

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Wollenweber  
City Attorney Chip Berschback  
City Clerk Hathaway  
Director of Public Safety Makowski  
Park Supervisor Sharp

Richard Shetler Jr.  
2000 Lennon Ave.

Gib Heim  
1219 Brys

Jacqueline Losinski  
1995 Brys

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

Hearing no objections, New Business was taken out of order. The Chair discussed concerns regarding recent notification that Community Development Block Grant service allocations are being reduced, which means Services for Older Citizens will be reduced. All Grosse Pointe Mayor's will be sending a letter to Wayne County opposing the reduction. There was Committee consensus that Mayor Novitke sign said letter.

The Chair then discussed a request from Little League, permission to name a City-owned baseball Diamond. Hearing no objections, the City Attorney is to research this request and place this item on the Council agenda. The City Attorney is to find out if this has been done in the past and to advise as to a suitable procedure. It was suggested that the City Attorney research the naming of Jules DePorre Park.

The first item on the agenda concerned **Lake Front Park Ordinances**. The Citizens Recreation Commission is recommending the amendments. Discussion included City employees being allowed placement on the wait list for a boat well in Lake Front Park. Park Supervisor Sharp indicated well assignment criteria includes length of a vessel. Well transfers were also discussed. It was suggested that transfers be addressed in the Park Rules rather than in an ordinance. Overnight guest regulations, including the

number of people allowed, could also be addressed under Park Rules. Also discussed was the inability to play televisions and radios after midnight and the ability to leave the park when staying over night. The City Attorney was directed to soften up the television/radio restriction.

Hearing no objections, this item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole Agenda and that this item be prepared to be addressed by City Council by second meeting in March. There was Committee consensus regarding the following:

- o No objection to overnight stays;
- o Allow full-time employees to utilize a boat slip at Lake Front Park if there are no residents on the wait list;
- o Not to take park privileges away from employees.

The Chair declared a recess at 8:33 p.m., and reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

The next item discussed was regarding **recurring recreation events**. The Citizens Recreation Commission requested budgeted events be allowed to happen without Council approval. The Committee discussed whether this request could/should apply to all commissions.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Granger, regarding recurring recreation events that the Committee-of-the-Whole concur with the Citizens' Recreation Commission at their meeting on February 6, 2006, and recommend City Council adopt the policy and that this item be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Dickinson, Granger, Novitke, Spicher, Waldmeir

No: Howle, Reynolds

Absent: None

The next item addressed was regarding **Mack/Brys**.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding high traffic accident incidents at Brys/Mack intersection, that this item be removed from the table addressing a traffic light at Mack/Brys.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Dickinson, Granger, Novitke, Spicher, Waldmeir

No: Howle, Reynolds

Absent: None

Discussions regarding Mack/Brys commenced. Committee discussed the letter dated December 19, 2005, from Traffic Improvement Association (TIA). City Administrator Wollenweber addressed each recommendation and status of work. The Chair requested SEMCOG or AAA review TIA's recommendations. The City Administrator provided an overview regarding the options stating that Vicki Holland will work with the City on

safety solutions, a light not being a recommendation as putting a light would solve T-bone accidents, but would increase traffic on the block until it reaches a saturation point.

The Chair declared a recess at 9:38 p.m., and reconvened at 9:46 p.m.

Following further discussion, the Chair directed the City Administrator to obtain a study from SEMCOG regarding a traffic light for an upcoming City Council agenda.

Motion by Spicher, seconded by Dickinson, that the item regarding Mack/Brys be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Howle, seconded by Spicher, that the **field use policy** be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Spicher, regarding **Mack/Brys study costs**, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend City Council authorize payment to Michael Labadie, Tetra Tech, up to an additional expenditure of \$3,800, for consulting services.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Reynolds, seconded by Howle, regarding Mack/Brys study costs, that this item be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair provided an overview regarding the vacation of **University Liggett Middle School future site plans** and whether this item should be placed on a Planning Commission Workshop to obtain suggestions for uses, and address any necessary

zoning changes. Hearing no objections, there was Committee consensus that this item be addressed at a Planning Commission Workshop.

Motion by Howle, seconded by Reynolds, that University Liggett Middle School-future site plans be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The next item discussed was regarding **City Council Rules of Order and Procedure**. The Chair suggested modifying Rule 32 to include a majority vote of the Council.

Motion by Howle, seconded by Reynolds, regarding City Council Rules of Order and Procedure, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to City Council that the rules be left alone.

Motion failed by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding City Council Rules of Order and Procedure, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend City Council direct a revision of Rule 32 that would reflect what is in Roberts Rules of Order.

SUBSTITUTE Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Howle, regarding City Council Rules of Order and Procedure, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend City Council direct the City Attorney provide a firm recommendation with a course of action that should be taken.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, regarding City Council Rules of Order and Procedure, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend City Council authorize the City Attorney make recommendations as to the proper format to Rule 32 that does not agree with Roberts Rules of Order.

After much discussion City Clerk Hathaway requested a parliamentary clarification. Hearing no objections, all previous motions regarding City Council Rules of Order and Procedure were withdrawn. The Chair restated prior motions were withdrawn.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Howle, regarding City Council Rules of Order and Procedure, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend City Council authorize the City Attorney to provide an amendment to Rule 32.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Howle, seconded by Granger, that City Council Rules of Order and Procedure be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The next item was concerning the State of the City Address. The Chamber of Commerce offered to sponsor the event. The Chair discussed holding the event at City Hall working through the Public Relations Committee. There was a consensus of the Committee to hold the event here at City Hall and to include refreshments, use of Community Center, invite the Mack Avenue Business Group, Chamber of Commerce, and general public, advertise in the Grosse Pointe News and cable, and Peter Waldmeir, Chair of the Public Relations Committee is to organize the event.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir regarding State of the City Address, that this item be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Hearing no objections, the item regarding the **Insurance Commission** is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole Agenda.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Howle, that the following items be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda:

- **City Clerk Interviews;**
- **Planning Commission Appointments;**
- **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report FY 06/30/05.**

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Howle, that the following item be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda:

- **Election of Mayor Pro-Tem.**

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Spicher, that the following item be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda:

- **Public Hearing Procedures.**

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Howle, seconded by Granger, that the following item be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda:

- **Indemnification.**

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Howle, that the following item be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda:

- **Right-of-Way Application/Permit.**

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under New Business, a recent Metro Times newspaper article was addressed regarding newspaper boxes. The City Attorney was directed to prepare a letter to the resident's compliant for Council review.

Motion by Reynolds seconded by Waldmeir, that tonight's meeting adjourn at 11:03 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway, City Clerk