

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator/Assessor Colombo
City Attorney Chip Berschback
City Clerk Hathaway
Building Official Tutag
Director of Public Safety Smith

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Shetler, that Council Member Bryant be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

The first item discussed was regarding a **drone ordinance**. The City Attorney provided an overview, and stated that nothing has been pronounced by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for locals to follow. He suggested creating rules and regulations to establish some local control and doing that by adopting current FAA rules as part of the code, which would provide the ability to issue a civil infraction. He included a permit and suggested a nominal permit fee to be submitted to public safety for review and approval. He also discussed using two permits, one for commercial and one for the park.

The Mayor stated there are invasion of privacy and damage issues that come with drones. Discussion ensued regarding the draft ordinance. He would like verbiage that specifically identifies what is prohibited and allowed.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 7:25 p.m., and reconvened at 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers for the purpose of viewing a video regarding drones. The Committee then moved back into the Conference Room.

Continued discussion ensued regarding a proposed drone ordinance. There was a consensus of the Committee to require registration information be provided to the City with a permit application that is submitted to the FAA. The City Attorney recommended a permit fee for a Commercial Permit, minimally. The Mayor discussed the need for both registration and permit for specific commercial use. There was Committee consensus to permit drones in the streets and over sidewalks (public property) as long as it does not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

Discussion ensued regarding whether a public hearing should be held regarding this ordinance. The City Attorney recommended the usual first and second readings, and to obtain input from the Schools. The City Attorney agreed to contact Chris Fenton from the Grosse Pointe Public Schools. The Mayor asked that a “commercial purpose” be defined.

This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda. With the input received, the City Attorney will redraft the ordinance and bring it back in July.

The next item was regarding **permitted C-2 Special Land Uses**. The Building Official stated he would like to see a moratorium enacted for six months to a year. Following discussion, the City Attorney will return with additional information. This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Discussion then ensued regarding **proposed ordinances for recycling bins and basement wall foundations**. The Committee first addressed recycling bins. Discussion included storing red recycle bins, other trash containers/bags, and paper bags resulting from complaints received by the code enforcement when these items are stored in a location visible from the street. There was a consensus of the Committee that all recycling and trash containers/bags, and yard waste be kept in the back yard or in an enclosed environment. The City Attorney will prepare an ordinance.

After a brief discussion, there was a consensus of the Committee to move forward with ordinance amendments to Sec. 8-69 – Inspection Standards regarding repairs to basement wall foundations as proposed.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, that the previous item be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler

No: None

Absent: Bryant

The following item was discussed under New Business/Public Comment:

- A brief discussion ensued regarding excess funds in the Tree Commission account.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 9:42 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk