

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Fincham  
City Attorney Chip Berschback  
Treasurer/Comptroller Irby  
City Clerk Hathaway  
Director of Public Works Ahee  
Park Supervisor Sharp

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The first item discussed was regarding the **Winterfest venue**. The Director of Public Works stated that by eliminating tent rental services, the original cost savings proposed to hold Winterfest was estimated at \$4,000. The Park Supervisor was able to obtain a price of approximately \$1,800 to rent tents and accessories, and an extra discount of an additional 15%, for a total cost of \$1,708.50; which includes heaters, 3 tents, chairs, high-top tables, and tent sides/windows. The Director stated another alternative for additional savings would be to use a 20 x 40 tent, different heaters, and picnic tables at a cost of \$981.75. The Director recommended continuing to rent the equipment at the 15% discount for a cost of \$1,708.50. There was general discussion regarding temperatures and use of heaters. There was a consensus of the Committee to hold Winterfest in the same fashion as in the past, rent the tents and accessories, accept the 15% discount, and to re-evaluate the event well in advance of next year's Winterfest.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Howle, that Winterfest venue be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Hearing no objections, the Mayor directed that the proposed **installation of a patio at Lake Front Park** be discussed at a future Committee-of-the-Whole.

Next, the City Administrator provided an overview regarding **Public Safety Patrol Vehicles Extended Service Plan**. Administration was asked to provide cost savings that would result from purchasing the extended warranties. There was a consensus of the Committee that this item to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda, and return to the Committee within 30 days.

Hearing no objections, the following items were discussed under new business:

- The City Clerk was asked to provide Council with information on candidates applying for the vacant Council seat, and then release information to the media;
- Medical Marijuana Moratorium Extension. There was a consensus of the Committee to extend the moratorium for one year. This item is to be placed on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda at 7 p.m. and on the Council agenda at 7:30 p.m., both to be held on January 17, 2011. The City Attorney was directed to provide the revised moratorium language and any additional information to the Council in advance of the agenda.
- The Treasurer/Comptroller provided an update on the Assessor search stating a number of applications/resumes had been received and she is prepared to schedule interviews. There was a consensus of the Committee that the Treasurer/Comptroller provide Assessor candidate recommendations to the Committee-of-the-Whole on January 24, 2011.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:48 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk