

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, SITTING AS A FINANCE COMMITTEE, HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Smith
Treasurer/Comptroller Behrens
City Clerk Hathaway

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by McConaghy, 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, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, McMullen, Novitke, Shetler

No: None

Absent: None

The Committee commenced review and discussion regarding the **proposed FY 2018/19 budget**. The Treasurer/Comptroller provided an overview and questions and answers ensued. She stated:

SEV – \$870 million;
SEV Equalized Value - \$876,024,629;
SEV Taxable Value - \$696 Million;
Millage - \$696,024.69;
Total budget - \$37,517,538;
Internal transfers \$2.564 million;
General Fund \$13,891,365.

She also stated the current Fund Balance is \$6.2 million, and if the proposed road construction is completed, except for Lochmoor, the Fund Balance would be \$3.4 million (27.7%). Proposed road construction was not included in the preparation of the proposed budget.

There will be no personnel added or part-time positions going to full-time with the exception of a Public Safety Dispatcher that will go from part-time to a full-time position. There will be movement in rank within the Public Safety Department by creating a Lieutenant and a Sergeant, and there will be a loss of one Public Safety Officer position.

The Treasurer/Comptroller stated the City is not in a structural deficit in the general fund. She provided information on total compensation being paid, and detail on salaries in all the departments. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of adding a Code Enforcement Officer considering reports of early trash, trash bin storage, and the number of bags put out. Discussion, questions and answers continued. Administration was asked to find out why \$35,000.00 was spent on repairing the street sweeper. The City Administrator stated he believed \$35,000.00 was an error and would follow-up. (Secretary's Note: repairs were confirmed at a cost of \$3,500.00.)

With respect to the fund balance, the Mayor discussed keeping in mind that if it is determined to complete all proposed capital improvements and roads taking the fund balance down to \$3.4 million while the City continues to pay on the \$2.5 million capital improvement bond, in addition to financing a ladder truck for \$500,000.00, and Vernier Road construction at \$3.5 million, then the City needs to have a tight budget moving forward. The Treasurer/Comptroller stated it will cost approximately \$1 million to pave Lochmoor.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, regarding the proposed FY 2018/19 budget, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend the City Council adopt the budget as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Hearing no objections, the following items were discussed under new business:

- The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce – Dogs Unleashed provided suggested artwork. There was a consensus of the Committee to choose the Dalmatian with a red collar and green or brown base.
- The Treasurer/Comptroller requested a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting be scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on June 4th for a meeting with Pat McGow and Bobby Bendzinski to discuss the bond sale, which needs to be done before June 30th.
- The draft millage proposal information sheet was reviewed. Administration is to make revisions as requested.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Shetler, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 9:46 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Robert E. Novitke
Mayor