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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE, SITTING AS THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2005, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

J. Buckley
Price WaterhouseCoopers

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Novitke at 7:08 p.m.

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The City Comptroller, Cliff Maison, presented an overview regarding the **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2005**, of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. The audit process was started in

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May 2005. Price WaterhouseCoopers performed a detailed audit of the City's internal controls as well as payroll. The audit is completed in August after the City's books are closed for the fiscal year. The City Comptroller then generates a statement in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP). The City is to receive a Certificate for Excellence in Accounting Practices.

J. Buckley of PriceWaterhouseCoopers, then provided an overview with regard to the completion of the Financial Statement Audit for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2005. Full access to all records of the City and full cooperation was provided by City employees. Mr. Buckley noted that Finance Committee is essential to the effective management of a City. No disagreements with City management were noted, and no difficulties were encountered in performing the audit. No material weaknesses were noted. The main focus of an audit is to opine on the fair presentation of City financial statements.

Mr. Buckley noted that for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2005, the City increased their finances over the prior year, which is remarkable considering all of the challenges the City faced. He also noted that residents investing money into their property helps increase the taxable values of the property, which helps increase the City's finances. Mr. Buckley also noted that actuarial reports and statements are required to be in the City's financial reports by 2008.

Mr. Maison noted that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report will be put in final form, reviewed and corrected, and then will go into final printing. The numbers will not change, however, a Management Discussion and Analysis section will be added to the report. The Finance Committee will need to review the report before it goes into final form.

Council Member Howle joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Waldmeir, that the Committee-of-the-Whole, sitting as a Finance Committee, recommend City Council receive and place on file the Fiscal Year 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Financial Statement Audit and refer such to the Finance Committee for review.

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Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Novitke, Spicher, Waldmeir

No: None

Absent: Reynolds

Upon proper motion, meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.