

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007, 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
Building Inspector Tutag
Park Supervisor Sharp

The following Commission members were in attendance:

Thomas Vaughn, Planning Commission
Thomas Fahrner, Mayor's Mack Avenue Study Committee

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Dickinson, 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, new business was taken out of order, and the following individual was heard, regarding hearing of the public:

Jim Perry
1765 Prestwick Rd.

The next item taken out of order was regarding the public hearing.

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:38 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 10, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IX, FENCES, SECTION 8-279, ET AL, TO HEAR THE APPLICATION OF MARGARET MANOR, 988 HAMPTON, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL A 6' SOLID VINYL PRIVACY FENCE.

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

1. Letter 10/24/07 – M. Manor
2. Application for Fence Permit 10/18/07
3. Fence style 10/24/07
4. Fence/property layout 10/24/07
5. Memo 11/05/07 – Building Inspector
6. Section 10-326
7. Photos (3)
8. Public Safety Report 10/16/07
9. Notice of Hearing
10. Affidavit of Property Owners Notified
11. Aerial View

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak IN FAVOR of the proposed request. The following individual was heard:

Margaret Manor
988 Hampton

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 Waldmeir, seconded by Bryant, that the public hearing BE CLOSED at 7:44 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Hearing no objections, the following individual was heard:

Robert McCarthy
999 Roslyn

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding Public Hearing for a variance to install a 6' solid vinyl privacy fence along the northern (rear) lot line of the petitioner's property at 988 Hampton, that the Council deny this variance as no special circumstances have been presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Novitke accepted the resignation of Arthur Bryant, from the Beautification Commission and directed that appropriate recognition be sent.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Howle, regarding **resignation from commission**, that the following resignation be accepted and that appropriate recognition be sent:

- Joseph Sucher – Planning Commission

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Howle, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding **re-appointments - Beautification Commission**, that Council voice NO OBJECTION to the following mayoral appointments:

| Name | Address | Term Expiration |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Pamela Barnwell | 2016 Country Club | 12/31/10 |
| Gabriella Boddy | 1581 Newcastle | 12/31/10 |
| Mary Beth Nicholson | 1636 N. Renaud | 12/31/10 |
| Carol Sauter | 581 Rosedale Ct. N. | 12/31/10 |
| Heather Simmet | 1041 Whittier | 12/31/10 |

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Howle, regarding the **appointment – Citizens Recreation Commission**, that Council re-appoint the following individuals:

| Name | Address | Term Expiration |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Bill Babcock | 1769 Anita | 12/31/10 |
| Kenneth Gutow | 1083 Roslyn | 12/31/10 |
| Thomas Jerger DDS | 470 Oxford | 12/31/10 |

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion by Howle, seconded by Bryant, regarding **appointments – Community Tree Commission**, that Council voice no objection to the following mayoral re-appointments:

| Name | Address | Term Expiration |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| George Grayr | 19998 Fairway Dr | 12/31/10 |
| George Martin | 1179 Brys Dr. | 12/31/10 |
| Dr. Michael Skaff | 585 Saddle Lane | 12/31/10 |

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Howle, regarding **appointments - Historical Commission**, that Council voice no objection to the following mayoral re-appointments:

| Name | Address | Term Expiration |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Bruce Bockstanz | 702 Brys N. | 12/31/10 |
| Delmar Harkenrider | 1620 Prestwick Rd. | 12/31/10 |
| Suzanne Kent | 1992 Fleetwood Dr. | 12/31/10 |

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Bryant, regarding **appointments – Local Officers Compensation Commission**, that Council voice no objection to the following mayoral re-appointment:

| Name | Address | Term Expiration |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Daniel Curis | 1068 Hollywood | 09/30/12 |

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 the **appointments – Planning Commission**, that Council re-appoint the following individuals:

| Name | Address | Term Expiration |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Carroll Evola | 19787 E. Ida Lane | 12/31/10 |
| Grant Gilezan | 1213 Sunningdale | 12/31/10 |
| Michael Zolik | 1842 Norwood | 12/31/10 |

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 **appointment – Planning Commission vacancy**, that the City Council refer this item to the Committee-of-the-Whole to discuss parameters and interviews.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Bryant, regarding **appointments – Senior Citizens Commission**, that Council voice no objection to the following mayoral re-appointments:

| Name | Address | Term Expiration |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Walter Lawlis | 1826 Aline Dr. | 12/31/10 |
| Russell Nahat | 1908 Severn | 12/31/10 |
| Mary Lou Solomon | 1919 Huntington | 12/31/10 |

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 **appointments –Board of Canvassers**, that Council voice no objections to the following mayoral re-appointments:

| Name | Party Affiliation | Address | Term Expiration |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Frederick Motney | Democrat | 1895 Huntington | 12/31/11 |
| Gustave Renner | Republican | 1625 Hampton | 12/31/11 |

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 **appointments – Construction Board of Appeals**, that Council voice no objections to the following mayoral re-appointments:

| Name | Address | Term Expiration |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Walter Kiehler | 533 Hawthorne | 12/31/09 |
| John Vitale | 20771 Wedgewood | 12/31/09 |

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Sucher, seconded by Howle, regarding **appointments – Downspout Board of Appeals**, that Council voice no objection to the following mayoral re-appointments:

| Name | Address | Term Expiration |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Joseph Ahee | 573 Vernier | 09/30/10 |
| Joseph Shock | 21716 Frazho, SCS | 09/30/10 |

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 **appointments – Building Authority Committee**, that Council voice no objection to the following mayoral re-appointment:

| Name | Address | Term Expiration |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Ross Richardson | 791 Oxford N. | 12/31/10 |

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Bryant, regarding **appointments – Ad Hoc Insurance Committee**, that Council refer this item to the Committee-of-the-Whole to determine whether to reinstate the Insurance Committee or to establish an Insurance Commission.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

The Chair declared a recess at 8:23 p.m., and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

The next items discussed were regarding appointments – Council Members to Committees/Commissions/Boards.

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Howle, regarding **Council Representative Appointments to Commissions/Board**, that Council voice no objection to the following Mayoral commission/board/committee appointments:

| Commission/Board | Council Representative |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Beautification Commission | Bryant |
| Community Development Block Grant/Citizens' Advisory Commission | Dickinson Waldmeir, Alternate |
| Citizens' Recreation Commission | Granger |
| Community Tree Commission | Dickinson |
| Historical Commission | Bryant |

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| Local Officer's Compensation Commission | Bryant |
| Planning Commission | Sucher Granger, Alternate |
| Senior Citizens' Commission | Waldmeir |

| Committee | Chair | Members |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Cable TV AD HOC | Gilezan, Peter | Howle Novitke |
| Compensation & Evaluation | Waldmeir | Sucher Novitke |
| Construction | Granger | Dickinson Novitke |
| Finance | Dickinson | Howle Novitke |
| Fireworks | Novitke | Granger Howle |
| Judicial Liaison | Howle | Sucher Novitke |
| Mack Ave Business Study | Dickinson | Sucher Novitke |
| Public Relations | Waldmeir | Granger Novitke |

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Howle, regarding **General Organization appointments**, that Council voice no objection to the following Mayoral appointments:

| Organization Name | Member | Position |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Children's Home of Detroit | Howle | Representative |
| Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce | Granger | Representative |

And, that Council authorize the following appointment:

| Board | Council Representative |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Pension | Waldmeir |

And, that the Council authorize the following **General Organization appointments**, as follows:

| Organization Name | Member | Position |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Grosse Pointe Cable Television Advisory Board | Howle | Representative |
| Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority | Wollenweber Howle | Representative Alternate |
| Pointe-Area Assisted Transportation Service | Waldmeir | Representative |
| Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) | Dickinson | Representative |
| Wayne County Community Development Advisory Council | Dickinson Waldmeir | Representative Alternate |

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Howle, regarding **Park Pass Ordinance**, that Council concur with the recommendation of the Citizens Recreation Commission at their meeting on November 13, 2007, and authorize the City Attorney work with Administration to provide an opinion regarding documentation that can be used to verify residency.

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 **Boat Dock Fund**, that Council concur with the recommendation of the Citizens Recreation Commission at their

meeting on November 13, 2007, and adopt the proposed FY 2008/09 changes to the Boat Dock Fund as outlined on the attachment to the minutes presented at the meeting.

SUBSTITUTE motion by Sucher, seconded by Howle, regarding **Boat Dock Fund**, that this item be referred to the Committee-of-the-Whole to review prior years audited balance sheets, available notations regarding transfers in our out of the fund, and to discuss processes regarding the fund.

SUBSTITUTE 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 **Holiday Parking Meter Covers**, that the Council authorize the Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue to cover the parking meters from December 15 through December 31, 2007, with a decorative bag with the exception of Kay Anos Furs, 19261 Mack Avenue, to the south City limits and the area in front of Wan Kow, 20922 Mack Avenue, which meters should not be covered.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Howle, that the Council approve the annual **Commission Appreciation Reception** scheduled for February 1, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00.

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 the 2007 Employee Gift Certificates, that the City Council approve an amount not to exceed \$7,990.50 to purchase Kroger gift certificates (142 in the amount of \$50.00, 42 in the amount of \$25.00) including 2% discount (\$163.00) and shipping.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Howle, regarding purchase - **John Deere Tractor**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the City Administrator and the Director of Public Works and authorize the **purchase** of one John Deere compact tractor, Model 3120 w/cab and attachments from:

AIS Construction Equipment Corp.
65809 Gratiot Ave.
Lenox, MI 48050

In the amount of \$27,796.71, less the trade-in of \$8,500.00, for a total cost not to exceed \$19,296.71, through State of Michigan contract (governmental pricing), and that the expenditure be charged against the 2007/08 budget.

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 **Application for Permit/License – vendor/solicitor**; Peter J. Devine, of A. G. Edwards, 21043 Mack Avenue, that the City Council approve this request.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Howle, regarding **health insurance – opt out provision**, that the City Council approve health insurance opt out provision payments for 2005 and 2006 for union and nonunion employees as outlined in the City Attorney's letter dated November 12, 2007.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair declared a recess at 9:34 p.m., and reconvened at 9:42 p.m.

Motion by Howle, seconded by Dickinson, regarding **health insurance – opt out provision**, that the City Council authorize the Finance Department to send letters to applicable employees approving health insurance opt out provision payments for 2008 for union employees in the amount of \$2,500.00, and for non-union employees in the amount of \$3,500.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Howle, regarding **health insurance – opt out provision**, that this item be referred to the Committee-of-the-Whole to discuss payment amounts prior to the Finance Department sending opt out provision letters to employees in November 2008.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Howle, seconded by Waldmeir, that the following **Labor Attorney invoice** dated November 1, 2007, be approved for payment:

- Keller Thoma in the amount of \$784.85.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Howle, seconded by Bryant, regarding **AT&T – 911 Maintenance**, that the City Council approve the annual invoice dated October 30, 2007, in the amount of \$6,454.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

New Business

- Kudos were given to Public Safety and Administration for management of a funeral wake held at a Mack Avenue restaurant.

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Howle, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 10:04 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk