

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020.

The Facilitator's Statement was provided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Novitke.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Smith  
City Attorney Berschback  
Treasurer/Comptroller Behrens  
City Clerk Hathaway  
Director of Public Services Schulte  
Building Official Tutag  
Information Technology Manager Capps  
Deputy City Clerk/Facilitator Antolin

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, 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

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

1. City Council Minutes dated Council 05-18-20.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

1. Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated Council 05-14-20.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:03 P.M. FOR A **PUBLIC HEARING** TO HEAR THE APPLICATION OF SPECIAL LAND USE/SITE PLAN REVIEW: **CROSSPOINTE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 21336 MACK AVENUE**, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, WHICH INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION OF APPROXIMATELY 1,900 SQ. FT. FOR AN ELEVATOR, ELEVATOR EQUIPMENT ROOM, AND OFFICE.

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

1. PC Excerpts 01/28/20, 02/25/20 w/recommendation:
  - a. Resolution recommending Approval
2. Affidavit of Legal Publication 05/14/20
3. Affidavit of Property Owners Notified 05/14/20
4. Affidavit of Legal Publication 02/06/20
5. Affidavit of Property Owners Notified w/list 02/06/20
6. GIS Maps (2 pgs)
7. Memo w/photos (5) 02/19/20 - Building Official
8. Proposed Resolutions - Approving & Denying - City Attorney (Berschback)
9. Memo 02/01/20 – Director of Public Services
10. Memo 02/12/20 – Director of Public Safety
11. Memo 01/31/20 - Fire Inspector
12. Letter of Request 01/24/20 - Merritt Ceislak Design (S. Schneeman)
  - a. Site Plan Review & Special Land Use Permit Application 11/26/19
  - b. Site Plan Review Meeting Checklist (3 pgs)
    - i. Sheet G-000 11/25/19
    - ii. Boundary, Topographic, and Tree Survey Sheet 1 of 2
    - iii. Boundary, Topographic, and Tree Survey Sheet 2 of 2
    - iv. Sheet AS-100 - Partial Site and Site Demolition Plans
    - v. Sheet AS-101 - Enlarged Partial Site and Landscape Plan & Details
    - vi. Sheet AS-301 - Floor Plans

vii. Sheet A-601 Exterior Elevations

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, to amend the previous motion by adding, “13. Sample City Council Resolutions (Approve/Deny) 06/01/20.”

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke

No: None

Absent: None

The Building Official provided an overview on his memo dated February 19, 2020.

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

Mat Swietech, Sr. Pastor  
Crosspointe Christian Church

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition to the proposed request. Nobody wished to be heard.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, that the public hearing be closed at 7:11 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, regarding Public Hearing regarding a Public Hearing for Site Plan Review and Special Land use, that the Council concur with the Planning Commission and Building Official and approve the special land use as requested contingent upon construction commencing within six months and be completed within one year.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke

No: None

Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding **Military Leave Extension – Sgt. Brian Conigliaro**, that the City Council concur with the Director of Public Safety and approve the extension of supplemental pay to Sgt. Brian Conigliaro less the amount of military pay, to continue health benefits for his family, and to authorize the City Administrator to sign the Supplemental Agreement as revised.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, to amend the previous motion by inserting, “for a period of up to six months or when Sgt. Conigliaro returns from service, whichever comes first.”

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 – City Hall Generator**, that the City Council approve a budget amendment for the purchase of the new generator at the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Complex in the amount of \$250,000.00 from Bond Proceeds Account No. 420-000-678.000 with \$20,000.00 going into Engineering-Oversight Account No. 420-451-974.201 and \$230,000.00 going into Capital Improvement-General Account No. 420-902-977.101.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Koester, seconded by Bryant, regarding **Deficit Elimination Plans**, that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to sign the letter dated May 18, 2020, addressed to Harlan Goodrich at the Michigan Department of Treasury that provides detail for the City’s plan to eliminate the deficit in the Boat Dock Fund.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **Contracts: Telephone, Internet, and WAN**, that the City Council approve a renewal contract with Wide Open West Business to provide fiber internet service, WAN, and phones to City Hall, Lake Front Park, and the Department of Public Works for a three-year period to, funds to be taken from various accounts, and authorize the City Administrator to sign said contract.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding **Claims/Accounts**, that City Council approve payment of Items 8A – 8F as listed on the Council agenda and as identified in the pink sheet in the respective amounts and accounts listed, as follows:

- A. Vernier Road Fairway Lane to Morningside
  - 1. MDOT 05/04/20 - \$25,953.04; Account No. 202-451-974.300.
- B. 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair Program
  - 1. L. Anthony Construction Pay Estimate No. 5 05/06/20 - \$10,936.30:
    - a. Account No. 202-451-974.200 - \$1,968.53;
    - b. Account No. 203-451-974.200 - \$4,265.16;
    - c. Account No. 592-537-975.400 - \$4,702.61.
- C. City Engineer-Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc.
  - 1. DPW Water/Sewer Barn Invoice No. 0125833 04/07/20 - \$4,500.00:  
Account No. 592-537-978.300;
  - 2. Vernier Road Resurfacing Invoice No. 0125945 04/08/20 - \$6,427.70:  
Account No. 202-451-974.803;
  - 3. 2019 Sewer Structure Rehab Invoice No. 0125946 04/08/20 -  
\$4,582.75:
    - a. Account No. 202-451-974.201 - \$41.29;
    - b. Account No. 203-451-974.201 - \$867.01;
    - c. Account No. 592-537-975.401 - \$587.91;
    - d. Account No. 592-537-976.001 - \$3,086.54.
  - 4. Beaufait Road Reconstruction Invoice No. 0125948 04/08/20 -  
\$494.50:
    - a. Account No. 202-451-974.201 - \$40.53;
    - b. Account No. 203-451-977.803 - \$324.26;
    - c. Account No. 203-451-974.201 - \$35.13;
    - d. Account No. 592-537-975.401 - \$86.47;
    - e. Account No. 203-451-977.803 - \$8.11.
  - 5. Bournemouth WM Replacement Invoice No. 0125949 04/08/20 -  
\$2,370.30; Account No. 592-537-977.310.
  - 6. 2019/20 GIS Maintenance Invoice No. 0125950 04/08/20 - \$2,976.25;  
Account No. 592-537-977.000.

7. 2020/21 Rate Study Invoice No. 0125951 04/08/20 - \$257.50;  
Account No. 592-537-818.000.
8. DPW Water/Sewer Barn Invoice No. 0126181 05/05/20 - \$3,350.00;  
Account No. 592-537-978.300.
9. Vernier Road Resurfacing Invoice No. 0126329 05/13/20 - \$3,257.75;  
Account No. 202-451-974.803.
10. 2019 Sewer Structure Rehab Invoice No. 0126330 05/13/20 -  
\$4,150.65:
  - a. Account No. 202-451-974.201 - \$37.39;
  - b. Account No. 203-451-974.201 - \$785.26;
  - c. Account No. 592-537-975.401 - \$532.48;
  - d. Account No. 592-537-976.001 - \$2,795.52.
11. 2019 Sewer Open Cut Repair Program Invoice No. 0126331 05/13/20  
- \$9,326.75; Account No. 592-537-976.001.
12. Beaufait Road Reconstruction Invoice No. 0126332 05/13/20 -  
\$257.50:
  - a. Account No. 202-451-974.201 - \$21.11;
  - b. Account No. 203-451-977.803 - \$168.85;
  - c. Account No. 203-451-974.201 - \$18.29;
  - d. Account No. 592-537-975.401 - \$45.03;
  - e. Account No. 203-451-977.803 - \$4.22.
13. Bournemouth WM Replacement Invoice No. 0126333 05/13/20 -  
\$3,328.00; Account No. 592-537-977.310.
14. 2020/21 Rate Study Invoice No. 0126334 05/13/20 - \$813.70;  
Account No. 592-37-818.000.
- D. WCA Assessing
  1. Invoice No. 05192020 05/19/20 - \$6,017.58; Account No. 101-224-  
818.000.
- E. Labor Attorney – Keller Thoma
  1. Invoice No. 118483 05/01/20 - \$2,450.50; Account No. 101-210-  
810.000.
- F. City Attorney – Charles T. Berschback
  1. Invoice 05/22/20 - \$8,253.75:
    - a. Account No. 101-210-801.000 - \$6,316.25;
    - b. Account No. 101-210-801.100 - \$1,356.25;
    - c. Account No. 101-210-801.200 - \$232.50;
    - d. Account No. 101-210-801.300 - \$348.75.

Hearing no objections, the following item was heard under New Business:

- Grosse Pointe North Senior Parade. Director Kosanke provided an overview regarding a vehicle parade request on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., with approximately 280 vehicles partaking and will be separated into three groups.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding Parade Permit – Grosse Pointe North Seniors, that the City Council approve the parade as outlined by Director Kosanke.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The following individuals were heard under Public Comment:

- Melinda Billingsly
- Unknown female

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, that the Council recess the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 7:23 p.m. and convene in Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation 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:

Gafa Yes  
Granger Yes  
Koester Yes  
McConaghy Yes  
Novitke Yes  
Bryant Yes

The City Council reconvened in regular session at 8:23 p.m.

The City Attorney provided an overview regarding the Closed Executive Session pertaining to the State Boundary Commission and homes on Provencal, whereby the City's appeal to permitting homes on Provencal to be annexed to Grosse Pointe Farms was denied. He stated the options regarding this case are to either not file an appeal, or to file an appeal with the court of appeals by June 16, 2020.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, that the City Council direct to the City Attorney to file a Claim of Appeal regarding the Provencal annexation to Grosse Pointe Farms, and to also authorize him to consult with outside counsel with regard to the appeal.

The Mayor set a Special City Council meeting with a closed executive session on June 8, 2020, at 7 p.m. and a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting on June 8, 2020, at 7:15 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by McConaghy, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:27 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk

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Robert E. Novitke  
Mayor