

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Novitke.

Roll Call: Mayor Novitke
Council members: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Shetler
Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Fincham
City Attorney Chip Berschback
Treasurer/Comptroller Irby
City Clerk Hathaway
Director of Public Works Ahee

Council, Administration, and the audience Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The following Commission members were in attendance:

Debra McCarthy, Beautification Commission
Ross Richardson, Planning Commission
George McMullen, Board of Review

Motion by Granger, 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, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, that the following minutes be approved as submitted:

1. City Council Minutes dated March 5, 2012.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by McConaghy, that the following minutes be approved as submitted:

1. Committee-of-the-Whole minutes dated March 12, 2012.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by, seconded by, regarding **Solicitor's Permits (nonprofit) – background checks**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Committee-of-the-Whole at their meeting on March 12, 2012, and give the City Administrator the discretion to determine whether background checks are necessary for non-profit organizations applying for a solicitor permit.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **budget transfer – prisoner food**, that the City Council authorize a budget transfer from the General Fund Fund Balance in the amount of \$5,000.00, to the Jail Fees Account No. 101-136-808.000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Ketels, regarding **resignation – Lee Meyers, Mayor’s Mack Avenue Business Study Committee**, that the City Council voice no objection to the Mayor accepting this resignation with regret and direction that appropriate thanks and recognition be sent to Ms. Meyers.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **Monthly Financial Report – February 2012**, that the City Council refer this report to the Finance Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **contract: Lake Front Park Pool Opening**, that the City Council approve a contract with B & B Pools to open the pool in an amount not to exceed \$7,250.00, to be paid from Pool Maintenance Contractual Services Account No. 101-774-818.103.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Ketels, regarding **contract: bark mulch**, that the City Council award a contract to Bedrock Maintenance Services in an amount not to exceed \$13,945.00 to supply and inject mulch into the City’s landscape beds, \$4,000.00 to be taken from Lake Front Park Account No. 101-774-818.102, and \$12,000.00 to be taken from Major Streets Account No. 202-463-818.000.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Ketels, regarding contract: bark mulch, to amend previous motion by deleting, "\$4,000.00 to be taken from Lake Front Park Account No. 101-774-818.102, and \$12,000.00 to be taken from Major Streets Account No. 202-463-818.000." and inserting, "and prorata amounts be taken as follows: \$10,459.00 be taken from Lake Front Park Account No. 101-774-818.102, and \$3,486.00 be taken from Major Streets Account No. 202-463-818.000."

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Bryant, regarding **contract: Financial Advisor**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Committee-of-the-Whole at their meeting on March 12, 2012, and engage Bendzinski & Co. as the City's Municipal Financial Advisor.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, regarding **DTE Energy Smart Meters**, that the City Council adopt this resolution as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

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

- George McMullen – Lewis E. Meyer 75th Anniversary Party. An alumni event is being held Wednesday, May 30th from 6-8 p.m.
- Council Member Koester – Community Tree Commission expenses for Memorial Tree Ceremony and Arbor Week activities.

Motion by Koester, seconded by Bryant, regarding **expenditure of funds – Tree Commission events**, that the City Council approve expenses for the Memorial Tree Ceremony in an amount not to exceed \$135.00, and for the Arbor Day program in an amount not to exceed \$135.00, to be paid out of the Tree Commission's budget Account No. 101-105-880-700.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, that the Council recess the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 7:45 p.m. and convene in Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a pending litigation 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:

Koester Yes
McConaghy Yes
Novitke Yes
Shetler Yes
Bryant Yes
Granger Yes
Ketels Yes

The City Council Meeting reconvened in regular session at 8:06 p.m.

Motion by Ketels, seconded by Shetler, regarding payment of legal fees, that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to make a check payable to the Abood Law Firm in the amount of \$8,170.00, and to authorize a budget transfer from the General Fund Fund balance into Account No. 101-210-812.000 in the amount of \$8,170.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Ketels, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:07 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk