

**MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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, November 19, 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, 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 OCTOBER 15, 2013 REGULAR MEETING**

The minutes of the October 15, 2013 Regular Council Meeting were approved on motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette and carried by unanimous 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. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** - None

**7. AUDIT PRESENTATION – Abraham & Gaffney, P. C.**

Aaron Stevens, CPA, provided the audit results of the city's finances during the 2012-13 fiscal year indicating the city's financial statements were presented fairly in all respects. The city received an "unmodified opinion", which is the best opinion a municipality can receive.

A motion by Council Member Felt to accept and receive the report of Abrahams and

Gaffney, PC was offered and seconded by Council Member Barrette and the motion carried unanimously.

- 8. BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS** – Mayor Kedzierski administered the oath of office to re-elected Council Members, Alexander Ajlouni, M.D., Robert H. Barrette, Jr., and Bruce Bisballe.

Motion by Council Member Felt to appoint Council Member Bruce Bisballe as Mayor Pro Tem was offered and seconded by Council Member Barrette and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kedzierski presented his proposed appointment of individuals to various community liaisons, commissions and advisory committees to council. A motion by Council Member Bisballe to approve and confirm the appointment of such individuals was offered and seconded by Council Member Barrette and the motion carried unanimously. A copy of such appointments is attached hereto.

**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 Barrette seconded by Council Member Gesell. An extraordinary revenue item of \$56,223 premium refund was received from Municipal Risk Insurance.
2. Review Financial Statements - Finance Officer Ricketts presented the current financial statements, including balance sheet, with revenue and expenditures for review by Council.
3. Finance Committee - Chairman Bisballe reported that the finance committee did not meet during the month prior to the Council meeting. A meeting will be forthcoming with the continuance of work on the municipal budget.

**B. Public Safety** – Director John Schulte expressed the staff members' gratitude for the Employee Appreciation Dinner. A coyote problem on the north end of the city, and in particular the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate, is being addressed. The Public Safety Department has been approved for a \$6,000 in-car camera grant. Ballistic vests are being replaced for public safety officers. Approximately 350 bench warrants are currently outstanding in the municipality. An amnesty program for scofflaws has been initiated. Split-rim wheels have been removed and new tires have been placed on the fire truck. The contractor leaf removal ordinance enforcement procedure is problematic.

**C. Public Works** - Director Brett Smith reported the late leaf drop has required an extensive effort on the part of staff. A power outage occurred before the installation of the backup generator system. The new generator backup system should be brought

online soon. Flooded streets have been cleared from the recent cloudburst. The city has experienced five water main breaks over the last few months, with all repairs completed. A sewer break occurred near Deeplands Road. The replacement roof on the Department of Public Works was completed. Holiday decorations are going up in time for the December 1<sup>st</sup> tree lighting ceremony.

- D. **Parks and Harbor** Council Member Schulte reported that on October 24, 2013 their meeting discussed harbor weeds, an attempt to obtain quotations for a miniature golf course, a problem with geese in the municipal park, and the ongoing progress of marina deck replacement.
- E. **Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on reviewing the following legal matters during the previous month: Ongoing discussions with SMART for PAATS/SOC transportation contract negotiation, review of a block grant of \$49,000, amendments to the bylaws to allow extension of the Grosse Pointe Clinton Township Refuse Authority, employment issues, citation of a waste removal company, review of the nuisance ordinance, review of the landscape contractor ordinance, and a FOIA review.
- F. **Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported on the search for a new long-term planner for the Planning Commission, the necessity to retain a day-time municipal gate guard during the winter months for liability purposes, the potential for improved financial rating of the municipality back to AA+, and potential of outfitting Council Members with I-Pad mobile devices in the approximate cost of \$4000, with the commensurate savings in copy costs to offset such expense for the devices, an upgrade to the photographic plat record for assessment department purposes, an upcoming Pension Board meeting, and the ongoing status of the Honeywell Project.

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Ambassador Committee** – DJ Boehm reported on the continued writing of the Grosse Pointe Shores history book, with publication anticipated in 2014. She also reported 27 homes for sale, sale of 30 homes having closed to date, with an existing six-month inventory of homes. Prices have increased 10 to 15% in the last year. She also reported on an outstanding Grosse Pointe North High School tour which was conducted by the principal of the school. The design of a commemorative tile is underway.
- B. **Blue Ribbon Operations Committee** – Council Member Schulte reported the Blue Ribbon Committee is making its final revisions on a broad scope of topics.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. **Public Act 152 – Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act**  
On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Felt, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council Members, the 80/20 Cost-Sharing Arrangement for Compliance with Public Act 152, the Public Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, was approved for 2014.

**B. Landscape Contractor Ordinance - Discussion**

City Attorney Brian Renaud reviewed inconsistencies with the removal ordinance currently in place. He recommends amendment to the ordinance to remove numerous ambiguities and inconsistencies in the ordinance. Council Member Bisballe asked for a complete review of the ordinance and possible registration, with a schedule of fees for contractors, and snow removal companies, with the municipal licensing of these services. Discussion ensued among the Council Members. Mr. Wollenweber will review similar ordinances in other communities and work with Brian Renaud to provide a possible draft of such an ordinance.

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

Helen Bai presented the 2013 year-end report of the Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Committee. In addition to receiving the report, Mayor Kedzierski expressed his appreciation on behalf of the city for the good work and effort of the entire committee.

On motion by Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Gesell, a resolution was passed by unanimous vote to officially thank the Beautification Committee for their efforts during the year.

**13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Council Member Barrette expressed appreciation to the Department of Public Works, with 70% of the LED lighting project completed.

Council Member Felt pointed out the great improvement in the operation of the city over the last two years.

Council Member Gesell congratulated the three re-elected Council Members.

**14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS –**

Mayor Kedzierski announced the tree lighting ceremony will be held on December 1, 2013 at 6 PM. He was pleased on the number of events which have unfolded in the community with residents' involvement. He thanked volunteers who assisted in the Boo Fest. He also reported the Splash Pad Fundraiser which was held by the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation at the Lochmoor Club was a tremendous success.

**15. NOTE DATE OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 12/17/13 & 1/21/14 - 7:00pm)**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Council Member Gesell, supported by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk