

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Novitke.

Roll Call: Mayor Novitke  
Council members: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Sucher, Waldmeir  
Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Wollenweber  
Treasurer/Comptroller Irby  
City Attorney Chip Berschback  
City Clerk Hathaway  
Director of Public Works Ahee  
Park Supervisor Sharp

The following Commission members were in attendance:

George Mc Mullen, Board of Review  
Michael Skaff, Tree Commission  
Tom Fahrner, Mayor's Mack Avenue  
Chris Christopoulos, Tree Commission  
Steve Chan, Tree Commission  
Joe Shock, City Forester/employee representative on Tree Commission  
Ross Richardson, Planning Commission

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Bryant, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

The Director of Public Works Ahee presented a retirement clock to Carey Lacy for his 25 years of dedicated service to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Motion by Howle, seconded by Dickinson, regarding **National Arbor Day 2009**, that Council voice no objection to the mayoral Proclamation.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

On behalf of the Tree Commission, Dr. Michael Skaff presented the Tree City USA Flag to the Mayor and City Council.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Howle, regarding **commercial assessment study**, that the City Council concur with the Finance Committee at their meeting on April 6, 2009, and approve a contract with Wayne County to perform a commercial district re-assessment study at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Sucher, seconded by Howle, regarding **Michigan Municipal League (MML) Annual Membership Dues**, that City Council authorize payment in the amount of \$6,381 to the Michigan Municipal League for annual membership fees, and to authorize the City Administrator to sign the invoice.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Bryant, regarding **revised FY 2009-10 Budget**, that the City Council receive and place on file the following documents:

1. Memo dated April 6, 2009 – City Administrator-Treasurer/Comptroller;
2. Fund Balance Summary dated April 5, 2009;
3. Millage Rates Proposed 2009/10 dated April 3, 2009;
4. 2009/10 Proposed Budget Summary.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast**, that the City Council authorize a donation to the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Committee to cover speaker costs and scholarships to be presented at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at a cost not to exceed \$500.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Dickinson, regarding **funds transfer request**, that the City Council authorize a funds transfer in the amount of \$4,900 from City Parks Contractual Services Account #101-775-818.000 to Misc. Park/Pool Repair Account #101-774-980.000 to cover the cost of the main drain covers.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding **2008 Delinquent Sidewalk Invoices on the 2009 City Summer Tax Roll – District 6**, that, in accordance with Section 11-7, "Entry of delinquent charges on general tax roll; enforcement of lien," of the 2007 City Code, Council resolves to assess unpaid sidewalk invoices to the property

owners of the described properties in the amounts indicated on the Sidewalk System Delinquent Roll dated March 26, 2009.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, regarding **Woods-Shores Little League Parade**, that Council approve the parade request of the Woods-Shores Little League to take place on Sunday, May 3, 2009, from 12:50-2:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Howle, regarding the **Financial Report of the City Administrator for the month of March 2009** be referred to the Finance Committee for review.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Sucher, seconded by Howle, that the Proposed Ordinance to amend **Chapter 44, Utilities, Article II, Water Distribution System**, of the City Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods of 2007 be published by title in the Grosse Pointe News, the official newspaper of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, and placed on the agenda of the Council meeting scheduled for May 4, 2009.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

The Chair directed administration to place Chapter 44, Utilities, Article II, Water Distribution System, on the Committee-of-the-Whole May 4, 2009, at 7 p.m.

Motion by Howle, seconded by Bryant, regarding the **National Military Month**, that Council voice no objection to the mayoral Proclamation.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Granger, regarding **advertising invoice**, that the City Council authorize payment to the Grosse Pointe News of their invoice dated March 26, 2009, in the amount of \$1,350.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Granger, regarding **advertising invoice**, that the City Council authorize payment to the Grosse Pointe News, their invoice dated April 2, 2009, in the amount of \$162.50.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Howle, seconded by Granger, that the following Labor Attorney invoice dated April 1, 2009, be approved for payment:

1. Keller Thoma Invoice No. 86531 - \$777.14.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

Under New Business, and hearing no objections the following item was discussed under new business:

Motion by Howle, seconded by Bryant, that the Council recess the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 8:12 p.m. and convene in Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending labor negotiations at which time the City Council may or may not reconvene in regular session to address additional items as necessary, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act 1976 PA 267.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Granger Yes  
Howle Yes  
Novitke Yes  
Sucher Yes  
Waldmeir Yes  
Bryant Yes  
Dickinson Yes

The Regular City Council Meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Bryant, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:51 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk