

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017, 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
City Attorney Chip Berschback
City Clerk Hathaway
City Engineer Lockwood (arrived 7:02 p.m.)
Director of Public Services Schulte (arrived 7:02 p.m.)
Treasurer/Comptroller Behrens (arrived 7:03 p.m.)

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by McMullen, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Shetler, that the Committee recess the regularly scheduled Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 6:35 p.m. and convene in Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal opinion at which time the Committee will 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:

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

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 7:02 p.m.

The next item discussed was regarding the **solid waste collection contract**.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Mary Joe Vannatter, Green for Life
Don Baretta, Green for Life
Robert Szabo, 1620 Fairholme

The Mayor stated additional discussion is needed regarding contract details. The following items were discussed:

- Whether a smaller recyclable container (18 gallon) may continue to be used. Mr. Baretta responded yes. If residents put them out, they will be emptied. The City Attorney was asked to include this into the contract.
- Whether a bag of trash can be placed out for pick up or will using a 64 gallon container be required. Mr. Baretta stated the bag will be picked up. He also stated if occasionally there are more trash bags than a cart will hold, up to five bags will be taken. If there is a need for a resident to consistently put out 4-6 bags for pick up, an additional cart will be needed. If it is occasional, then additional bags will be picked up.
- Which carts are to be provided. Mr. Baretta stated the City may choose the cart colors and that it may be included into the contract.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the regulations included in the ordinance.

A concern was voiced regarding elderly people struggling with the big containers, the possibility of a slip and fall, and placing out/returning the cart being an inconvenience for an elderly person. Mr. Baretta stated one bag will be picked up.

Discussion ensued regarding pick-up of carpeting, etc. Mr. Baretta stated such would be picked up.

Discussion ensued regarding special pick-ups resulting from a wide-spread, catastrophic occurrence. Mr. Baretta stated a special pick-up will be arranged with the Director of Public Services, and a rate would be negotiated for pick up and hauling.

The type of equipment (trucks) was then discussed. Mr. Baretta stated the trucks will be a semi-automated system. The Director of Public Services is recommending approval of the contract based on the successful services provided in Grosse Pointe City. Mr. Baretta stated the carts will not be available when the contract becomes effective on January 1. The carts will be rolled out

around March. GFL will prepare and mail a newsletter to the residents regarding a delivery timeframe for the carts.

The City Administrator recommended approval of the contract with GFL based on the recommendation of other communities.

Mr. Baretta asked for clarification on the style of carts being requested. He stated the Totter cart with a matte finish is not consistent with bid specifications. A Totter cart is a rotationally molded cart and neither provides a smooth (cleaner) surface nor a consistent thicknesses, which is requested in the specifications. A Totter cart is molded with a matte finish and various thicknesses. Following discussion, there was a consensus of the Committee that the City Attorney include into the contract:

- Cart colors, dark brown for trash and dark green (moss) for recyclables;
- Remove matte language for 64 gallon 2-wheeled carts;
- The Director of Public Services and contractor are to choose a high-pressure molded cart in accordance with the bid specifications.

New Business:

- The City Attorney discussed pending nuisance litigation regarding 1298 Hawthorne. He attended court on Friday and possible demolition of the home may be necessary.
- The City Attorney discussed an ordinance regarding vaping. The City Attorney was asked to look at the state law and whether the City has authority to limit use. The City Administrator was also asked to look at other City's ordinances.
- The Mayor asked City Attorney Chip Berschback to stay and address the trash contract at tonight's Council Meeting.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Granger, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:42 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Robert E. Novitke
Mayor