

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Novitke.

Roll Call: Mayor Novitke
Council members: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Sucher
Absent: Howle, Waldmeir

Also Present: City Administrator Wollenweber
City Attorney C. Berschback
Director of Public Works Ahee
Building Inspector Tutag
City Engineer Lockwood
City Treasurer/Comptroller Irby
Recording Clerk St. Peter

Motion by Sucher, seconded by Bryant, that Council Member Howle and Council Member Waldmeir be excused from attendance at tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

John Vitale, Planning Commission
George McMullen, Board of Review
Gabriella Boddy, Beautification Commission

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Granger, 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, Novitke, Sucher
No: None
Absent: Howle, Waldmeir

Michigan Government Finance Officers Association's (MGFOA) Immediate Past President Larry Gordier presented the 34th MGFOA Award for Excellence in Reporting for the Fiscal Year 2007/08 to City Council; Finance Department Staff Dee Ann Irby, Sheila Smith and Betty Meli; and Connie Lukianoff from Plante Moran.

The City Council recessed the Regular City Council Meeting and convened as a Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:45 p.m. Upon conclusion of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the City Council reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

The next item was approval of the City Council minutes dated October 19, 2009.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Sucher, that the City Council Minutes dated October 19, 2009, be approved as amended:

- Page 3 - "Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, regarding Certification of Election Inspectors/Receiving Board, that City Council provide for additional election expenses that includes \$45.00 for each Receiving Board member, \$10.00 per Chair for cell phone use, and an amount not to exceed \$900.00 for training".

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Granger, regarding **2010 MLGMA Winter Institute**, that Council authorize the City Administrator to attend the 2010 MLGMA Winter Institute and be reimbursed for expenses incurred upon presentation and verification by the Finance Committee of an itemized expense report at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Bryant, regarding **Tree Donation**, that Council accept the \$644.00 donation by Pam Molner to purchase and plant five trees in the first two Lochmoor islands east of Mack.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Granger, regarding **Contracts – Water Reservoir (3)**, that Council concur with the recommendation of the Committee-of-the-Whole at their meeting on October 26, 2009, and approve the following three (3) water reservoir related contracts for a combined total amount not to exceed \$2 million:

- A. 500,000 gallon prestressed concrete water reservoir – Natgun Corporation, total project cost including construction, engineering, and contingencies \$721,950.00;
- B. Water Reservoir Pumping Station – Engineered Fluid, Inc., total project cost including construction, engineering, and contingencies \$721,804.00;
- C. Water Reservoir Site Work – Man-Con MI, Inc., total project cost including construction, engineering, and contingencies \$549,363.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Bryant, regarding **Resolution Authorizing Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and Declaring Intent to Reimburse for Expenditures**, that Council concur with the recommendation of the Committee-of-the-Whole at their meeting on October 26, 2009, and adopt the resolution authorizing the City Clerk to publish a Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds in the amount of \$7.5 million.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding **Labor Attorney**, that the City Council approve the following statement dated October 1, 2009:

1. Keller Thoma Invoice #88449 - \$900.30

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Sucher, seconded by Granger, regarding **FY 2009/10 Budget Amendment/Payment**, that Council approve a [transfer](#) in the amount of \$32,297.28 from the Legal Services Account, Account No. 101-210-801 to cover services rendered by Clark Hill regarding Lake Front Park tax appeal.

Deleted: budget amendment transfer

Deleted: to Assessing Contractual Services

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

[Corrected per City Council 11/16/09. lkh](#)

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding **City Attorney Statements**, that the City Council approve the following statements:

1. City Attorney Don R. Berschback - \$6,548.75
2. City Attorney Charles T. Berschback - \$7,420.00

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, that the invoices of Don R. Berschback dated October 27, 2009, and Charles T. Berschback dated October 28, 2009, be received and placed on file.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Hearing no objections, the following items were discussed under **New Business**:

- Elaine Mayers, Sales and Marketing Manager for C&G Newspapers, representing the Grosse Pointe Times regarding their bid for Legal Notices. The rate proposed to Council will be honored for any legal publications that the Council might need between now and when the bid is decided.
- Mr. Cunningham inquired as to when the assisted living facility at 20600 Fairway Lane will cease operations. City Attorney Berschback advised that a ticket was issued today. The ticket is scheduled for hearing in Municipal Court on November 18, 2009. The attorney for the assisted living facility advised Mr. Berschback that their application for licensing is pending at the State licensing bureau.
- Mike Mengden regarding U.S. Postal Services safety issues.
- Mayor Novitke reminded the audience that tomorrow is Election Day.
- Council Member Bryant shared a letter from the Beautification Advisory Commission regarding the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation's Clock Project. City Administrator Wollenweber will check the minutes from the Committee-of-the-Whole when the Clock Project was discussed to make sure there was no Council objection, before the Beautification Commission's approval of the proposed clock and landscaping is communicated to the Grosse Pointe Woods foundation.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Dickinson, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:36 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.