

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS  
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Mayor Novitke.

Roll Call: Mayor Novitke  
Council members: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Shetler  
Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Smith  
City Attorney Don Berschback  
City Clerk Hathaway  
Director of Public Safety Kosanke  
Director of Public Services Schulte  
Recreation Supervisor Byron

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

Eric Reiter, Planning Commission  
George McMullen, Board of Review/Local Officers Compensation Commission

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

The City Council recognized Sergeant James "Quincy" Lefurgey's promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, and authorized the City Clerk to administer the Oath of Office.

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

1. City Council Minutes dated October 24, 2016, and October 17, 2016.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler  
No: None  
Absent: None

Providing follow-up as requested at the October 17, 2016, Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, the City Administrator reported that he spoke to Don Apel from Cornerstone regarding aggregate cost for stop-loss. Mr. Apel stated none of the Grosse Pointe communities carry it, rather it is all individual. Mr. Apel further indicated he last saw it used in the mid 1990's; it is neither affordable nor cost effective. The City carries individual stop loss for \$120,000.00.

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

1. Committee-of-the-Whole minutes dated October 24, 2016, and October 17, 2016.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Arbor Day Tree Purchase**, that the City Council concur with the Tree Commission at their meeting on September 7, 2016, and approve the purchase of 350 Little Leaf Linden seedlings in an amount not to exceed \$1,100.00, funds to be taken from the Fund Balance Reserve for Tree Commission Account No. 204-000-390.330.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Ketels, seconded by Shetler, regarding **Change Meeting Time**, that the City Council concur with the Beautification Commission at their meeting held October 12, 2016, and move the start time for the Beautification Advisory Commission Meetings from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., effective January 2017.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler  
No: None  
Absent: None

Council Member Koester will address the Historical Commission regarding minutes referring to the Commission's ownership of property that is donated to the Cook Schoolhouse.

Motion by Shetler, seconded by Granger, regarding **Lake Front Park Summer Hours**, that the City Council adopt the Lake Front Park summer hours as submitted:

- Lake Front Park – Sunday through Saturday from 6 a.m. – 11 p.m.
- Picnic and facility rental – Sunday through Saturday from 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- People will not be allowed into the park after 11 p.m. from May 1 to October 31 on Fridays and Saturdays, however boaters will continue to be permitted to remain on their boats during those hours.
- Picnics end at 10:00 p.m. with clean-up to be completed by 10:30 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Shetler, seconded by Granger, regarding **Lake Front Park Summer Program Fees**, that the City Council increase the Lake Front Park summer program fees as presented, and authorize the City Clerk to revise the Fee Schedule by Department as follows:

	Current Fee	2017 Proposed Fee
Swim Team	\$75	\$85
Synchronized Swim Team w/t-shirt	\$65	\$75
Swim Lessons (Preschool, Level 1-6, Diving)	\$52	\$60
Parent Tot	\$13	\$24
Water Aerobics M-Th, a.m.	\$52	\$60
Water Aerobics M & W, p.m.	\$26	\$30

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding **tree trimming/funds transfer**, that the City Council approve a contract with Arbor Pro Tree Service in an amount not to exceed \$15,210.00 to elevate and remove the dead wood from 45 trees in Ghesquiere Park; and, to authorize a funds transfer in the amount of \$8,000.00 from the Beautification Tree Commission fund balance Account No. 205-000-390.330, and a transfer in the amount of \$7,210.00 from the General Fund fund balance Account No. 101-000-699.000, for a total of \$15,210.00 to be transferred into the Forestry Services Account 101-465-818.000.

The City Administrator was asked to verify the account numbers.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Ketels, seconded by Shetler, regarding **remove tennis courts – Ghesquiere Park/Funds Transfer**, that the City Council approve a contract with Grosso Trucking and Supply Company at a cost of \$28,000.000 to remove the Ghesquiere Park tennis courts including all labor, trucking, removal of fencing and asphalt, and restoration of property with topsoil and grading, and to include a contingency in the amount of \$8,500.00 for concrete replacement if necessary, for a total amount not to exceed \$36,500.00; and, to approve a funds transfer from the General Fund fund balance Account No. 401-000-699.000 in the amount of \$36,500.00 into the Parks and Recreation Contractual Services Account No. 401-902-927.104.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler  
No: None  
Absent: None

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

There was no action taken on the Labor Attorney's statement. The City Administrator was asked to contact Keller Thoma to clarify the billing and readdress it at the next Council meeting.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **City Attorney**, that the City Council approve the following statements:

1. City Attorney Don R. Berschback 11/01/16 - \$6,160.00;
2. City Attorney Charles T. Berschback 10/27/16 - \$6,879.70.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler

No: None

Absent: None

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

- Menhem Aouad, 592 Glen Arbor Lane, (586) 243-3758, requested the City look at accommodating large boats. The Director of Public Services stated information is being gathered and an administrative meeting is scheduled on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The City Clerk was asked to inform Mr. Aouad when this item is placed onto an agenda.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Ketels, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:12 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk

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Robert E. Novitke  
Mayor