

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015, 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: Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Shetler
Absent: Bryant, Ketels

Also Present: City Administrator Fincham
City Attorney Don Berschback
City Clerk Hathaway

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, that Council Members Bryant and Ketels be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

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

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

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

The Mayor made the following appointments:

Beautification Commission with terms expiring 12/31/18:

1. Gloria Arslanian
2. Gerald Hilton
3. Dennis Hyduk
4. Erin Rozycki
5. Lisa Spreder

Community Tree Commission with terms expiring 12/31/18:

1. Joseph Backer
2. Tim Butler
3. Edward Gaffney

Historical Commission with terms expiring 12/31/18:

1. Shirley Hartert
2. Philip Whitman
3. Giles Wilborn

Planning Commission with terms expiring 12/31/18:

1. Michael Fuller
2. Douglas Hamborsky
3. Tonja Stapleton

Senior Citizens Commission:

1. Anne Marie Gattari - General Community Rep., 3-year term to expire 12/31/18;
2. Despina Kypros - Community Interest Group, 1-year term to expire 12/31/16;
3. Denise Motschall - General Community Rep., 3-year term to expire 12/31/18;
4. Joan Thornton - General Community Rep, 3-year term to expire 12/31/18;
5. Heidi Uhlig - SOC (Senior Group) Rep., 1-year term to expire 12/31/16.

Construction Board of Appeals with a term expiring 12/31/18:

1. Donald Morrissett.

Community Events Committee:

1. Jennifer Boettcher
2. Chris Fenton
3. Al Fincham

4. Victoria Granger
5. Tom Hauff
6. Robert E. Novitke – Chair
7. Richard Shetler Jr.
8. Tom Colombo
9. Bruce Smith

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, that the City Council concur with the above Mayoral appointments.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler

No: None

Absent: Bryant, Ketels

The Mayor appointed the following Council Members to Commissions, Committees, Boards, and Organizations:

Beautification Commission	Granger
Citizens Recreation Commission	McConaghy
Community Tree Commission	Koester
Historical Commission	Bryant
Local Officers Compensation Commission	Bryant
Planning Commission	Ketels
Senior Citizens Commission	Shetler
Compensation & Evaluation Committee	Bryant/McConaghy/Novitke
Construction Committee	Granger/Shetler/Novitke
Finance Committee	McConaghy/Koester/Novitke
Mack Avenue Business Study Committee	Ketels/Novitke/Shetler (Also, Peter Ahee, Jennifer Boettcher, Dan Curis, Jeannie Kim-Allemon, Bill Matouk, John Vitale)
Public Relations Committee	Granger/Ketels/Novitke
Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee	Novitke/Granger/B. Smith
Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce	Novitke/Bryant

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, that the City Council voice no objection to the above Mayoral appointments.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Following discussion regarding the **Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation**, there was a consensus of the City Council to appoint a City Council Liaison to the Foundation, that it be a Mayoral appointment, and that the position be rotated with a term to expire in one year.

The Mayor made the following appointment:

Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation	Bryant - Liaison
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Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the City Council voice no objection to the above Mayoral appointment.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, regarding **appointments – Citizens Recreation Commission**, that the City Council appoint the following individuals with terms expiring 12/31/18:

1. Mark F. Miller
2. Michael Moore

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by, seconded by, regarding **appointments – Board of Review**, that the City Council appoint the following individuals:

1. Theresa Cerwin – Alternate, term to expire 01/01/19;
2. Shari Lombardo – Member, term to expire 01/01/18;
3. Jan Ryndress McLellan – Member, term to expire 01/01/18;

4. George McMullen – Member, term to expire 01/01/19;

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5. Carolyn Nantroup – Member, term to expire 01/01/19;
6. Sandy Nelson – Member, term to expire 01/01/19.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

There was a consensus of the City Council that Council Member Granger continue serving as the Council Representative on the **Pension Board**, as well as Mayor Novitke by virtue of his position.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, regarding **appointment – Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority**, that the City Council appoint the following individual:

1. Tom Colombo – Representative.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, regarding **appointment – Wayne County Community Development Advisory Council**, that the City Council appoint the following individuals:

Wayne County Community Development Advisory Council	Koester - Representative
	Bryant - Alternate
	Colombo - Planning Committee

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, regarding **appointments – Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments**, that the City Council appoint the following individuals:

Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments	Bryant – Delegate
	Colombo - Alternate

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

1. City Council Minutes dated December 7, 2015.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **2016 Audit**, that the City Council concur with the Committee-of-the-Whole at their meeting on December 14, 2016, and accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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1. Committee-of-the-Whole minutes dated December 14, 2015.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Shetler, regarding **Perch Derby expenses**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Citizen's Recreation Commission at their meeting on October 13, 2015, and approve an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for expenses to hold the 2016 Perch Derby, funds to be taken from the Citizen's Recreation Commission Account No. 101-105-880.200.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Koester, seconded by Shetler, regarding **Applications for Permit/License – Solicitors**, that the City Council approve the applications of Amanda Johnson from AT&T Premium Advantage and Daniel Gould from Iowa Steak Co. for a Permit/License to Solicit.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, regarding **Legal Proceedings: Matthew R. Willson v City of Grosse Pointe Woods**, that the City Council refer this lawsuit to the City Attorney for further processing.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **Conference: Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks**, that the City Council approve the City Clerk's request to attend the 2016 Master Academy being held at the Comfort Inn and Convention Center in Mount Pleasant, MI, from Tuesday, March 29, 2015, through Thursday, March 31, 2015, in an amount to exceed \$945.00, funds to be taken from Account No. 101-215-958.001.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **Monthly Financial Report**, that the City Council refer this item to the Finance Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

There was a consensus of the City Council to defer Items 9A – **Employment Agreement: City Administrator Tom Colombo** and 9C - **Agreement for Legal Services – Don R. Berschback** until the next Council meeting on January 4, 2016.

Motion by Shetler, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Consulting Agreement: Alfred J. Fincham**, that the City Council approve the Consulting Agreement for Alfred J. Fincham to serve as a Consultant commencing January 19, 2016, for a minimum three months, which may be extended an additional three months, and to authorize the Mayor to sign said contract.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None

Absent: Bryant, Ketels

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Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, regarding **Second Reading: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 50 Zoning, Sec. 50-526 Accessory Buildings, By Adding Requirements for Permits, Concrete Slabs and Ratwalls**, that the City Council approve this proposed ordinance as presented making it effective 20 days after its enactment, and to authorize the City Clerk to publish by title of the final adoption in the Grosse Pointe News.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **Labor Attorney**, that the City Council approve the following statement dated December 1, 2015:

1. Labor Attorney Keller Thoma - \$621.22.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

- The City Administrator discussed a donation received from the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate in the amount of \$5,000.00, which is to be utilized for Lake Front Park. Administration is sending a letter of thanks.
- Council Member Granger spoke regarding legislation prohibiting a municipality's ability to provide explanations for ballot proposals. The City Attorney was asked to review the bill.

Motion by Granger , seconded by Shetler , to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:07 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway, City Clerk