

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

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

Also Present: City Administrator Wollenweber  
City Attorney D. Berschback  
Building Official Tutag  
City Treasurer/Comptroller Irby  
Recording Clerk St. Peter

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

Delmar Harkenrider, Historical Commission  
George McMullen, Board of Review

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

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:33 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 8, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IX, FENCES, TO HEAR THE APPLICATION OF **BRAD BLAINE, 1623 SEVERN, GROSSE POINTE WOODS**, FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A 6' PRIVACY FENCE.

Motion by Howle, seconded by Dickinson, that for purposes of the Public Hearing the following items be received and placed on file:

1. Letter 05/19/09 w/photo attachments – Brad Blaine
2. Application for Fence Permit 05/01/09
3. Mortgage Survey 06/23/94
4. Memo 06/08/09 – Building Official
5. Memo 05/28/09 – Director of Public Works
6. Affidavit of Property Owners Notified
7. Aerial View 06/05/09

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in favor of the proposed request. The following individuals were heard:

Brad Blaine  
1623 Severn

Kate Blaine  
1623 Severn

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition to the proposed request. The following individuals were heard:

Delmar Harkenrider  
1620 Prestwick

Maurice Walsh  
1622 Prestwick

Chris Harkenrider  
2181 Hampton

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Bryant, that the public hearing BE CLOSED at 7:53 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Dickinson, regarding Public Hearing regarding Fence Variance: Brad Blaine, 1623 Severn, that Council grant a variance authorizing the installation of a 6' shadow box privacy fence.

Amended motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Dickinson, regarding Public Hearing regarding Fence Variance: Brad Blaine, 1623 Severn, that Council grant a variance authorizing the installation of a 6' shadow box privacy fence, with Special Circumstances found by the Council being the existence of the 6' fence on the Petitioner's property for the past 15 years.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Novitke, Waldmeir  
No: Howle  
Absent: Sucher

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Howle, regarding **Tree Commission Expenditure Request**, that Council authorize an amount not to exceed \$250.00 to purchase brass name plates and five Arbor Day CD's at a cost of \$60.00, to be taken from the Tree Commission's budget, Account No. 101-105-880.700.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Waldmeir, **regarding Budget Amendment/Transfer of Funds**, that Council authorize a budget amendment and

transfer \$275,000.00 from the Cable Fund Fund Balance to the Retiree Healthcare Fund in the amount of \$225,000.00 and to the Workers' Compensation Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Waldmeir

No: None

Absent: Sucher

The next item on the Council agenda was a Grosse Pointe Public Library Update by John Minnis, Grosse Pointe Woods Library Board Trustee.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Bryant, regarding **Monthly Financial Report – May 2009**, that Council refer this report to the Finance Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Waldmeir

No: None

Absent: Sucher

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding **2009 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Program**, that Council award a contract to:

Scodeller Construction, Inc.  
51722 Grand River Avenue  
Wixom, MI 48393

in the amount of \$50,930.00; and to include construction, engineering, contract administration, and contingencies in the amount of \$19,070.00, for a total project cost not to exceed \$80,000.00, their bid being in the best interest of the City, with funds to be taken from Account Nos. 202-451-975.300 - \$20,000.00 and 203-451-975.300 - \$60,000.00.

Amended motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding **2009 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Program**, that Council award a contract to:

Scodeller Construction, Inc.  
51722 Grand River Avenue  
Wixom, MI 48393

in the amount of \$60,930.00, and to include construction, engineering, contract administration, and contingencies in the amount of \$19,070.00, for a total project cost not to exceed \$80,000.00, their bid being in the best interest of the City, with funds to be taken from Account Nos. 202-451-975.300 - \$20,000.00 and 203-451-975.300 - \$60,000.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Dickinson, regarding **Purchase: Paper Yard Waste Bags**, that Council award a contract to:

Dano Enterprises, Inc.  
P.O. Box 4470  
Stamford, CT 06907

to supply paper yard waste bags at a cost of \$0.298 per bag to supply up to 70,000 bags (an amount not to exceed \$20,860.00 per year) for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011, their bid being in the best interest of the City, to be taken from Account No. 598-787-757.000.

Amended motion by Bryant, seconded by Dickinson, regarding Purchase: Paper Yard Waste Bags, that Council award a contract to:

Dano Enterprises, Inc.  
P.O. Box 4470  
Stamford, CT 06907

to supply paper yard waste bags at a cost of \$0.298 per bag to supply up to 70,000 bags (an amount not to exceed \$20,860.00 per year, for a total cost not to exceed \$41,720.00) for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011, their bid being in the best interest of the City, to be taken from Account No. 598-787-757.000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, regarding **Purchase: Rubbish Bags**, that Council award a contract to:

Calico Industries, Inc.  
9045 Junction Drive  
Annapolis Junction, MD 20701-2005

to supply rubbish bags at a cost of \$7.02 per 50 bag sleeve, for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, for a total cost not to exceed \$54,375.00, their bid being in the best interest of the City, to be taken from Account No. 598-787-757.000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair declared a recess at 8:28 p.m. and reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

Council concurred that Agenda Item 9D **2009 Miscellaneous Concrete Pavement Repair Program – District #5** be tabled to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Motion by Howle, seconded by Granger, regarding **Purchase: Calcium Hypochlorite**, that Council approve the purchase of Calcium Hypochlorite from B&B Pools at a cost of \$92.50 per 50 pound bucket, in an amount not to exceed \$39,960.00 for 432 buckets, to be taken from Account No. 101-774-757.105.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir regarding **Purchase: Janitorial Supplies**, that Council award a contract to:

Coleman-Wolf Supply Company  
15201 E. Eleven Mile Road  
Roseville, MI 48066

to supply janitorial supplies in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00, their bid being in the best interest of the City, to be taken from Account Nos. 101-774-757-106 - \$8895.00, 101-775-757.000 - \$1,482.00 and 101-774-757.000 - \$4,447.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

1. Labor Attorney Keller Thoma - \$3,236.81

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Howle, regarding **Advertising Invoice**, that the City Council approve the following advertising invoices:

1. Grosse Pointe News 05/28/09 - \$250.00
2. Grosse Pointe News 05/07/09 - \$1,050.00

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

- The City Administrator discussed material from Cornerstone with regard to Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Care Plans and Prescription Drug Program. This information is requested to be received and reviewed by the City Council and discussed at a future City Council meeting.

Hearing no objections the following items regarding this item were received and placed on file:

- OPEB Discussion – REVISITED PowerPoint Presentation
  - Talking Points Brochure
  - Cornerstone Group Backup Charts
- Mayor Novitke shared the news that City Clerk Lisa Hathaway placed Third in the Clerk of the Year competition for the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Waldmeir, that the City Council recess the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:45 p.m. and reconvene in CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussing Labor Negotiations and 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.

Upon ROLL CALL VOTE, Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Howle, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 10:38 p.m.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.