

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Administrator/Director of Public Services Schulte
City Attorney Anderson
City Clerk Hathaway
Building Official Tutag
Deputy Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt

Also in attendance was Bill Matouk, owner of Woods Fine Wine & Spirits.

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Koester, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn
No: None
Absent: None

The first item discussed was regarding **salt barn use**. The Director of Public Services provided an overview of his memo date August 17, 2021, regarding sharing the City's salt barn with Grosse Pointe Public Schools, and questions and answers ensued. There was a consensus of the Committee to authorize the City Attorney to prepare an Agreement.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, to remove salt barn usage from the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn
No: None
Absent: None

Next, discussion ensued regarding implementing a Consent Agenda and revising the Rules of Order of Common Council. The Chair stated it is his desire to move forward with incorporating a Consent Agenda into the City Council agenda. The Chair asked Council to review the drafts, one including edits and the other a reformatted version incorporating the edits. He asked the Committee to pay special attention to the new Consent Agenda

and items to be included. A brief discussion ensued regarding concerns, pros, and cons of administering a Consent Agenda. The proposed revisions to the Rules of Order were also briefly reviewed, and clarity was requested on Section 25. The Chair asked the Committee to take time to review the documents as this item will be readdressed in the future. This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole.

The Chair also stated that in the past, meetings in general have been scheduled four Mondays a month. He plans to free up at least one Monday night per month with Council and Committee-of-the-Whole meetings to be held together in one night.

Ford House parking was the next item on the agenda. The Director of Public Services provided an overview regarding his memo dated September 1, 2021, regarding the Ford House request to use the Lake Front Park parking lot to be used by their employees during Ford House events. He would like it to become a permitted item similar to the Field Use Application process and with the City Administrator having authority to approve the request. There was a consensus of the Committee to move forward with this request and asked the City Attorney to prepare an agreement with the Ford House including indemnification language.

The Committee then discussed a **land use request** at the northwest corner of Mack and Anita. The Building Official provided an overview of his memo dated August 25, 2021, regarding Mr. Matouk's interest in purchasing the city-owned property to expand his business. Although there are no site plans available at this time, he is attempting to find out if there is interest in the City selling the property. If yes, the City would hire a private appraiser and Mr. Matouk would be responsible for any cost. If this request does go forward, it would take eight months to a year to get through the process.

Discussion included availability of parking data, number of parking spaces, usage, notice of sale requirements, whether there are any existing drinking issues in the lot, effects of purchasing the adjacent home, and parking requirements. The Building Official stated there are 41 spots in that parking lot and the spots are used. He stated the zoning ordinance has a requirement for parking spaces and eliminating of the City lot would impact surrounding businesses. Mr. Matouk stated he is also interested in purchasing the home behind the lot as well.

City Attorney suggested looking at the master plan regarding parking and consider how much revenue is generated by parking.

The Chair stated the group would not be meeting as a group this evening for a group site visit and asked the Committee to look at the property individually.

There was a consensus of the Committee to engage an independent appraiser. This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Nobody wished to be heard under New Business.

Nobody wished to be heard under Public Comment.

Motion by Granger, seconded by McConaghy, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 8:38 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor