

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Novitke  
Council Members Bryant, Granger, Howle, Ketels, McConaghy, Sucher

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Treasurer/Comptroller Irby  
City Clerk Hathaway

Also in attendance was Mike VanOverbeke, City's Pension Board Attorney

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Motion by Ketels, seconded by Bryant, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Howle, Ketels, McConaghy, Novitke, Sucher

No: None

Absent: None

The first item on tonight's agenda was regarding the Pension Plan and Trust, which was recommended by the Pension Board for adoption by ordinance. Mr. VanOverbeke provided an overview of the proposed City of Grosse Pointe Woods Retiree Health Care Benefits Plan and Trust, which is designed to support the funding of health care costs for employees hired prior to 2008.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to City Council that the Retiree Health Care Plan and Trust be adopted by ordinance, and that the requested publication and procedures for adopting same be implemented by the City Clerk and the City Attorney for placement on the July 11, 2011, Council Agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Howle, Ketels, McConaghy, Novitke, Sucher

No: None

Absent: None

The Chair declared a recess at 8:03 p.m., and reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, that the previous motion be immediately certified.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Howle, Ketels, McConaghy, Novitke, Sucher  
No: None  
Absent: None

Now in attendance at tonight's meeting were Jim Rabine and Scott Lockwood of Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, and Department of Public Works Director Joe Ahee to discuss **Water/Sewer Rates**.

Engineers Rabine and Lockwood explained that Detroit has officially adopted their rates, which means a 10.28% rate increase will be necessary. The Engineers provided an overview of agenda documentation and priority projects as identified in the Critical Sanitary Repair Locations Map dated June 2, 2011. Final determination on grant funding is anticipated in August, and bids for projects yet to be determined would be obtained in the winter.

Discussion ensued regarding administration beginning research on alternatives for financial planning (bonding, etc.) as a back-up plan in case grant funding is not awarded, which additional topic was determined will be discussed further at the Construction Committee.

Motion by Granger, seconded by McConaghy, regarding Water/Sewer Rates, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that City Council adopt the water/sewer rates as proposed by Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Howle, Ketels, McConaghy, Novitke, Sucher  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by McConaghy, to amend the previous motion by adding, "for consumption commencing July 1, 2011"

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Howle, Ketels, McConaghy, Novitke, Sucher  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Bryant, to immediately certify the previous motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Howle, Ketels, McConaghy, Novitke, Sucher  
No: None  
Absent: None

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

Treasurer/Comptroller Irby requested authorization for the following:

1. Publish to replace the Accounting Assistant, who resigned effective June 24, 2011.
2. Hire a temporary Accounting Assistant as a 1099 to perform the Accounting Assistant's work pending a new hire, at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00.

There was unanimous consensus of the Committee to authorize publishing to replace the Accounting Assistant and to hire a temporary 1099 Accounting Assistant at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00.

Council Member Sucher requested an updated financial fiscal forecast for FY's 2011/12 and 2012/13 be provided, including identifying revenue changes.

The following individual was heard regarding recent DTE power outages:

Tom DeBoever  
1424 Anita

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Ketels, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 9:07 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk