

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE, ALSO SITTING AS THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 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
Linda Palladino, Accounting Specialist (7:55 p.m.)
City Attorney Don Berschback
Recording Clerk St. Peter

Also in attendance at tonight's meeting was Mike Gormely.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Novitke at 7:31 p.m.

The first agenda item discussed was regarding the **Treasurer/Comptroller Contract**. The Chair opened discussion and the City Attorney gave an overview of Dee Ann Irby's employment contract. Subsequent to Council's approval of Ms. Irby's contract, and thereafter contingent on the medical and background check, Ms. Irby will commence employment with the City on July 7, 2008. Ms. Irby will be sworn in at the July 7, 2008 City Council meeting.

The City Administrator and City Attorney will modify Appendix A of the employment contract, as appropriate, in advance of the May 19, 2008 City Council meeting.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding Treasurer/Comptroller Contract, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to the City Council to authorize Mayor Novitke to sign the employment contract of Dee Ann Irby, including Appendix A, as modified, for the City Treasurer/Comptroller position.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding Treasurer/Comptroller Contract, that this agenda item be Immediately Certified.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Dickinson, regarding Treasurer/Comptroller Contract, 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 next agenda item discussed was regarding the **Proposed Water/Sewer Rate Increase**. Mayor Novitke opened discussion regarding the water/sewer rate increase that was passed onto Grosse Pointe Woods from the City of Detroit. The average Grosse Pointe Woods resident will incur an annual increase in their water/sewer rate of \$92.64. Mike Gormely informed the Committee-of-the-Whole of the City's bond reserve accounts and annual rate covenant.

The Chair declared a recess at 8:12 p.m. and reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding Proposed Water/Sewer Rate Increase, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to the City Council to approve the water/sewer rate increase as outlined in the May 9, 2008 memo, effective July 1, 2008.

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Motion passed by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, regarding Proposed Water/Sewer Rate Increase, that this agenda item be Immediately Certified.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Dickinson, regarding Proposed Water/Sewer Rate Increase, 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 next agenda item discussed was **Review of 2008/09 Proposed Budget – All Funds.** Mayor Novitke turned this portion of the meeting over to the Finance Committee Chair Al Dickinson, at 8:45 p.m.

The Chair declared a recess at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

The Chair opened discussion regarding the May 9, 2008 memo from City Administrator Wollenweber and Accounting Specialist Palladino. The City's reserves and retention of the current millage was then discussed. Public Hearing on the 2008/09 Proposed Budget is set for May 19, 2008.

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Mayor Novitke requested a quarterly review of the budget in the upcoming fiscal year, to commence in September or October. Mayor Novitke also requested a change in the Notice of Public Hearing of the Proposed 2008/09 Budget, page two, to reflect the language "Contingency".

Any questions of Council Members regarding the proposed budget should be posed to Administration in advance of the May 19, 2008 City Council meeting.

Council Member Waldmeir requested that the City Administrator look into whether the City can acquire a loan from the Pension Board for road construction projects. Accounting Specialist Palladino will include in the Council Members' budget packets for the May 19, 2008 City Council meeting, a summary of what constitutes the \$12,000,000 in revenues of the City's budget, in addition to the taxable income.

At 10:00 p.m., Chair Al Dickinson turned the meeting of the Finance Committee over to Mayor Novitke for purposes of the following motion.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Howle, regarding the 2008/09 Proposed Budget – All Funds, that the Finance Committee recommend to the City Council, that the 2008/09 Proposed Budget – All Funds, be adopted.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Howle, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 10:15 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.