

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Novitke.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Wollenweber
City Attorney Berschback
Accounting Specialist Paladino
Recording Clerk St. Peter

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Dickinson, that Council Members Granger and Howle be excused from attendance at tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

Gordon Michaelson, Historical Commission
Thomas Fahrner, Mayor's Mack Avenue Study Committee

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

The Mayor acknowledged, on behalf of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, the receipt of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, such award recognizing and representing the highest award in government financial reporting, and acknowledged Accounting Specialist Paladino's efforts in achieving such.

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:41 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR THE **PROPOSED 2008/09 GENERAL BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATE**.

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

1. Proposed Budget and Appropriation Resolution
2. Affidavit of Legal Publication

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in favor of the proposed request. No one wished to be heard.

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition to the proposed request. No one wished to be heard.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Waldmeir, that the public hearing be closed at 7:50 p.m

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding **Public Hearing regarding Proposed 2008/09 General Budget and Millage Rate**, that the Council concur with the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the general operating millage remain at 12.9897 for the summer, and Milk River Tax Levy anticipated to be 3.9986,

and concur with the recommendation of the Finance Committee and adopt the following Resolution approving the FY 2008/09 Budget and Millage Rate:

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a public notice has been previously given, as required by City Charter and State of Michigan Public Act 5 of 1982, that a public hearing would be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 19th, 2008 for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed 2008-09 City Budget and the intent to levy Property Tax Revenues within the said City of Grosse Pointe Woods; and;

WHEREAS, a full and final public hearing has been held on proposed 2008-09 City Budget, and the proposed Increase in Property Taxes, it is therefore the opinion and judgment of Council that the aforesaid proposed 2008-09 City Budget is in all things appropriate, correct and should be approved and that the property Tax Levy to finance the 2008-09 City Budget should be approved accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, that the proposed 2008-09 City Budget and the proposed property Tax Levy for the fiscal year 2008-09 as finally reviewed (and/or changed by) the Council at this public hearing be adopted and the amounts as contained in the aforesaid budget should be appropriated as designated and property tax levied accordingly.

BE IT RESOLVED that there are those sums of revenue which are deemed necessary to be raised by ad valorem tax levies on all real and personal property within the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, and that the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to certify such amounts to the City Assessor for the spreading on the 2008 City Tax Roll at the rate of 8.1896 mills per thousand of the current City of Grosse Pointe Woods taxable valuation for General Operating purposes; at the rate of .9999 mills per thousand of the current City of Grosse Pointe Woods taxable valuation for concrete replacement; at the rate of .5665 mills per thousand of the current City of Grosse Pointe Woods taxable valuation for 1997 Park Bond; at the rate of .0590 per thousand of the current City of Grosse Pointe Woods taxable valuation for Act 359 Public Relations; at the rate of .3578 mills per thousand of the current City of Grosse Pointe Woods taxable valuation for Advanced Emergency Medical Services; at the rate of .9362 per thousand of the current City of Grosse Pointe Woods taxable value for Public Safety Retirement

purposes; at the rate of 1.8807 mills per thousand of the current City of Grosse Pointe Woods taxable valuation for Solid Wastes.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED 2008-09 GENERAL BUDGET
AND
THE VARIOUS OTHER FUND BUDGETS

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, that the Mayor and city Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods will be meeting on May 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2008-09 General Fund Budget as well as the various other Fund Budgets of the said City.

The property tax millage rate of 10.7512 proposed to be levied July 1, 2008 to support the proposed General Fund Budget will be the subject of this hearing. If adopted, the proposed millage will decrease operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes for all funds to \$11,012,000, which is a \$255,500 or 2.27% decrease compared to the 2007-08 total tax collection of \$11,267,500.

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Millage</u>	<u>Revenues Generated (rounded)</u>
1) General Operating	8.1896	\$6,942,000
2) Concrete Replacement	.9999	848,000
3) 1997 Park Bond	.5665	480,000
4) ACT 359 – Public Relations	.0590	50,000
5) Public Safety Retirement	.9362	794,000
Total General Fund Levies	10.7512	\$9,114,000
6) Solid Waste	1.8807	1,595,000
7) A.E.M.S.	.3578	303,000
Total	12.9897	\$11,012,000

The City Council expects to take action on the proposed millage rates as well as taking action to approving the aforementioned budgets at the council meeting immediately following the public hearing. The taxing unit publishing this notice, identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate. The following is a summary of the proposed budgets:

GENERAL BUDGET
BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

General Government	\$2,885,016
Public Safety	5,952,600
Public Works	1,930,600
Parks & Recreation	<u>2,603,270</u>
Subtotal	\$13,371,486
Contingency	<u>145,964</u>
Total General Fund	\$13,517,450

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Major Street Fund	\$1,295,000
Local Street Fund	2,150,500
Ambulance	458,000
Act 302 Training	5,000
Solid Waste	1,596,000
CDBG	123,000
911 Service Fund	<u>91,000</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds	\$5,718,500

DEBT SERVICE FUND

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

2004 Park Bond Debt	\$481,500
Grosse Pointe Drain (Milk River)	<u>3,386,000</u>
Total Debt Funds	\$3,867,500

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Municipal Improvement Fund	<u>\$220,100</u>
Total Capital Project Funds	\$220,100

ENTERPRISE FUND

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Parking Fund	\$260,000
Water/Sewer	5,728,300
Boat Dock Fund	165,100
Commodity Sales Fund	<u>61,000</u>
Total Enterprise Funds	\$6,214,400

INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

Workmen's Compensation	\$137,000
Motor Vehicle Fund	768,400
Management Info. Systems	<u>445,400</u>
Total Internal Service Funds	\$1,350,800

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

\$30,888,750

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the City Administrator. Public comments, oral and/or written, will be welcome at the public hearing on the aforesaid proposed General Fund Budget and the various other Fund Budgets.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Dickinson, regarding **Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) Conference**, that Council AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to attend the MAMC Annual Conference in Thompsonville, MI, June 10-13, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$1400.00, and to reimburse such official for costs incurred upon presentation and verification by the Finance Committee of an itemized expense report, as approved in the 2007/08 budget.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir

No: None

Absent: Granger, Howle

The Mayor accepted the **resignation of Bruce K. Bockstanz** from the **Historical Commission** with regret, and directed that an appropriate Certificate of Appreciation be forwarded.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Bryant, regarding the **Financial Report** of the City Administrator for the month of April 2008, be referred to the Finance Committee for review.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir

No: None

Absent: Granger, Howle

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Bryant, regarding **Application for Permit/License – Vendor/Solicitor/Peddler**, that the Council APPROVE the application of the following Solicitor:

Paul M. Bukta
Edward Jones Investments
22213 Greater Mack
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir

No: None

Absent: Granger, Howle

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Bryant, regarding **2008/09 Water-Sewer Rates**, that the Council CONCUR with the Committee-of-the-Whole and also sitting as Finance Committee at their meeting on May 12, 2008, and approve the following rate structure:

- Water Variable Rate - 1.22
- Sewer Variable - 2.48
- Flat Water - 17.85
- Flat Sewer - 3.15
- Billing Expense - 1.70
- Capital Improvement - 15.00

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Bryant, regarding **Proposed Contract for Treasurer/Comptroller Position**, that the Council CONCUR with the Committee-of-the-Whole and also sitting as Finance Committee, and approve the contract for Treasurer/Comptroller to Dee Ann Irby and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract, with Appendix A to be modified to be consistent with the fringe benefits package for non-union, full-time employees.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Dickinson, that the proposed **Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Officers and Employees, by adding Division 4, Section 2-90 through 2-93, to Provide for the Office of Deputy Assessor**, of the City Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, of 1997 be considered as a "**First Reading**"; And that such Ordinance 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 June 16, 2008, as a Second Reading and for Final Adoption.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Bryant, regarding **advertising invoices**, that the City Council approve the following Grosse Pointe News invoices for payment:

1. 05/01/08 - \$112.50
2. 05/08/08 - \$1300.00
\$1412.50

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair declared a recess at 8:09 p.m. and reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

The Chair and Council conducted interviews of the following individuals for the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board Trustee:

1. Dave Bergeron
2. John H. Minnis
3. Kathryn A. Rogers

The Chair noted that Gary E. Hoslet withdrew his application by facsimile transmission. Robert Nederhood did not appear to be interviewed.

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to make comments or ask questions for applicants' response. The following individuals wished to be heard:

Sue Steiger
721 Pemberton Rd.
Grosse Pointe Park

Rochelle Kester
Grosse Pointe Woods

Brian Garvis
Grosse Pointe Woods

The Chair declared a recess at 9:08 p.m. and reconvened at 9:23 p.m.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding **Library Board Trustee Appointment**, that Council appoint John H. Minnis as the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board Trustee, with a term to begin July 1, 2008 and end June 30, 2012.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under New Business, and hearing no objections, the following items were discussed:

- Resident Rick Shetler spoke regarding scouting in Grosse Pointe Woods and thanking the Council for support given to Mason Pack 290.
- Council Member Bryant spoke regarding the recent Boy Scout fundraiser at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.
- Council Member Sucher spoke regarding the need for enforcement of trash ordinances in regards to trash pickup and a suggestion by the Building Department to send out reminder notices to businesses to avoid overflowing trash and resulting citations.
- Mayor Novitke spoke in regards to the time and dedication shown by the Beautification Commission members in support of their recent flower sale.

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Bryant, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 9:40 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.