

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT 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
City Attorney Chip Berschback
Treasurer/Comptroller Behrens
City Clerk Hathaway
Deputy City Clerk Antolin

Also in attendance were:

Kyle Seidel, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc.

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

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

The first item discussed was regarding **Water/Sewer Study**. Mr. Seidel provided an overview regarding rates for the various meter sizes. He stated that the Great Lakes Water Authority uses equivalent formulas in other local cities such as Harper Woods, Eastpointe, Roseville, Fraser and St. Clair Shores.

Mr. Seidel identified five factors that determine how the Great Lakes Water Authority base their fee schedule.

1. The amount of water the City purchases or uses;
2. The City's elevation from where the water is pumped;
3. The City's distance from where the water is pumped;
4. The peak hour flow;
5. The max day flow (the one day in a year that has maximum flow).

Mr. Seidel proceeded to discuss three proposed rate charge options:

1. No change in rates;
2. 10% reduction on fixed fees (increase cost per unit);
3. No change in fixed rates – ultimate meter ratio (larger meters incur higher costs).

Mr. Seidel answered questions from the audience.

The Chair declared a recess at 9:05 p.m., and reconvened the Committee meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Mr. Seidel answered questions of the City Council.

Mr. Seidel was asked to look at establishing a rate by combining all residential customers regardless of meter size with a factor of one and how this would affect water rates.

Mr. Seidel was asked to be in attendance at the Committee-of-the-Whole on May 7th at 7:30 p.m. following the City Council meeting. This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Next, **Signage – City Hall Complex** was discussed.

City Administrator provided an overview of his memo dated March 7, 2018. Following discussion, the City Administrator stated he would look into a message/event board.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, regarding **Signage-City Hall Complex**, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that City Council approve the signage as submitted.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Discussion ensued regarding **Contract: Entertainment – Music on the Lawn**.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, regarding **Contract: Entertainment – Music on the Lawn**, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that City Council approve, and authorize the City Administrator to sign, the Performance Agreement with Sonic Freeway, LLC. in the amount of \$900.00.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, to amend the previous motion by inserting, "contingent upon appropriate insurance being received".

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The **Headlee override** was then discussed. The Committee reviewed the proposed ballot language for the Headlee Override. There was a majority consensus to replace the wording "parks and recreation" with "infrastructure".

There was a consensus of the Committee to direct the City Attorney to ask Miller and Canfield to review the revised ballot language.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Shetler, that the Committee recess the regularly scheduled Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 9:45 p.m. and convene in Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal opinion at which time the Committee may or may not reconvene in regular session to address additional items as necessary, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act 1976 PA 267.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Granger - Yes
Koester - Yes
McConaghy - Yes
McMullen - Yes
Novitke - Yes
Shetler - Yes
Bryant - Yes

The Committee relocated to the Conference Room for Closed Session located across the hallway.

The Committee-of-the-Whole reconvened in open session at 10:30 p.m.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by McConaghy, to remove **Signage-City Hall Complex, Contract: Live Performance Agreement-Sonic Freeway, LLC,** and **Proposed Headlee Override Ballot Proposal** from the Committee-of-the-Whole.

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 heard under New Business:

- The Mayor discussed a letter received from Lisa Fuller regarding the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation's miniature golf proposal for Lake Front Park. The City Administrator stated administration will be prepared to address this item by the end of April. There was a consensus of the Committee that the Mayor send an email to Lisa Fuller and to include meeting to discuss this proposal at the Committee-of-the-Whole on May 14, 2018.
- Water/Sewer Rates were again, briefly discussed. Administration was asked to provide a clear procedure for reducing a meter size or installing a reducer to a meter, if possible.

There was a consensus of the Committee that the City Clerk schedule a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting on May 7, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. and to include tonight's information regarding the Water/Sewer Study.

The May 14, 2018, Committee-of-the-Whole meeting will include discussing Workman's Compensation (7:00 p.m.), Medstar (7:15 p.m.), Rocket Fiber (8:00 p.m.), and the Proposed Miniature Golf course (8:30 p.m.).

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 10:55 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
Deputy City Clerk

Robert E. Novitke
Mayor