

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Wollenweber
City Attorney Chip Berschback
City Clerk Hathaway

Also in attendance at tonight's meeting was Joe Warner and Peter Birkner, Grosse Pointe News; and Elaine Myers, Grosse Pointe Times.

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The first item discussed was regarding **newspaper bids**. The Chair explained the City Attorney recommended rejecting the bids and to rebid this contract due to sealed bid procedures not being followed and additional communications after the bid opening, which changed bid specifications (publication deadline.)

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, regarding newspaper bids, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend City Council reject the existing newspaper bids and that the newspaper bid contract be re-bid.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Discussion then ensued regarding whether re-bidding the newspaper contract follow a sealed or open bid process. The City Attorney recommended using an open bid process due to the circumstances of the first bid.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Boddy, regarding newspaper bids, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that City Council direct Administration to re-bid this contract using an open bid process.

There was a consensus of the Committee that Administration is to include the following question in the bid specifications: "What other contributions have you made to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods."

Substitute motion by Granger, seconded by Sucher, regarding newspaper bids, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that City Council direct Administration to re-bid this contract using a closed bid process.

Substitute motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: Granger, Sucher
No: Boddy, Bryant, Howle, Novitke
Absent: McConaghy

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Boddy, Bryant, Howle, Novitke, Sucher
No: Granger
Absent: McConaghy

There was a consensus of the Committee that the bids are to return to the Committee-of-the-Whole.

The Chair declared a recess at 8:14 p.m. and reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The next item discussed was regarding **purchasing additional trees**. The City Administrator requested to purchase an additional 12 trees from James Brothers Landscape to be planted on Mack Avenue at a cost of approximately \$130.00 each, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,500.00, \$660.00 to be taken from the Department of Public Works account and \$840.00 to be taken from the City Administrator's account.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, regarding purchasing additional trees, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend City Council extend the contract with James Brothers Landscape and authorize the purchase of an additional 12 trees to be planted at a total cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Howle, seconded by Sucher, regarding purchasing additional trees, that the previous motion be immediately certified.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Howle, seconded by Bryant that purchasing of additional trees be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Committee then discussed **removing the following items from the Committee-of-the-Whole**. There was a consensus that Items H - 2008 Audit and I – 2020 Plan remain on the list for further discussion.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Howle, regarding removal of items from the Committee-of-the-Whole, that the following items be removed:

- A. Parker Property
- B. Water Tower
- C. Foundation Plans
- D. OPEB Actuarial Valuation
- E. Healthcare – Retiree
- F. Position Vacancy - IT
- G. Badger Water Meters
- H. 2006/07 Audit
- I. Park Bond Proposal
- J. Cable TV Information
- K. Insurance Commission
- L. Health Care – Employee
- M. Insurance: City Attorneys

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair stated a joint meeting needs to be scheduled with the Committee-of-the-Whole and the Planning Commission.

Under new business and hearing no objections, the following items were discussed:

- The Chair discussed the Lochmoor Club holiday invitation.
- The Chair discussed Zoning R-4, and asked the City Attorney to prepare to bring this item to a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.
- The Chair discussed the Public Relations Committee's recommendation to award a Pewabic vase to Allen Dickinson, former Council Member, having met all the criteria. Hearing no objections, presentation of the vase is to be made at the December 7, 2009, City Council Meeting.
- The Chair discussed the appointing a Council Representative to the Senior Citizens Commission.
- The Chair discussed two pieces of correspondence received in opposition to the new Lake Front Park hours. There was a consensus of the Committee there be no changes to the current winter hours.
- The City Clerk requested continued Council support to serve as a Director on the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC.) There was a consensus of the Council to provide continued support to the City Clerk to serve as a Director on the MAMC.
- Council Member Boddy discussed Administration's response to a written complaint regarding code enforcement issues at 1704 Manchester.
- Council Member Howle requested the Committee-of-the-Whole address televising/pod casting of meetings.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Howle, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 9:00 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk