

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE, OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Wollenweber
City Attorney Don Berschback
Recording Clerk St. Peter

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Novitke at 7:30 p.m.

The first agenda item discussed was regarding the **Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation**. The Chair opened discussion and took nominations from the Council for the appointment of a 15-person Board of Directors, to serve 1, 2 or 3 year terms. The Mayor will contact the discussed nominees.

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Bryant, regarding Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation, that this agenda item be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir

No: None

Absent: None

The Chair declared a recess at 8:52 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Sucher, that Council Member Howle be excused from the remainder of tonight's Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Dickinson, Granger, Novitke, Sucher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: Howle

The next agenda item discussed was regarding the **Grosse Pointe Farms Water Study**. The Chair opened discussion and the City Administrator provided an overview of the status of the study. The Committee-of-the-Whole tentatively agreed to consider the placement of a 1-million gallon water tower on the DPW property. This will not commit Grosse Pointe Woods in any way other than to allow a Pilot Plant Study to be conducted.

The City Administrator will provide a cost analysis on the proposed water tower (*i.e.*, payment by tax levy or out of general fund revenue; cost payback to Grosse Pointe Woods; cost of tower, including excavation; possible rate reduction from City of Detroit). The City Administrator will also determine the possibility of erecting a ground water tank like that in St. Clair Shores, on the DPW property, as well as any financial benefit of allowing Grosse Pointe Shores to erect a water tower on Grosse Pointe Woods property.

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

The next agenda item discussed was the **Retiree Insurance Update**. The Committee-of-the-Whole agreed that this agenda item would not be discussed at tonight's meeting. This will allow the City Administrator time to follow-up on the letter from the CornerStone Group.

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

Under New Business, the Chair discussed the grand opening of the Cook School House and the dedication of the historical marker. The Chair indicated that the interior walls of the Cook School House could be refurnished for approximately \$5,000.00, per the City Administrator. The Public Relations Committee will set a date in September for the grand opening of the Cook School House and dedication of the historical marker.

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The Chair then inquired as to the application by the City for reimbursement of revenue losses for industrial and commercial property. The City Administrator will determine whether the City is entitled to this rebate.

Council Member Sucher discussed the request from the Lochmoor Club regarding the use of an abandoned water line for use by their facility.

The City Attorney provided an update on Diccico vs. Grosse Pointe Woods.

The City Administrator advised the Committee-of-the-Whole that the Children's Home of Detroit is being acquired and managed by Starr Commonwealth.

Council Member Granger reminded the Committee-of-the-Whole of the Perch Derby on Saturday, June 21, 2008. Council Member Granger will advise of the time for the Perch Derby. Council Member Granger also reminded the Committee-of-the-Whole of the girls' relay meet to be held at the Lake Front Park pool on Saturday, June 14, 2008.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Waldmeir, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 10:58 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.