

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF
THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 – 12:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - The monthly meeting of the City Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Mayor Kedzierski.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL** – Clerk Bruce Nichols

Present: Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Robert H. Barrette, Sandra Cavataio, John Dakmak, Danielle Gehlert, Donn Schroder

Absent: John T. Seago (Excused on unanimously carried motion of Schroder with support by Gehlert)

Also present: City Clerk Bruce Nichols
Finance Officer/Treasurer Candice Giles
City Manager Stephen Poloni
City Attorney Brian Renaud
Public Works Director Mike Way
Public Safety Director Ken Werenski

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2021, REGULAR MEETING & DECEMBER 8, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING**

On motion by Council Member Schroder, seconded by Council Member Gehlert, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the minutes were approved.

5. **RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS MINUTES**

On motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Cavataio, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the minutes were received and filed.

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

7. **REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

A. **Budget and Finance** – Finance Officer/Treasurer Candice Giles informed Council that the format of the accounting reports have changed visually. Water bills will go out next week with the water billing period realigned with the end of the calendar year.

1. *Approval of Bills* - On motion by Council Member Schroder, seconded by Council Member Gehlert, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the bills were

authorized for payment.

2. *Review of Financial Statements* - The current financial statements of the city were presented to Council for their review.
 3. *Finance Committee Chairman Report* Chair Sandra Cavataio discussed the recent pension report and the investment results for the 2021 year-end. The actuarial liability increased from \$85,000 to \$484,000. OPED liability will remain the same. Covid grants allowed some shifting of funds; however, next year's budget may come up \$200,000 short due to the lack of availability of Covid funds.
- B. Public Safety** – Chief Kenneth Werenski reported the city now has two (2) new Public Safety Officers. This will greatly relieve the staffing shortage that has recently plagued the department. The Chief expressed his appreciation to Council and staff upon the one-year anniversary of his tenure as Director of Public Safety.
- C. Public Works** – Director Mike Way reported curbside leaf pickup has ended. All leaves now must be bagged for pickup. The street sweeper made its last pass for the season through the city. He reported our new street sweeper works exceptionally well.
- D. Parks Committee** – New chairman Tom Mellos spoke of several projects that are under consideration for 2022. He expressed gratitude to the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation for their help with improvements at the Municipal Park. Council Liaison Donn Schroder expressed his endorsement of the appointment of Tom Mellos as Chairman of the Parks Committee.
- E. Harbor Committee** –New Harbor Chairman Dan Ritter reported work continues on the replacement of the marina decking. Completed installation of the replacement decking is anticipated before the spring launching date. The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club bridge replacement should not present any problem for our well occupants. A directory of well occupants is being compiled. The next meeting of the Harbor Committee is scheduled for March 8, 2022.
- F. Infrastructure Report** –Council Liaison Robert Barrette stated no meeting was held during the month. There has been some ongoing discussion regarding the “fishing habitat” seawall concept; however, such a seawall seems to be unsuitable for our needs. Test sites may proceed to try the effectiveness of this type of seawall.
- G. GPSIF** – Council Liaison Danielle Gehlert stated no meeting of the foundation was held in December. The next meeting of the foundation is scheduled for January 10, 2022 at 7 PM.
- H. Communications Committee** – Council Liaison Danielle Gehlert advised Council that the next meeting for the committee is scheduled for January 13, 2022 at 7 PM.
- I. Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on providing the following legal services during the previous month: Consultations with the city on issues regarding the Open Meetings Act, review of audit information, attendance at a Special Meeting of

Council, and consultations regarding various procedural matters.

J. Manager's Report – City Manager Steve Poloni reported the municipal website has been redesigned and is currently under review. Calendars will be delivered to the residents next week.

8. OLD BUSINESS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS - None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Resident Richard Rappa described his flooding issues resulting from his next door neighbor's raising of the grade of the land. He has resultant ponding on his property, which he believes has a deleterious effect on the value of his property. He asked for help with the problem from city officials. City Manager Poloni indicated the neighbor's project has a December 2021 completion deadline. Mr. Poloni also indicated six (6) drains will be installed on the neighbor's project when it is completed. The final installation of the drains should help the storm water runoff problem at the site.

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Gehlert expressed pleasure with the effective unity of the Council in moving the city forward.

Council Member Cavataio congratulated City Manager Poloni and Chief Financial Officer Giles for completion of a very successful audit.

Council Member Schroder, and Council Member Barrette, both wished happy holidays to all.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski reflected on the year 2021, with its addition of two new Council Members, expansion of Osius Park activities, and the smooth and energetic functioning of the municipal administration during the past year. He hoped the Covid vaccine may help us to resume normal activities.

13. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 1/18/22-7pm & Tues, 2/15/22 -7pm)

14. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE TOWN HALL MEETINGS - (Sat, 2/12/22 10am)

15. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Gehlert, and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk