

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2006, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Novitke  
Council Members Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Reynolds, Waldmeir  
ABSENT: Spicher

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Wollenweber  
City Attorney Chip Berschback  
Recording Clerk Hathaway  
Director of Public Safety Makowski  
Building Inspector Tutag  
Code Enforcement Officer Mazon  
Code Enforcement Officer Prieur

Also present at tonight's meeting:

John Parthum, Historical Commission  
Joe Sucher, 730 S. Oxford  
Jerry Harder, 1605 Fairholme  
Steve Armbruster, 1665 Fairholme  
Garry Fletcher, 1555 Fairholme  
Ron Reiss, Unison Representative

Due to the attendance at tonight's meeting, the meeting was moved into the Council Chambers.

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Howle, to excuse Council Member Spicher from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Reynolds, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: Spicher

The first item discussed concerned **Rodent Control**. Mr. Harder spoke regarding rodents in his neighborhood (Fairholme between Holiday and Mack). He requested more information be available to residents and that the City take a proactive approach to this issue. The City Administrator indicated that staff will soon become trained and certified in rodent control and that a baiting service is a viable alternative.

Code Enforcement Officers Mason and Prieur stated that removal of food and habitat would greatly reduce rodent infestation.

The Chair asked Council Member Waldmeir, Chair of the Public Relations Committee, to consider placing the Rodent informational insert into the next issue of the City *Update*, and subsequent issues every three months.

The City Administrator said consideration should be given to charging rental properties, but not homeowner-occupied properties, for baiting services to be offered by the City. The Chair requested the City Attorney to determine if rental properties can be treated differently than homeowner-occupied properties regarding payment for baiting services, as well as commercial businesses, schools, and churches. The City Attorney was also asked to address indemnification/liability to the City with respect to providing rodent control services. The City Attorney was directed to prepare information for the first Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting in January 2007.

Hearing no objections, this item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda to be addressed in January 2007. Administration is also requested to provide costs for providing this service to the residents.

Hearing no objections, the item regarding **offer of donation for the Cook School House/Historical Commission** was taken out of order. The Chair distributed a letter dated October 23, 2006, from Gregory P. Pischae, 1884 Huntington Blvd. In his letter, Mr. Pischae is offering to make a donation of items to the Cook School project and other items for the Historical Commission, which include a 30' flagpole, a framed black and white photo of President George Washington, and additional historical items.

The City Attorney suggested the Historical Commission prepare a policy for acceptance of such donations. Mr. Parthum indicated such a policy does exist, however it only identifies documents. He suggested revising the current policy to include historical items. Mr. Parthum agreed to contact Mr. Pischae regarding items to be donated, including the flagpole, and advise the Council within the next sixty days regarding acceptance of items.

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Reynolds, that offer of donation for the Cook School House/Historical Commission be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Reynolds, Waldmeir
No:	None
Absent:	Spicher

The Chair declared a recess at 8:28 p.m., and reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

The next item was regarding **Proposed Agreement – Unison**. The City Administrator provided an overview. The Chair requested additional information identifying the

amount of land surrounding the tower that would be included in this agreement. Mr. Reiss, Unison Representative, provided an overview. There was discussion regarding concerns pertaining to the Agreement including perpetuity, Unison's right to make improvements, removal of equipment/improvements, lease amount, and land. The City Attorney indicated the current Lease Agreement could potentially extend to 2021.

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Howle, regarding Proposed Agreement – Unison, that the Committee-of-the-Whole not proceed with the Unison Agreement.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Reynolds, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: Spicher

Motion by Waldmeir, seconded by Granger, that the Proposed Agreement-Unison, be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Reynolds, Waldmeir  
No: None  
Absent: Spicher

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Granger, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recess the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:21 p.m. and convene in CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, at which time the Committee-of-the-Whole may or may not reconvene in regular session to address additional items as necessary, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act 1976 PA 267.

Motion carried by the following ROLL CALL vote:

Spicher	Absent
Waldmeir	Yes
Dickinson	Yes
Granger	Yes
Howle	Yes
Novitke	Yes
Reynolds	Yes

The Committee-of-the-Whole reconvened in regular session at 10:16 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Council Members Granger and Howle were not in attendance.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Reynolds, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 10:16 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk