

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015, 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 Fincham
City Attorney Chip Berschback
City Clerk Hathaway
Assessor Colombo

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, 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 Granger, seconded by Shetler, that the Committee recess the regularly scheduled Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 7:00 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:

Granger	Yes
Ketels	Yes
Koester	Yes
McConaghy	Yes
Novitke	Yes
Shetler	Yes
Bryant	Yes

The Committee reconvened at 7:26 p.m. in regular session.

The City Attorney discussed Michigan Tax Tribunal litigation regarding DRSN Real Estate a/k/a The Rivers and recommended approval of two contracts to retain Value Trends Inc. for appraisal services and Steinhardt Pesick & Cohen for legal representation.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, regarding MTT litigation – DRSN Real Estate a/k/a The Rivers, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend City Council approve a contract with Value Trends Inc. to provide appraisal services at a cost of \$10,000 to obtain initial value, and an additional \$5,000 for completion of the actual appraisal report, for a combined total of \$15,000; in addition to \$250 per hour for additional work for meetings, conferences, and trial and court preparation, funds to be taken from the General Fund fund balance, subject to review and approval of a suitable contract by the City Attorney.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, regarding MTT litigation – DRSN Real Estate a/k/a The Rivers, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend City Council approve a contract with Steinhardt Pesick & Cohen to provide legal services at a rate of \$375 for a senior attorney, and a rate of \$250 per hour for an associate attorney, subject to review and approval of a suitable contract by the City Attorney, funds to be taken from the General Fund fund balance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Shetler, seconded by Bryant, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk