

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 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: City Administrator Fincham  
City Attorney Don Berschback  
Labor Attorney DuBay  
Treasurer/Comptroller Irby  
City Clerk Hathaway  
Director of Public Safety Pazuchowski  
Director of Public Works Ahee

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, that the Council recess the regularly scheduled Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting at 7:05 p.m. and convene in Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations 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:

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

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 9:29 p.m.

The next item on the agenda was regarding the **proposed Municipal Court Operating Agreement**. The Chair provided background and indicated Grosse Pointe Shores needs to partner with another municipality for court services. The proposed Agreement presented allows a resident from Grosse Pointe Shores to run for Municipal Judge and their residents to vote for Judge. The Mayor asked the Committee, since these proposed changes are not in accordance with Grosse Pointe Woods City Charter, whether this item should be placed on the ballot for a vote of the people.

Following discussion, there was a consensus of the Committee that the City Attorney be directed to advise Grosse Pointe Shores that Grosse Pointe Woods' intent would be to place an advisory question on the ballot asking the electorate whether the City Council may enter into an acceptable agreement with Grosse Pointe Shores for Municipal Court Services, and to advise that if the proposal were to pass, substantial changes would need to be made to the draft agreement. The City Attorney is to bring this item back to the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Sucher, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 10:48 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk