

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020.

The Facilitator's statement was provided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Novitke.

Roll Call: Mayor Novitke
Council Members: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, McMullen
Absent: None

Also Present: Acting City Administrator/Director of Public Services Schulte
City Attorney Berschback
Treasurer/Comptroller Behrens
City Clerk Hathaway
Director of Public Safety Kosanke
Administrative Clerk/Facilitator Miotto

Council, Administration, and the audience Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Hearing no objections, the Mayor presented a **Proclamation** in honor of **Joseph J. Vaughn** and was added to tonight's agenda.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, 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, McMullen, Novitke
No: None
Absent: None

The Mayor appointed Greg Ulrich to the **Local Officers Compensation Commission** with a term to expire 09/30/25.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Bryant, that City Council concur with the appointment of Greg Ulrich to the Local Officers Compensation Commission.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor appointed Scott Lockwood to the **Downspout Board of Appeals** with a term to expire 09/30/23.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Koester, that the City Council concur with the appointment of Scott Lockwood to the Downspout Board of Appeals.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

1. City Council Minutes dated August 10, 2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, that the Monthly Financial Report – July 2020, be referred to the Finance Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Koester, seconded by Bryant, regarding **Budget Amendment**, that the City Council approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$1,612,213.00 from the Grosse Gratiot Drain Prior

Fund Balance Account No. 365-000-395.000 into Grosse Gratiot Drain Capital Outlay Account No. 365-445-980.000 to cover cost overruns for the Milk River Drain project.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding **contract: compost and mulch recycling**, that the City Council approve a contract with Detroit Mulch LLC for a five-year period ending August 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,00 per year, funds to be taken from Solid Waste/Disposal Contractual Services Account No. 226-528-818.000, contingent upon receipt of appropriate insurance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor issued a **Proclamation** in recognition of **Prostate Cancer Awareness**.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Bryant, regarding **First Reading: An Ordinance to Adopt Article XVII Solar Energy Systems, Chapter 8, Buildings and Building Regulations, Sec. 8-501 to eliminate the requirement that panels be located within 4 feet of any peak, eave or valley, to provide that the installation of the solar energy system shall comply with the Michigan Residential Code, and to provide for appeals to the City Council**, that the City Council concur with the amendment of this ordinance, to set a date of September 14, 2020, for a second reading and final adoption, and to publish same by title in the Grosse Pointe News.

Substitute Motion by Gafa, seconded by Koester, regarding First Reading: An Ordinance to Adopt Article XVII Solar Energy Systems, Chapter 8, Buildings and Building Regulations, Sec. 8-501 to eliminate the requirement that panels be located within 4 feet of any peak, eave or valley, to provide that the installation of the solar energy system shall comply with the Michigan Residential Code, and to provide for appeals to the City Council, to refer this item to the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McMullen, seconded by Gafa, regarding **claims and accounts – Professional Services for Plumbing/Mechanical Inspections**, that the following McKenna Invoices be approved for payment in a total amount of \$3,495.00, funds to be taken as follows:

1. Invoice No. 21849-26 07/08/20 - \$1,720.00; FY 2019/20 Account No. 101-180-818.000;
2. Invoice No. 21849-24 04/05/20 - \$1,775.00; FY 2019/20 Account No. 101-180-818.000;
3. Invoice No. 21849-27 08/10/20 - \$2,380.00; FY 2020/21 Account No. 101-180-818.000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, regarding **claims and accounts**, the City Council approve payment of Items 10B – 10D as listed on the Council agenda and as identified in the pink sheet in the respective amounts and accounts listed, as follows:

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| B. | Assessing Services 1. WCA Invoice No. 08112020 08/11/20 - \$6,017.50; Account No. 101-224-818.000. |
| C. | Legal Services 1. Hallahan & Associates Invoice No. 17563 08/03/20 - \$241.06; Account No. 101-210-801.301. |
| D. | Labor Attorney 1. Keller Thoma Invoice #118778 07/01/20 - \$297.79; Account No. 101-210-810.000. |

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

- The City Attorney presented a **Resolution establishing a 90-day moratorium on solid fence permit requests** as approved by the action of City Council on August 10, 2020.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, regarding the 90-day moratorium on solid fence permits, that the City Council adopt the Resolution as written and read by the City Attorney.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

- Council Member Granger requested **parking meters** to be placed as a discussion topic on a future Committee-of-the-Whole. There were no objections.
- The Mayor discussed the Labor Attorney's review of the City's **Employee Handbook**, whereby a number of suggested revisions were provided by the Labor Attorney. There was a consensus to have Tom Fleury discuss the revisions with the City Attorney, and to attend a future Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

The following individuals were heard under Public Comment:

- Melinda Billingsley
- Catherine Derbyshire

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:50 p.m. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Robert E. Novitke
Mayor