

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 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
Recreation Supervisor Byron

Also in attendance were Erika, Bryan, Anna, and Haley Atherton, 1760 Hampton

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Ketels, 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

Discussion ensued regarding **ordinance amendments**. The ordinance regarding maximum number of animals was discussed first. Currently the total number of animals (cats and dogs) allowable is two.

Following discussion, there was a majority consensus to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amendment that would permit four animals (cats and dogs) with a limit of up to three dogs, include criteria for granting a variance, and to look at other regulations other than cats and dogs.

The Mayor stated once the amended ordinance is adopted, administration was asked to post on Nixle, in the City's *Update*, and on the website.

This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda, and return on June 1st.

The **fence ordinance** was discussed next. Discussion and review of the proposed ordinance amendment ensued.

Section 8-278 Fence Ownership is to be modified regarding fence ownership to add (4) to give the Building Official the ability to make ownership determination by other means if (1), (2), or (3) do not determine ownership; and, to modify Sec. 8.284 to provide for the allowance of the exceptions versus such being discretionary.

The City Attorney was asked to amend the proposed ordinance. This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

The Committee then discussed the **Farmer's Market**. The City Administrator was asked to provide the overtime cost to attend Market Manager seminars. The City Attorney recommended not permitting non-profit stations. There was a brief discussion regarding having the trolley run on Sundays during Farmer's Market, but there was a consensus to hold off.

Motion by Ketels, seconded by Shetler, to remove this item from the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair declared a recess at 8:46 p.m., and reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

The next item discussed was regarding the **City Picnic event**. The Mayor suggested having a concert with the bandstand and Sun Messengers in front of City Hall, and include a beer/wine tent but no food, suggesting it be held in mid July. The Mayor stated he would contact the St. John representative regarding sponsorship and holding on Friday, July 31st from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., this being a nice lead into the City Picnic being held August 1st. There was a consensus of the Committee to proceed as outlined.

As costs for the City Picnic event would impact funding for baby pool renovations, the City Administrator briefly discussed the baby pool pricing received by administration. B & B Pools originally quoted \$31,420, but came back with a lower price of \$25,920 with the Department of Public Works performing some of the work. RenoSys quoted \$23,025 but is out of state. There was a consensus of the Committee that this item is to be placed on the Council agenda for May 18, 2015, for consideration.

There was a consensus of the Committee to authorize Administration to determine which additional activities would be added to the City Picnic event at minimal expense.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, to remove this item from the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The next item on the agenda was regarding the **City Assessor Position**. The City Assessor was unable to attend tonight meeting, and therefore this item will be rescheduled. The Mayor stated this was discussed at a recent Finance Committee Meeting and that Tom Colombo is willing to continue with the City. Administration is in favor of Mr. Colombo continuing his services with the City.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, that the following items be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda:

1. Director of Public Safety Vacancy;
2. Eagle Scout Project;
3. Little League Signs;
4. Trolley.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The following items were discussed under New Business/Public Comment:

- The City Clerk requested permission to simultaneously train the incoming Administration Clerk 1 prior to the retirement of Ms. Ahee on July 3rd. There was Committee consensus to authorize the City Clerk to permit the incoming Administrative Clerk I to train with Ms. Ahee once hired, starting part-time for two weeks and then full-time.
- The City Administrator discussed the Relay for Life event being held this Saturday, May 16th at Lake Front Park and needed permission to hold the event and install signage. There was a consensus of the Committee to move forward with the event and permit the signage.
- The City Administrator received retirement letters from PSO Dan Marietta and Dispatcher Jared Schwartz, and requested permission to replace the positions. There was a consensus of the Committee to replace the two positions.
- The Park Supervisor stated Joe Dansbury also submitted his retirement notice as a Gate Guard.
- City Attorney reported on the Rivers development.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 9:29 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway, City Clerk