

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

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

Also Present: City Administrator Wollenweber  
City Attorney Berschback  
City Clerk Hathaway  
Director of Public Safety Makowski  
Director of Public Works Ahee  
City Engineer Lockwood  
Building Inspector Tutag

The following Commission members were in attendance:

Carol Evola, Planning Commission  
Thomas Fahrner, Mayor's Mack Avenue Study committee  
Gabriella Body, Beautification Commission

Motion by Bryant, 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, Sucher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

Hearing no objections, the Chair took item 11A out of order, **Proclamations – Jacob Rochte Day.**

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded Howle, by regarding Proclamation – Jacob Rochte Day, that the City Council voice no objection to the issuance of this Mayoral proclamation.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

The proclamation was presented to Eagle Scout Jacob Rochte.

Hearing no objections, Item 8B1 was taken out of order, **Planning Commission Appointment.**

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Howle, regarding the **Planning Commission appointment** that Council concur with the Committee-of-the-Whole at their meeting on February 11, 2008, and approve the following appointment:

Name	Address	Term Expiration
Michael J. Fuller	1230 Renaud	12/31/09

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

City Clerk Hathaway administered the Oath of Office to Planning Commissioner Fuller.

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Bryant, regarding the **Beautification Commission**, that Council voice no objection to the following mayoral appointment:

Name	Address	Term Expiration
Sally Sterr	1461 Torrey	12/31/08

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 Wayne County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Council**, that Council authorize continued active participation on the 2008 Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council and Planning Committee, that no representative be appointed to Housing Committee, and that the Council authorize the following appointments:

Organization	Representative	Name
2008 CDBG Advisory Council	Allen Dickinson	Elected Official Designate
2008 CDBG Advisory Council	Peter Waldmeir	Alternate
2008 CDBG Plan. Committee	Mark Wollenweber	Designate

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 **flag collection receptacle**, that Council concur with the recommendation of the Citizens Recreation Commission at their meeting on February 12, 2008, and approve the Knights of Columbus request to install a flag collection receptacle at the front gate of Lake Front Park, as well as the Public Safety Department lobby, during Flag Day weekend (June 14-15, 2008) for the purpose of hosting a proper flag disposal ceremony on a future date.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The following individual was heard regarding **Lake Front Park Pool Use – Gators**:

Thomas Fahrner  
902 Woods Lane

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding **Lake Front Park Pool Use - Gators**, that Council concur with the recommendation of the Citizens Recreation Commission at their meeting on February 12, 2008, and approve the request by the Gator's swim team to use the Lake Front Park pool for practices for two hours each morning, six days a week, (Monday through Saturday, June 16, 2008, through August 2008 from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.) at a rate of \$100.00 per day, contingent upon the Gator's submitting proof of insurance, providing a list of participants to the Recreation Supervisor, and adhering to the park and pool rules.

Substitute motion by Dickinson, seconded by Howle, regarding Lake Front Park Pool Use – Gators, that the City Council refer this item to the City Attorney who will provide a recommendation to be addressed at the March 3, 2008, City Council Meeting.

Substitute 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 **Lake Front Park gazebo rental**, that Council concur with the recommendation of the Citizens Recreation Commission at their meeting on February 12, 2008, and approve the implementation of renting Lake Front Park small shelters (3) and small gazebos (4) at a rate of \$25 and the large shelter (1) at a rate of \$50 or \$25 if sharing with another group, rented on a half-day basis (in blocks of time from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 2 p.m. to close).

Substitute motion by Howle, seconded by Bryant, regarding Lake Front Park gazebo rental, that this item be deferred until the City Council Meeting on March 17, 2008, and directed administration to provide a draft procedure for Council approval.

Substitute motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair declared a recess at 8:39, and reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding **2008 Concession Stand Contract**, that Council concur with the recommendation of the Citizens Recreation Commission at their meeting on February 12, 2008, and award a contract to Hal Lanstra to provide concession services at Lake Front Park at a rental cost of \$5,665.00 for a time period of May 1, 2008, to September 30, 2008.

Substitute motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding 2008 Concession Stand Contract, that this item be addressed at the March 17, 2008, City Council Meeting, invite Mr. Lanstra to the meeting and provide additional information including profit/loss statement.

Substitute motion by Sucher, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding 2008 Concession Stand Contract, that the City Council approve the 2008 contract as submitted, to include the prior year profit/loss statement, and that the concession stand contract be bid out for the 2009 summer season.

Substitute motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding **Ghesquiere Park Tennis Court Use – Our Lady Star of the Sea**, that Council concur with the recommendation of the Citizens Recreation Commission at their meeting on February 12, 2008, and approve Our Lady Star of the Sea tennis team to use the three Ghesquiere Park tennis courts four days a week for an hour from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning April 21 through May 9, 2008, contingent upon receiving proper insurance, following rules and relinquishing courts for any resident that requests the court.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Dickinson, regarding **2008 Vendor License – Refuse**, that the Council rescind the refuse vendor permit previously approved for Adolf Lane, and approve the application of the following vendor:

Willie Hill Jr.  
14203 Corbett  
Detroit, MI

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding **Lake Front Park Marina – University Liggett**, that the City Council approve University Liggett's request to use the Lake Front Park marina for their Day Camp from June 23 through July 28, 2008, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (excluding July 4) for the purpose of conducting canoeing and sailing programs; to be granted use of the boat launch and use of two 21-foot boat wells, contingent upon providing appropriate insurance, pay \$75.00 for season boat launch pass, pay \$700.00 for two boat wells and dredging fees, provide insurance and registration for the two boats, and abide by the park and marina rules.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded Dickinson, regarding the **Edsel and Eleanor Ford House Agreement**, the Council approve the request to utilize the Lake Front Park main entrance and authorize such use on the following dates:

- May 18, 2008 – 7 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- June 1, 2008 – 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- June 15, 2008 – 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- September 7, 2008 – 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Reynolds, Spicher, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: None

The Mayor accepted the **resignation of Tree Commissioner** George Martin with regret, and directed the City Clerk to forward an appropriate Certificate of Appreciation.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Granger, regarding the **Financial Report** of the City Administrator for the month of January 2008, 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

There was a consensus among the City Council that Administration be directed to obtain bids for **Lake Front Park pool** services for future contracts.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Dickinson, regarding **contract – Lake Front Park pool opening**, that the Council award a contract to:

B & B Pools  
31071 Industrial Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48150

in the amount of \$7,250.00, for 2008 spring pool opening services.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding **Agreement – Polling Place Accessibility Improvement Program Authorized Work Plan and Grant (HAVA)**, that the City Council accept the \$24,765.00 grant and authorize the City Clerk to sign said documents and return to the State of Michigan – Bureau of Elections for final processing.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Howle, seconded by Granger, regarding **contract – uniforms**, that the Council award a contract to:

Sure-Fit Laundry, Inc.  
33121 Glenwood  
Wayne, MI 48184

in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00, from March 15, 2008, through March 15, 2009, their bid being in the best interest of the City, for summer and winter uniforms for the Department of public works.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding **Deficit Reduction Plan**, that the City Council adopt the following proposed resolutions and authorize the City



Administrator to forward the certified resolutions and proof of the revised budget to the State of Michigan – Department of Treasury:

1. Deficit Reduction Plan – Management Information System
2. Deficit Reduction Plan – Parking Utility Fund

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, that the following Labor Attorney invoice dated February 1, 2008, be approved for payment:

1. Keller Thoma – Invoice #82033 - \$1,297.83

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Administration was directed to request Keller Thoma to include the hourly rate on the their invoices.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Granger, that the following advertising invoice dated February 7, 2008, be approved for payment:

1. Grosse Pointe News - \$275.00

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Howle, seconded by Dickinson, regarding **Michigan Municipal League (MML) Annual Membership Dues**, that Council authorize payment of this membership fee and related costs in the amount of \$6,236.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Reynolds, Spicher, Waldmeir

No: None

Absent: None

Under New Business, the following items were addressed:

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding a **request to use Ghesquiere Park Tennis Court– Our Lady Star of the Sea School**, that the City Council approve Our Lady Star of the Sea tennis team to use the Ghesquiere Park tennis courts from March 31 through May 30, 2008, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for three days per week.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Reynolds, Spicher, Waldmeir

No: None

Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding classified advertising for the Treasurer/Comptroller position, that the City Clerk be authorized to place an ad with the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) in an amount not to exceed \$300.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Reynolds, Spicher, Waldmeir

No: None

Absent: None

The following individual was heard regarding Item 9E on tonight's agenda, Boat Dock Fund:

Kurt Lyons  
2118 Fleetwood

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Bryant, that the Council recess the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 10:18 p.m. and convene in Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing 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  
Howle  
Novitke  
Sucher  
Waldmeir  
Bryant  
Dickinson

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Sucher, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 11:27 p.m.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk