

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Novitke  
Council Members Bryant, Howle, Ketels, McConaghy, Sucher  
ABSENT: Granger  
ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Fincham  
City Attorney Don Berschback  
City Clerk Hathaway

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Bryant, that Council Member Granger be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair stated the next meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole will be dedicated to discussing financial projections.

Motion by Ketels, seconded by Sucher, 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, Howle, Ketels, McConaghy, Novitke, Sucher  
No: None  
Absent: Granger

The Committee discussed **Cost Containment** matters, beginning with **Information Technology**. The City Administrator discussed the cost of leasing equipment versus purchasing, starting with the Finance Department's copier and Administration's existing color printer projected to save approximately \$6,000.00. There was a consensus of the Committee to authorize the Information Technology Manager to obtain bids for leasing equipment. This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Next, the City Administrator requested and recommended adoption of **ordinances** to recover costs from false alarms and non-resident traffic crashes, and stated that if the Committee so desired he would provide comparable costs and registration fee comparables. There was a consensus of the Committee to direct the City Attorney and Administration to draft an ordinance for Alarm System Regulations, Permits, and False Alarms that is not draconian, does not require de-activation, but adds a charge for false alarms and a registration fee, eliminate "fine" and replace with "cost recovery fee."

The City Administer then explained and recommended that an ordinance for cost recovery of traffic crashes caused by non-resident, at fault drivers. The person would be billed for costs. There was a consensus of the Committee to direct the City Attorney and Administration to draft an ordinance. The City Administrator will obtain information on collectability. The City Administrator was directed to provide additional information whether collections could be performed in-house.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Ketels, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 9:50 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk