

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2006, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Wollenweber
Building Inspector Tutag
City Attorney Charles Berschback
City Engineer Lockwood
Planning Commission Members:
Commissioner Vitale
Commissioner Ismail
Commissioner Richardson
Commissioner Vaughn
Commissioner Gilezan
Commissioner Zolik
Recording Clerk St. Peter

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

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Spicher, that Council Member Dickinson be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair opened discussion regarding **Dance Ordinance**. The Planning Commission has reviewed the issue of amending the zoning ordinance, to allow dancing in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. The Planning Commission suggested restrictions in the language of the ordinance such as: limiting size of dance floor, limiting dance permits to incidental business uses rather than primary business use, limiting dance permits to

establishments licensed under the LCC, limiting hours of operation, and requiring annual review. Also discussed was the possibility of limiting dance permits to C2 district establishments. This restriction must be balanced with the possibility of litigation from C district establishments that would not be granted permits. The possibility of granting a temporary dance permit to Robusto's was also discussed.

The City Attorney and City Administrator indicated they will look at ordinances in other cities to evaluate the language and further evaluate this issue. This information will then be given to the City Council and the Planning Commission in a memo. The City Attorney will then meet with the Planning Commission. Thereafter the Planning Commission will meet with the Committee-of-the-Whole in a joint session to further discuss this issue.

The Chair declared a recess at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

The next agenda item discussed was **Rezoning on Mack Avenue**. Building Official Tutag provided an overview of the areas to be rezoned, which include Norwood/Oxford, Stanhope/Littlestone and Broadstone/Severn. Several business owners on Mack Avenue have requested rezoning. The Planning Commission and Building Inspector recommended rezoning Mack Avenue from RO-1 to C commercial business. Currently, 47% of the existing businesses in the subject areas are non-conforming uses.

The City Attorney requested input from the affected business owners before a public hearing is held. The City Attorney indicated the timeline for rezoning would be 2-6 months.

Motion by Howle, seconded by Granger, regarding Rezoning Mack Avenue, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to the City Council to direct the Planning Commission to amend the zoning ordinance to re-zone Mack Avenue between Norwood/Oxford, Stanhope/Littlestone and Broadstone/Severn, from RO-1 Restricted Office to C Commercial Business.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Howle, regarding Rezoning Mack Avenue, that this agenda item be Immediately Certified.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Howle, seconded by Spicher, regarding Rezoning Ordinance, that this item be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The next agenda item discussed was the **Mack Avenue Safety Grant**. City Administrator Wollenweber provided an overview. The Mack Avenue Safety Grants affect Mack Avenue from Vernier to the North City limits. The Grants are to improve the safety on Mack Avenue and also to get the street repaved. Bi-directional cross-overs will be eliminated and replaced with half roundabouts. The grant includes \$500,000 from the county, and \$65,000 from the State. The City Administrator stated if City Council does not approve the project quickly, the State's \$65,000 portion would no longer be available. The City Administrator stated the Council could modify the improvements even after construction and funds are received.

The City Administrator stated that accidents typically occurring with bi-directional cross-overs are broadside accidents of a serious nature, while accidents occurring with half roundabouts are minor rear end collisions.

The Planning Commission indicated they will look into incorporating pedestrian cross-walks into the proposed plans.

Motion by Howle, seconded by Reynolds, regarding Mack Avenue Safety Grant, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to the City Council to proceed with the proposed turn around location plan and authorize the application of grants as proposed.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The next agenda item discussed was the **S-2 Grant** for SRF Loan monies, to be used for televising, cleaning, and repair. The grant covers the cost of televising the remaining six (of eight) maintenance districts. The loan is for a low-interest loan for repair or CIPP.

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Spicher, regarding S-2 Grant, that this item be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair declared a recess at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:57 p.m.

The next agenda item discussed was **Cook School**. The Committee-of-the-Whole discussed possible locations for the Cook School. Locations under consideration are on City property west of the Community Center driveway on the north side of City Hall or in the front and to the south of the Public Safety Driveway.

There was Committee consensus that Administration needs to perform a cost analysis for water, sewer, electricity and gas, and an estimate for another parking lot. A cost analysis is also needed to determine what the schoolhouse will cost the City on a yearly basis. This agenda item will remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda for a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting on October 2, 2006.

Upon proper motion, meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.