

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021.

The Facilitator's statement was provided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Novitke.

Roll Call*: Mayor Novitke
Council Members: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy (Southfield, MI)
Absent: None

(*Unless specifically identified otherwise, Council Members attended remotely from Grosse Pointe Woods, MI.)

Also Present: City Administrator Smith
City Attorney Anderson
Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy
City Clerk Hathaway
Director of Public Safety Kosanke
Director of Public Services Schulte
Building Official Tutag
Facilitator/Administrative Clerk Miotto

The Mayor declared a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Council Member, George McMullen.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gafa, 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, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: None

The Mayor made the following **re-appointments to Commissions and Board:**

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION (MAYORAL) Prerogative of the Mayor to make the following re-appointments with terms expiring 12/31/23:

- Marlin Stewart;
- Gloria Arslanian;
- Mary Casinelli;
- Janet Miller;
- Lisa Spreder.

COMMUNITY TREE COMMISSION (MAYORAL) Prerogative of the Mayor to make the following re-appointments with terms expiring 12/31/23:

- Paul Lechner;
- Timothy Butler;
- Maria Galbo;
- Randy Rennpage.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (MAYORAL) Prerogative of the Mayor to make the following re-appointments with terms expiring 12/31/23:

- Shirley Hartert;
- Stephanie Listman;
- Giles Wilborn.

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION (MAYORAL) Prerogative of the Mayor to make the following re-appointments:

- Sharon Beebe - Community Interest Group, 1-year term to expire 12/31/21;
- David Stander - General Community Rep., 3-year term to expire 12/31/23;
- Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone- HELM Life Center (Senior Group) Rep., 1-year term to expire 12/31/21;
- Ronald Wehrmann - General Community Rep, 3-year term to expire 12/31/23.

CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS (MAYORAL) Prerogative of the Mayor to make the following re-appointment, with terms to expire 12/31/22:

- Donald Morrisett;
- John Vitale.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, regarding **Appointments – Planning Commission**, that the City Council concur with the following Mayoral re-appointments to the Planning Commission with terms expiring 12/31/23:

- George Bailey;
- Michael Fuller;
- Douglas Hamborsky.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Bryant, that the following minutes be approved as submitted:

1. City Council Minutes dated December 21, 2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Bryant, regarding **Budget Amendment/Pool Pipe Replacement – Lake Front Park**, that the City Council approve the replacement of the pool pipes at Lake Front Park with work to be completed by Fontana Construction in the amount of \$50,000.00, Ballard Marine Construction in the amount of \$4,985.00 and a construction contingency in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for any unforeseen problems that should arise; and to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$64,985.00 from the General Fund Balance Account No. 101-000-699.000 in the amount of \$64,985.00 into the Municipal Improvement Park and Recreation Account No. 401-902-977.104.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: None

The following individual was heard regarding **Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League Signs/Banners for Fundraiser**:

Paul Summers, Pres.
Woods/Shores Little League

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, regarding Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League Signs/Banners for Fundraiser, that the City Council approve the sales of advertisement signs at the Ghesquiere Park baseball fields for fundraising purposes, contingent upon approval of the banners by the City Administrator.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, to amend the previous motion by adding, “that the banners be 3’ x 9’ in size and installed on the four baseball field fences from April 1, 2021, until the end of July 2021.”

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, to amend the previous motion by adding, “, and the maximum number of banners to be installed is not to exceed 120 banners.”

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, regarding **WOW Franchise Renewal Agreement**, that the City Council approve the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Wide Open West Michigan, LLC providing for a 5% franchise fee and a 0% PEG fee, and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents to finalize the agreement.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding **2021 Grosse Pointe Woods Special Events License Application**, that the City Council adopt the Resolution recommending the application be submitted for four Special Event Licenses serving beer and wine for the City’s 2021 events, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said application, authorize payment in the amount of \$200.00 to the MLCC for the Special License application fee, authorize the City Clerk to obtain appropriate Bonds, and authorize payment in the amount of \$200.00 to Stevenson Co. for the Bonds, for a total amount of \$400.00 for said application fees, funds to be taken from Community Events Account No. 205-870-820.130.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Granger, regarding **Second Reading: An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 8 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article XVI Emergency Electrical Generators, To Modify Sec 8-463 Permanent Location, To Allow Side Yard Placement Based on Certain Requirements**, that the City Council approve this proposed ordinance as presented and make it effective 20 days after its enactment.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Koester, seconded by Gafa, regarding **Claims/Accounts**, that the City Council approve payment of Items 10A – 10D as listed on the Council agenda and as identified in the pink sheet in the respective amounts and accounts listed, as follows:

- A. Assessing Services
 - 1. WCA Invoice No. 12182020 12/18/20 - \$6,258.25; Account No. 101-224-818.000;
- B. State of Michigan – MDOT
 - 1. Invoice 11/04/20 - \$1,026.16; Account No. 202-451-974.300;
- C. City Engineer – Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick
 - 1. DPW Water & Sewer Barn Invoice No. 0128790 12/03/20 - \$800.00; Account No. 592-537-978.300.
 - 2. Vernier Rd. Resurfacing-Fairway to ECL Invoice No. 0128884 12/10/20 - \$325.75; Account No. 202-451-974.803.
 - 3. 2019 Sewer Open Cut Repair Program Invoice No. 0128885 12/10/20 - \$2,132.30; Account No. 592-537-976.001.
 - 4. 2020-2021 General Engineering Invoice No. 0128886 12/10/20 - \$485.75; Account Nos.:
 - a. 101-441-818.000 - \$161.91;
 - b. 101-444-818.000 - \$161.92;
 - c. 572-537-818.000 - \$161.92.
 - 5. LFP Vehicular Bridge Replacement Invoice No. 0128887 12/10/20 - \$2,394.40; Account No. 401-903-977.109.
 - 6. Robert E. Novitke Complex Generator Invoice No. 0128888 12/10/20 - \$206.00; Account No. 420-451-974.201.
 - 7. 2020 Concrete Pavement Repair Program Invoice No. 0128889 12/10/20 - \$12,720.50; Account Nos.:
 - a. 202-451-974.201 - \$2,416.90;
 - b. 203-451-974.201 - \$1,526.46;
 - c. 585-561-978.300 - \$6,360.24;
 - d. 592-537-975.401 - \$2,416.90.
 - 8. Sewer Rehabilitation-Lining Invoice No. 0128890 12/10/20 - \$1,802.90; Account No. 592-537-976.001.
 - 9. 0160-0431 20861-20879 Mack Ave. Plan Review Invoice No. 0128891 12/10/20 - \$3,232.30; Account No. 101-000-285.525.
 - 10. Oxford Rd. Recon. – Mack to Holiday Invoice No. 0128893 12/10/20 - \$10,268.00; Account No. 203-451-977.803.

11. Bournemouth WM Replacement Invoice No. 0129049 12/14/20 - \$10,715.00; Account No. 592-537-977.310.

D. City Attorney

1. Charles T. Berschback November Billing 12/28/20 – \$7,943.75; Account Nos:
- a. 101-210-801.000 - \$5,502.50;
 - b. 101-210-801.100 - \$2,092.50;
 - c. 101-210-801.200 - \$310.00;
 - d. 101-210-801.300 – \$38.75.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: None

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

- Council Member McConaghy referred to an article in the Grosse Pointe News regarding a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, Mark Dybis, who donated an organ (liver) to his brother-in-law, which was previously discussed at a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting held December 14, 2020. The Mayor asked the City Clerk to prepare a Proclamation.
- In the absence of the late City Council Member George McMullen, the Mayor made the following Council Representative appointments to Commissions:
 - Council Member Mike Koester – Tree Commission;
 - Council Member Vicki Granger – Local Officers Compensation Commission.
- Council Member McConaghy discussed a letter received from the Labor Attorney dated August 6, 2020. The Mayor stated that depending upon the availability of attendees, a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting will be scheduled for either January 11 or January 25, 2021, following the Council Meeting.

Nobody wished to be heard under Public Comment.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:44 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Robert E. Novitke
Mayor