



**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
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**NOTICE OF MEETING  
AND  
AGENDA**

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE**

Mayor Robert E. Novitke has called a meeting of the City Council, meeting as a Committee-of-the-Whole, for **Monday, March 13, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 and is accessible through the Municipal Court doors. In accordance with Public Act 267, the meeting is open to the public and the agenda items are as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Acceptance of Agenda
4. Non-Profits Use of City Property for Fundraising
  - A. Committee-of-the-Whole Excerpt 03/06/17
5. Medstar – Extension of Contract
  - A. Letter 03/07/17 – Kolby Miller
6. Grosse Pointe Woods Meeting Times
  - A. Committee-of-the-Whole Excerpt 03/06/17
  - B. City Charter, Chapter 6, Section 6.1 – Regular Meetings
7. Payroll Tax Withholding
8. New Business/Public Comment
9. Adjournment

Bruce Smith  
City Administrator

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 267 (OPEN MEETINGS ACT)**  
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## Under New Business:

- An email was received from the Knights of Columbus requesting to use the front of City Hall for purposes of fund raising. The City Attorney was asked to provide an opinion regarding whether a church-based organization can use municipal property to hold fundraisers, and the City Clerk was directed to place this item on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda on March 13, 2017.



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March 7, 2017

City of Grosse Pointe Woods  
ATTN: Bruce Smith, City Administrator  
20025 Mack Avenue  
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Mr. Smith:

Medstar has appreciated the opportunity to serve the residents of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods for the past three years. Our integration into the city's public safety environment has been seamless, and the feedback received from residents has been overwhelmingly positive.

As you are aware, Medstar continuously seeks improvements and enhancements in the care and service that we provide to our patients and municipal stakeholders. As we examine our service to the Grosse Pointe communities, there is significant opportunity to increase service, reduce response times, and reduce clinical risk. As we propose to extend the ambulance service contract currently in place, we would like to offer the following enhancements to the service provided:

- Elimination of station-based crews, moving instead to deployment throughout the Grosse Pointe Communities from streetside posting locations. This change eliminates response time to the unit, as well mitigating the well-documented sleep cycle impact on waking crews to perform clinical procedures.
- Shared personnel and resources within the Grosse Pointe communities. This will provide more flexibility in deploying resources in the Pointes, and ability to shift resources between the cities as demand requires.
  - Medstar is one of the few emergency providers in the country to use a state of the art predictive demand computer system to provide 168-hour per week deployment models to insure the shortest response times to emergency requests. Our system also uses impedance monitoring and resource selection, which uses real-time traffic pattern and historical speed data to select the appropriate unit for response.
- Response time performance at or better than the previous three years.

With insurance reimbursement for EMS services stagnant over the past several years and ever-increasing personnel and operating costs, the ability to maintain 24-hour station deployment in communities where there is not consistently increasing transport volume is very difficult. By sharing resources throughout communities, we are able to maintain or improve response times, reduce clinical risk, and address the revenue challenges that face our industry, all while continuing the compassionate, responsive care that Grosse Pointe Woods residents have come to expect from Medstar.

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I realize that the enhancements proposed may cause concern among those not familiar with the operational details of EMS systems and deployment. I am happy to discuss the changes with your city leadership as they may see fit, as well as implementing the changes on a six-month trial so that we can demonstrate the reliability is as described.

I look forward to discussing the contract renewal with you at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kolby Miller". The signature is stylized with a large initial "K" and a cursive "Miller".

Kolby Miller  
Chief Executive Officer



COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE EXCERPT  
03-06-17

Under New Business:

- The Chair discussed meeting start times and suggested a new starting time for stand-alone Monday night meetings to begin at 6:30 p.m. and asked whether members would be in favor of the time change. Following discussion, stand alone meetings will start at 7 p.m.

The City Clerk was asked to check whether the current 7:30 p.m. start time for Council Meetings is required in accordance with charter or code.

## CHAPTER 6. - THE COUNCIL: PROCEDURE AND MISCELLANEOUS POWERS AND DUTIES

### Section 6.1. - Regular Meetings.

The Council shall provide by resolution for the time and place of its regular meetings and shall hold at least two regular meetings each month. A regular meeting shall also be held on the Monday following each regular city election.