

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF  
GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020.

The Facilitator's statement was presented.

PRESENT: Mayor Novitke  
Council Members Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy,  
McMullen

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Smith  
City Attorney Berschback  
City Clerk Hathaway  
Deputy Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy  
Building Official Tutag  
Facilitator/Deputy City Clerk Antolin

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

Motion by Bryant, 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: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, McMullen, Novitke

No: None

Absent: None

The purpose of today's meeting was to discuss **remote meetings**.

The City Attorney provided an overview of his letter and Legal Opinion dated November 11, 2020, and the proposed resolution. P.A. 228 of 2020, MCL 15.263(a) allows the Council to continue to meet remotely from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The Act provides for specific circumstances including military duty, a medical condition, or a statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster that would risk personal health or safety of the members of the public or the public body if the meeting were held in person.

In order to continue with remote meetings being held beyond December 31, 2020, he stated a State of Disaster would need to be declared by the Mayor, which he has authority to do under state law and local ordinances. Once a disaster is declared and the Resolution adopted, virtual meetings will be permitted to continue. In the future, and as things change, the Council may revisit whether they want to appear remotely, not at all, or by way of some other type of hybrid attendance.

Nobody wished to be heard under New Business.

Nobody wished to be heard under Public Comment.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:01 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk

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Robert E. Novitke  
Mayor