

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Smith  
City Attorney Don Berschback  
City Clerk Hathaway  
Director of Public Services Schulte

Also present was Kolby Miller, Medstar.

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, to excuse Council Member Granger from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Koester, McConaghy, McMullen, Novitke, Shetler  
No: None  
Absent: Granger

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Shetler, 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, Koester, McConaghy, McMullen, Novitke, Shetler  
No: None  
Absent: Granger

The first item for discussion on tonight's agenda was regarding **Medstar**. The Chair stated that amendments were discussed at a prior meeting and no changes regarding costs were made. Mr. Miller stated that the pricing presented was proposed by the three City Managers. When the cost was split an even three ways, the other municipalities would be funding Grosse Pointe Woods services. The Mayor stated that he is dissatisfied with the position the City has been placed in, and there was a consensus of the rest of the Committee which also agreed. The Mayor stated that money is made with transports, which the bulk of the transports come from Grosse Pointe Woods, more than the other two communities combined.

The City Attorney will address the proposed contract. Mr. Miller stated \$500,000.00 is the total revenue for the three cities, of which Grosse Pointe Woods is

responsible for \$280,000.00. The City Attorney stated changes to be incorporated into the contract include changing the term from a calendar year to a fiscal year, add a 30-day out clause, and Medstar is to maintain \$10 million in liability instead of decreasing coverage to \$5 million.

Brief discussion ensued regarding St. Clair Shores ambulance services, and the City Administrator was asked to obtain additional information.

This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

The Committee then discussed **chipping services**. Discussion ensued regarding past services. The Director of Public Services stated the cost for the City's Department of Public Works to provide chipping services would be \$127,000.00 per year, including benefits, to add two-Operator 2's to chip 8-10' branches, provide other services, and to reduce overtime; \$147,000.00 with Arbor Pro to chip 8' long branches; and, Green for Life (GFL) will cost \$205,000.00, which in the previous contract was \$48,000.00. The Director stated Grosse Pointe Woods has two chippers, 2007 and 1990's models, both in good condition. The cost of a new chipper is \$120,000.00 with a 15-year life. There was a majority consensus to move forward with the Department of Public Works performing chipping services in the City.

The City Administrator was asked to call GFL and find out if we offer chipping services to residents and if they don't pick it up, will they reduce our costs.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, regarding chipping services, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to City Council authorizing the hire of two additional operator 2's to engage in weekly services, and require that limbs are not to exceed up to a 4" in diameter or up to 12' in length.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	Bryant, Koester, McConaghy, McMullen, Novitke, Shetler
No:	None
Absent:	Granger

The City Clerk was asked to confirm whether "not to include contractor disposal" is in the current ordinance.

Discussion then ensued regarding **property and liability insurance**. The Chair asked if it was a soft market. The City Attorney stated the cost for property and liability insurance would have been \$111,480.00 through Michigan Municipal League if the City went out for bid, which would be a little bit more than Stevenson currently. Stevenson's proposal is \$108,854, the same as the last two years. The City Administrator was asked to check with the other cities, MML, and also any other companies regarding insurance cost. This item is to be placed on

the Council agenda for July 2nd with the intent to extend the current contract for one year. Depending on the information gathered, if necessary it can be addressed at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 8:04 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk

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Robert E. Novitke  
Mayor