to be levied July 1, 2018, as follows:

General Operations	13.3931
Capital Equipment	0.1080
Refuse	1.9986
Pension	1.1050
PA 359	0.1801
Debt Service	<u>0.9183</u>
Total Tax Rate	17.7031

**C. Proposed Water/Sewer Rate**

On motion of Council Member Ellis, seconded by Council Member Seely, and carried unanimously (7-0), Council approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee and staff for a 5% increase in the total rate charge for water and sewer billings. Such motion, as approved, increased the water/sewer rate by 5% from \$12.49 per 100 cubic feet of water usage to \$13.12 effective July 1, 2018. The quarterly minimum billing was increased from \$187.35 to \$196.80.

**9. PUBLIC HEARING – Special Land Use Request - 627 Lake Shore Rd.**

On motion of Council Member Gesell, by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously (7-0), Council convened a Public Hearing for a Special Land Use Request for the installation of 15 solar panels on an existing roof. The petitioner seeks a special land-use approval to attach a solar array system. The solar cells will be on south exposed roof of a detached garage. Such applications are subject to Planning Commission and City Council for review and approval. Planning Commission Chairperson Mary Matuja reported that the Planning Commission unanimously approved the plan.

Chuck Ruifrok expressed opposition to solar panel roof installations due to the lack of economic benefit and the potential pitfalls by their use. The question arose as to whether the city ordinance regarding solar panel roofs was up-to-date, i.e., fire regulation and the avoidance of electric shock to firefighters.

Resident Sam Rococo had comments regarding landscaping and the solar panels. He felt the potential for change of the amount of reflection of the panels would vary over time.

Based on the review of the Planning Commission, and testimony from Mark Haggerty of Michigan Solar Solutions, and with adoption of the proposed recommendations and conditions of Carlisle Wortman and Associates, on motion by Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously (7-0), Council approved the Special Land Use as proposed by the petitioner.

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

Harry Kurtz had comments regarding the municipal park gatehouse contract and its approval process. He complained of lack of clarity and focus on the cost of the project.

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

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

1. Approval of Bills - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts reported nothing unusual with the exception of quarterly payments for lockup facilities, and server repairs. After several questions from Council, on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Seely, and carried unanimously, (7-0), the bills were approved for payment.
2. Review of Financial Statements. Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts presented the financial statements of the city for review by City Council.
3. Finance Committee Chairman Report-Bruce Bisballe reported on the budget formulation process, the financial condition of the municipality going, and the approved one mill reduction in the total tax rate.

**B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte reported on the beginning of construction of the new dispatch and lockup facility in Grosse Pointe Woods, which will assure improved safety for both staff and detainees. Our new park rangers are being trained. Requests for permits for solicitation by door to door is increasing. PSO Zef Bojaj has successfully completed his one-year probationary period. The enforcement of ordinance regarding the failure to have auto insurance continues to be aggressive. The chief responded to questions from Council regarding firefighting breathing apparatus.**

**C. Public Works – Director Brett Smith reported that a great deal of effort has been expended in getting the harbor open due to an early spring freeze of the water system. Pool filtration systems are ready. The tennis court project is underway and the scheduling of parking lot renovations is also beginning. Spring grass cutting season has been hampered by cold and wet conditions. Sewer repairs were required to avoid Lake water penetration through the sewer connecting joints. Fordcroft developed a sink hole problem. Cold patch of road repair has fixed most of the**

problems in the roadways in the city.

- D. **Parks Committee-** Council Liaison Doug Kucyk said the committee continues to monitor the park improvements. He had favorable comments about the pool house and the exposed aggregate paving in front of the pool house.
- E. **Harbor Committee-** Chairman John Seago reported on the continued effort to obtain proper fitment of vessels moored in the harbor. Occupancy of the wells is approximately 90% of capacity.
- F. **Infrastructure Report-** Bob Barrette reported that discussions with Rocket Fiber as an Internet service provider continues. Lake Shore Rd. seawall deterioration is accelerated by the high water level. The seawall was built in 1932. Council Member Barrette showed photographs of the deterioration of the seawall.
- G. **Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation-** President Brett Marshall showed City Council a sample of an artificial ice rink surface (“Glice”). He also reported on a successful Arbor Day celebration. Council Member Seely commented on the potential of donor supplement of foundation improvements. Mr. Marshall commented that Tree Committee efforts had been successful in its efforts to avoid storm damage as evidenced by little or no damages/outages from recent wind storms.
- H. **Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on providing the following legal services during the previous month:

Responses to FOIA requests, review of solicitation ordinance issues, SOC/PAATS bus service contract review, review of legal status of tax reverted parcel, review of the Wayne County Circuit Court opinion on the Deeplands development matter, and attention to the Deeplands neighborhood lawsuit regarding deed restrictions, review of the South East Michigan Sewerage Disposal Contract, and attention to a Lakeshore Road boundary dispute which has been assigned to our insurance carrier for litigation defense of the city.
- I. **Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber introduced Michigan State University Summer Intern Brian Mack to City Council. Our historical plaque wording is being reviewed and should be available soon. Mr. Wollenweber updated Council on the park and tennis court construction projects. Our new municipal court administrator is now on duty. Wayne County finally paid for the bike fix-it station. Mr. Wollenweber also had comments regarding the good service the city received from our premier engineering companies. There was a troublesome failure of a generator in the North end pump station.

## 12. OLD BUSINESS – None

## 13. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Public Safety PSO Contract Approval  
As sufficient funds are contained in the 2018/2019 budget, on motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously (7-

0), Council approved a new three-year PSO Contract, which will include a 2.5% salary adjustment for each of the three years, a \$25 increase in uniform allowance, a change in the tuition reimbursement program from \$400 to \$600 upon the Chief's approval for Public Safety related classes, and a sick leave payout to match the Command Officers; upon retirement PSO officers will be paid at a 75% rate of accumulated unused sick days in their bank over a three-year period.

- B. Gatehouse Building Project Approval  
On motion of Council Member Seely, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried (6-1), with Council Member Kucyk voting against the motion, Council approved the award of the construction of the Gatehouse to APCOR Construction and Development at a price not to exceed \$60,000.
- C. Proposed SEMSD Service Contract Approval  
On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously (7-0) , Council approved the proposed Southeast Macomb Sanitary District Service Contract subject to obtaining acceptable memo of understanding as set forth in the communication from the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores in a letter dated April 30, 2018.
- D. Beaumont Health – Healthy Community Initiative  
On motion of Council Member Ellis, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously (7-0), Council approved the memorandum of understanding with Beaumont Health to establish a partnership and ongoing working relationship within the community.

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

Vito Cusenza had questions and comments regarding Wayne County and the sewer charges.

Harry Kurtz had comments regarding the gatehouse at the municipal Park and its approach Road.

Vito Cusenza also had comments regarding the municipal Park gatehouse.

Helen Bai showed Council the municipal 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary Arbor Day shirt. She also reported on the spring planting at the municipal park and municipal building. Shredding day is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **15. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS - None**

#### **16. MAYOR'S COMMENTS –** Mayor Kedzierski commented on the recent Town Hall meeting discussions and that Rocket Fiber ISP services are very pricey.

#### **17. REQUEST TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION –** At 9:36 PM, Council, after a unanimous roll call vote (7-0), entered into closed session to discuss a written legal opinion of the City Attorney regarding a pending real estate transaction and ongoing litigation.

**18. RESUME OPEN SESSION at 11:08PM**

**19. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** (Tues, 6/19/18 & Tues, 7/17/18  
-7pm)

**20. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE TOWN HALL MEETINGS** (Sat, 9/15/18 - 10am)

**21. ADJOURNMENT** - City Council adjourned the meeting at 11:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce R Nichols  
City Clerk