

**MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 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, May 20, 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.(arrived after roll call), 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 APRIL 15, 2014 REGULAR MEETING**

On Motion of Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the approval of the minutes of the April 15, 2014 regular meeting was tabled by unanimous vote. (6-0 with Council Member Ajlouni not participating in the 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 Barrette. Discussion followed and the motion carried unanimously. (6-0 with Council Member Ajlouni not participating in the vote).

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** - None

**7. SWEARING IN OF NEW PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER – ADAM BREMER**

In a long standing family tradition of public service, triple-trained Adam Bremer was sworn in by Mayor Kedzierski as a new Public Safety Officer for the city.

*[Council Member Ajlouni arrives at 7:15pm]*

**8. PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET, TAX RATE, WATER RATE**

- A. **ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET** Finance Chairman Bruce Bisballe presented the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the 2014 and 2015 budget. The budget includes, but was not limited to many improvements which were either underway or completed in the community with Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Works employee contracts, the possibility of a budget surplus, the lack of a need for a tax increase, additional public service officers and patrol vehicles, completion of the Honeywell Project, the installation of a concession stand at Osius Park, and the construction of a splash pad. The Marina bond is still an issue and may require refinancing. Pension funding is generally in order. No major sewer projects are anticipated in the next year. The Oxford Road project will be delayed by a year. No changes in the Public Safety department are anticipated. The LED lighting systems are functioning superbly.

Resident Doug Kucyk asked questions about the audit of cable fees payable to the city.

Mr. Bisballe reported the reasons for the necessity of a 12% water rate increased due to DWSD increases. Discussion continued regarding capital improvements and upcoming budgets.

On Motion of Council Member Felt, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the budget recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted and the budget for the fiscal year 2014 through 2015 was approved by City Council by unanimous vote (7-0).

**B. 2014 TAX RATE**

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, the 2014 tax rate of 17.8794 mills (same rate as last year) was unanimously approved by City Council resolution (7-0).

**C. PROPOSED WATER RATE**

Discussion ensued regarding the water and sewage rate increases received from DWSD, which must be passed through to our residents. The topic of independence from DWSD was discussed.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, a water rate increase to \$9.688/per 100 ft. was approved unanimously (7-0).

**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. (7-0)
2. Review Financial Statements - Finance Officer Ricketts presented the current financial statements, including balance sheet, with revenue and expenditures for review by Council. Revenues are anticipated to exceed disbursements by \$60,000 by the end of the year.
3. Finance Committee - Chairman Report  
The committee recommendations and report were addressed in Item 8 of the Agenda.

**B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte reported the top 20 calls for service were within normal parameters for a typical month. The Village is being surveyed for placement of closed-circuit TV**

cameras. Bids for equipment and installation were very different in nature and cost. A consultant has been retained to draft a purchasing specification that will result in a more understandable bid for CCTV. The rebuilding project at the fire damaged 981 Lakeshore residence is in final negotiations stages with the casualty insurance company. PSO Childrey will join the Joint Grosse Pointe Special Response Team. The city is actively seeking Park Rangers for summer employment. Grosse Pointe Shores received a grant for prisoner processing equipment and facilities.

**C. Public Works** – Director Brett Smith reported the weather is still causing maintenance difficulties in the community, although progress is being made. Some underground irrigation system and landscaping reconstruction was necessary at Osius Park due to splash pad construction and weather damage. The installation of the splash pad has been delayed because of inclement weather. The baby pool and large pool cover were also damaged by the harsh winter. The Honeywell Project is 99% completed. The annual flowers have arrived for planting.

**D. Parks and Harbor** Council Member Barrette reported the splash pad has been acid washed and prepped. However, bad weather has delayed application of the finish coat to the splash pad surface. The concession stand is 60% complete and awaiting Wayne County Health Department inspection. The splash pad dedication will be on June 17, 2014 at 6:30 PM. A survey of residents has indicated a great interest in the use of the concession stand, with a focus on a healthier menu. Eighteen (18) personal watercraft are moored at the municipal marina with a waiting list for available pods.

**E. Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported performing the following legal services during the month: a response to a document subpoena from a third-party lawsuit, response to a FOIA request concerning the traffic arrest of a city resident, review and respond to comments and revisions on the IT services contract, finalize the PAATS/SOC transportation services contract, advice regarding the appeal of a Wayne County Circuit Court matter, review of the various municipal ordinances to prepare recommendations regarding a possible code of ethics for city officials, review and revise a contract regarding property tax appeals and the utilization of Wayne County for such, review of the proposed resolution for Grosse Pointe Joint Dispatch and the consolidation of same.

**F. Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the city has retained a new IT company at a \$10,000 annual savings. The CCTV requirements for the city have been reviewed by a resident is very knowledgeable in the area of video surveillance. There has been a review of the matter of the Wayne County storm water drainage system spinoff. The horse trough is painted the same color as it was when it was installed in 1914. The city has received \$96,000 in grants from the State of Michigan for CDBG funding. Mass emailing or texting of public safety issues to residents is being reviewed.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Ambassador Committee Update** - Council Member Felt reported that steady work continues on the municipal book. The reservation of copies to enable ordering the proper number of books will begin soon. Some details of the book were revealed to City Council. The book should go to press in June of this year. The municipal tile is still being developed and reviewed. Home sales in April showed 33 houses for sale, eight are listed in excess of \$1 million dollars. The real estate values of properties in the community are steadily improving.

**11. NEW BUSINESS –**

**A. Three-City Grosse Pointe Dispatch Consolidation Resolution**

Mark Wollenweber reported on the advantages of authorizing participation in the in the Three City Grosse Pointe Dispatch and Lockup Consolidation Project in order to attain a Michigan grant to assist in funding the project.

On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously (7-0), City Council authorized participation in the Three City Grosse Pointe Dispatch and Lockup Consolidation Project, and for the City Clerk and City Manager to execute and submit documents required by the State of Michigan relating to grant requirements.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Frank Tenkle commented on the need for a concrete pad under the cart area at the Municipal Park.

Helen Bai reported flower planting will shape up on time, in the customary schedule, without deviation. The City of Grosse Pointe has adopted “Project Bloom” as a model after our city’s plan.

**13. COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS** - Council Member Barrette and Council Member Felt both thanked the efforts of residents, other council members, and staff for the passing of the budget and other municipal projects in the community.

**14. MAYOR’S COMMENTS** – Mayor Kedzierski thanked the Finance Committee, and commented on the success of the Arbor Day planting of memorial trees.`

**15. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 6/17/14 & 7/15/14 - 7:00pm)**

**16. ADJOURNMENT** On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk