

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

ABSENT: None

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

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, 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, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler

No: None

Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, that the Committee recess the regularly scheduled Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 7:05 p.m. and convene in Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation 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:

Bryant Yes

Granger Yes

Ketels Yes

Koester Yes

McConaghy Yes

Novitke Yes

Shetler Yes

The Committee reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

Under New Business, the following item was discussed:

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- The Chair discussed billings from Steinhardt Pesick & Cohen, P.C. dating back to 2015. It was determined that \$106,000 has been paid to the firm without approval from City Council, and that at the Council meeting held July 13, 2015, only the pay rates were approved in the amount of \$375 for a senior attorney and \$250 per hour for an associate attorney. Administration was reminded that attorney statements require the approval of City Council prior to being paid. There was a consensus of the Committee to place these billings on the January 23, 2017, Finance Committee Meeting, and on a future Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 8:03 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Robert E. Novitke
Mayor