

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE, OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Novitke
Council Members Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Sucher
ABSENT: Council Member Howle, Council Member Waldmeir

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Wollenweber
City Attorney C. Berschback
Treasurer/Comptroller Irby
Director of Public Works Ahee
City Engineer Lockwood
Recording Clerk St. Peter

Also present at tonight's meeting was Mike Gormely, Miller Canfield PLLC, and Mark Wright, Badger Water Meters (8:20 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Novitke at 7:33 p.m.

The first agenda item discussed was regarding **Planning Enabling Act**. The Chair opened discussion and the Committee-of-the-Whole discussed the necessary changes to the City Ordinance. The City Attorney will make the following changes to the Ordinance for a "First Reading" by the City Council at the first meeting in January:

- Include a definition of a Capital Improvement; to include new construction, new road, new park, etc. The definition will exclude existing infrastructure improvements.
- Change Sec. 2-441 (d) as discussed, to include the State Statute.
- Change Sec. 2-451 (b) as discussed.

Motion by Sucher, seconded by Bryant, regarding Planning Enabling Act, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to the City Council to adopt Chapter 2 of the City Code, Article V, Division 4, Sections 2-440 – 2-458, with the modifications as discussed.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Novitke, Sucher

No: None

Absent: Howle, Waldmeir

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Sucher, regarding Planning Enabling Act, that this agenda item be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Novitke, Sucher

No: None

Absent: Howle, Waldmeir

Motion by Sucher, seconded by Bryant, regarding Planning Enabling Act, that this agenda item be Immediately Certified.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Novitke, Sucher

No: None

Absent: Howle, Waldmeir

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Sucher, that Council Members Howle and Waldmeir be excused from attendance at tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Novitke, Sucher

No: None

Absent: Howle, Waldmeir

The next agenda item discussed was **Water Tower**. The Chair opened discussion and City Administrator Wollenweber gave an overview. The City Administrator is waiting for confirmation from the City of Detroit of the rate reduction to GPW upon construction of a water tower, in conjunction with a 30-year contract with the City of Detroit. GPW would need to construct one half-million gallon tank if it goes with the City of Detroit, or would need a million gallon tank if it goes with Grosse Pointe Farms.

The City Administrator advised that administration would like authorization for AEW to begin design and secure permits for construction of a half-million gallon water tank on DPW property.

Mike Gormely advised the Committee-of-the-Whole of funding options available to the City and advised that the City's best option is a Capital Improvement Bond. Mr. Gormely recommends that the City Council adopt a Reimbursement Resolution on the same night as a Notice of Intent is authorized so the City is reimbursed for any permit, design and construction costs from the bond proceeds.

The City Administrator, Treasurer/Comptroller and City Engineer will provide a maximum cost for the Notice of Intent for the first City Council meeting in January.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding Water Tower, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to the City Council to adopt a Notice of Intent Resolution for a Capital Improvement Bond, in an amount to be determined, and that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend the City Council adopt a Reimbursement Resolution.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Novitke, Sucher

No: None

Absent: Howle, Waldmeir

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, regarding Water Tower, that this agenda item be Immediately Certified.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Novitke, Sucher

No: None

Absent: Howle, Waldmeir

The Chair declared a recess at 9:34 p.m. and reconvened at 9:57 p.m.

The next agenda item discussed was **Badger Water Meters**. The Chair opened discussion and Director of Public Works Ahee advised the Committee-of-the-Whole of the need for compatible fixed network systems to attach to, and work in conjunction

with, the City's existing badger water meters. The cost of an entire new system from Badger Water Meters is \$761,000.00.

The Director of Public Works will provide the Committee with a graph indicating how many of the City's water meters have currently failed, and an acceleration point. The Director of Public Works will also advise whether the City should replace failed water meters incrementally or by mass installation.

The Committee requested an RFP from other companies for (1) total system replacement cost and (2) pilot program cost. This RFP should also include price per unit for incremental replacements and warranty information.

This agenda item will remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

The agenda item regarding **Cross Connection Program** will be placed on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda following the City Council meeting on December 15, 2008.

The next agenda item discussed was **Planning Commission Appointments**. The Committee-of-the-Whole agreed to reappoint Commissioners Ross Richardson, Thomas Vaughn, and John Vitale. The Committee-of-the-Whole next discussed candidates for the Planning Commission vacancy. The Chair will contact applicants who have applied.

Under **New Business**, the Chair discussed the need for a Special City Council meeting on December 29, 2008 to be followed by a Finance Committee meeting.

The Chair advised the Committee-of-the-Whole of a letter received from Fausone Bohn LLP regarding its investigation of a scheme of fixed rates on bonds.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Sucher, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 11:25 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.