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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2005, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.**

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Novitke  
Council Members: Chylinski, Dickinson, Granger, Reynolds, Howle  
Absent: Spicher

Also Present: City Administrator Wollenweber  
City Attorney D. Berschback  
City Clerk Warnke  
Director of Public Works Ahee  
Recording Secretary St. Peter

The following Commission members were in attendance:

Douglas Hamborsky; Planning Commission  
Gerald Hilton; Beautification Commission

Motion by Howle, seconded by Chylinski that Council Member Spicher is excused from the Council Meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Granger, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Hearing no objections, the Chair directed the following corrections to the Council minutes of March 21, 2005:

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Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Dickinson, that Council voice no objection to the issuance of a mayoral proclamation **and signage** for the Grosse Pointe North High School "Norsemen" as the undefeated basketball champions in the Macomb Area Conference - Red.

New Business:

- \* Mayor Novitke - National Gardening Month
- \* Mayor Novitke - Grosse Pointe North High School "Norsemen"
- \* Councilwoman Granger - Public Relations Committee
- \* Councilman Dickinson - Grosse Pointe Businesses Association of Mack Avenue
- \* **Councilwoman Howle - Wayne County "Joie" Program**

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:35 P.M. FOR A ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 98, ZONING, ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 98-401 OF THE 1997 CITY CODE TO HEAR THE APPEAL OF **POWER BARRE STUDIOS LLC, 20250 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS**, WHICH IS APPEALING THE DENIAL OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TO ISSUE A BUILDING PERMIT FOR 20250 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS. THE PERMIT WAS DENIED BECAUSE THE PROPERTY IS ZONED R0-1 RESTRICTED OFFICE DISTRICT AND THE PROPOSED USE OF THE PROPERTY AS A FITNESS CENTER IS NOT A PERMITTED USE AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 98-302 OF THE 1997 CITY CODE. A VARIANCE IS THEREFORE REQUIRED.

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Hearing no objections, the Chair acknowledged receipt from administration of a letter dated April 4, 2005, from the petitioner's legal representative, Dickinson Wright, and directed such letter be made a part of tonight's meeting. The letter requested a postponement of the hearing until a full complement of the Council is present.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Howle, that the Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing to hear the Appeal of Power Barre Studios, LLC, 20250 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, be postponed to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting of April 18, 2005.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Chylinski, seconded by Granger, regarding **Bark Mulch, Department of Public Works**, that Council AWARD purchase of bark mulch for landscaped beds in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods to American Mulching and Seeding, 21151 Meyers Road, Centerline, Michigan 48237, in the amount of \$14,890.00, and that such expenditure be debited from the 2004/05 budget accounts #101.774.818.000 and #202.463.818.000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Chylinski, regarding **Sewer Line Root Control, Department of Public Works**, that Council extend the contract of providing sewer line root control services to Duke's Sales & Service, Inc., 1020 Hiawatha Boulevard West, Syracuse, New York 13204-1131, in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00, and that such expenditure be debited from the 2004-05 budget account #592.537.975.011.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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Motion by Chylinski, seconded by Howle, regarding **Pension excerpt 03-17-05**, that Council authorize retention of **Sandra Rodwan** for additional review of the 2004 actuarial and assumption rates and authorize an additional \$1,000 to the original amount of \$2,000 (for an adjusted total not to exceed \$3,000) to be charged to the Pension Fund.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Chylinski, seconded by Howle, regarding **Pension excerpt 03-17-05**, that Council authorize payment for the following invoice to be paid from the Pension Fund:

Invoice 03-17-05 - Rodwan Consulting Company \$962.00

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Chylinski, seconded by Howle, regarding **Pension excerpt 03-17-05**, that Council authorize payment for the following invoices to be paid from funds within the Retirement System as follows:

Invoice 02-13-05 - Comerica \$5,764.05  
Invoice 01-20-05 - Invesco \$33,042.55

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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Motion by Howle, seconded by Dickinson, regarding **City Attorney, March 2005**, that Council APPROVE the following statements:

- (i) Statement 03-29-05 \$4,760.00 - City Attorney Don Berschback
- (ii) Statement 03-29-05 \$7,281.00 - City Attorney Charles Berschback

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

**New Business:**

- \* City Administrator - Michigan Municipal League Conference
- \* Council member Reynolds - Proposed "classic car" event
- \* Council member Granger - DTE issues
- \* Council member Chylinski:
  - 1. Memorial Service John Hammel
  - 2. Memorial Tree Program
  - 3. GIS enhancements (color-coded aerial view)
  - 4. Wayne County symposium - Childrens' Mental Health
  - 5. GPW window clings
- \* Council member Dickinson - Harvard University scholarship

Upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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