

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS SITTING AS A FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Smith  
Treasurer/Comptroller Behrens  
City Clerk Hathaway  
Director of Public Services Schulte  
Director of Public Safety Kosanke  
Deputy City Clerk/Facilitator Antolin  
Building Official Tutag  
Recreation Supervisor Gerhart  
Information Technology Manager Capps

The Facilitator's Statement was presented.

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, 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, Novitke

No: None

Absent: None

Discussion ensued regarding the **Proposed FY 2020/21 Budget**. The Mayor provided an overview regarding the Proposed FY 2020/21 Budget. There are many unknowns, for example:

- COVID-19 responses (testing, supplies, protective procedures);
- potential increased contractual service expenses dependent upon number of employees affected;
- Reduced ACT 51 revenues received;
- Reduced State Revenue Sharing Funds;
- Potential unfunded state and federal mandates.

and for this fiscal year there also needs to be incorporated three non-reoccurring expenses totaling almost \$2.3 million:

- Oxford - \$639,000;
- Lake Front Park vehicular bridge - \$650,000;
- New fire apparatus - \$1,000,000+.

The Finance Committee, at their meeting held May 12, 2020, recommended the pool be closed for June, July, and August; a reduction of \$450,000.00 in expenses. Financing of the fire truck will be for five years at 2.9% with no penalty.

The Mayor stated that he believes we as a Finance Committee are presenting a reasoned, prudent, recommended budget to the City Council based upon the Council's and Administration's concerns and recommendations, and the Finance Committee has recommended modifications to the initial budget to reflect:

- the pool closure for May, June, and July for this calendar year;
- reducing the Commission budgets to the actual amounts expended;
- eliminating for the fiscal year the Commission Appreciation Reception;
- the cancellation of City events for this calendar year;
- the financing of \$500,000.00 for the fire apparatus to maintain some excess funds in the Motor Vehicle Fund.

The Mayor commended the Council and Administration for building up the reserves for these non-reoccurring expenses which total approximately \$2.3 million as well as our employees.

Questions and answers ensued:

- Vehicular bridge construction to commence after November 1;
- Oxford Road construction will start fall of 2020;
- Water Main projects will commence fall 2020 or spring 2021;
- Fire truck was ordered but delivery was delayed due to COVID-19;
- Clerk's election costs increased for August/November due to COVID-19.

The City Administrator and Treasurer/Comptroller recommended adoption of the budget as presented.

Motion by Koester, seconded by McConaghy, regarding the proposed FY 2020/21 Budget, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to City Council adoption of the proposed FY 2020/21 budget as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke  
No: None  
Absent: None

Nobody wished to be heard under New Business.

The following individual was heard under Public Comment:

Catherine Dumke

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 5:39 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk

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Robert E. Novitke  
Mayor