

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Fincham  
Treasurer/Comptroller Irby  
City Attorney Chip Berschback  
City Clerk Hathaway

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

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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, Novitke, Shetler  
No: None  
Absent: McConaghy

The first item discussed was the **MDOT Federal Aid Project – Marter/Morningside/Vernier**. The City Administrator provided an overview. Bids for this project came in substantially higher due to fewer bidders or existing companies already committed to projects. The City is responsible for a 20% match, or \$476,000.00, for \$1.2 million in grant funds. Council previously approved \$416,800.00, and need an additional \$60,000.00, for a total City budget of \$476,800.00. Administration believes it is in the best interest of the City to continue with the project. Engineering fees will not increase with the additional amount. A budget amendment will be necessary. Administration was asked to provide information regarding the increase in construction costs from two years ago. There was a consensus of the Committee to continue to move forward with the project.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, regarding the MDOT Federal Aid Project – Marter/Morningside/Vernier, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to City Council approval of additional funding (\$60,000) for this Federal Aid Project.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: McConaghy

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, to immediately certify the previous motion.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: McConaghy

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, to remove the previous item from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: McConaghy

The next item discussed was regarding **long-term parking meters**. The Mayor provided an overview of the prior meeting discussion. The Director of Public Services stated 118 meters have been removed. City Hall parking lot has 138 free parking spots; as well as 62 in Bramcaster and Huntington lots are free. Parking bays have 4 hour and 10 hours meters. Parking lots have 4 hour and 10 hour meters. There are 208 4 hour meters; and 200 10 hour meters; 318 free spaces. A total of 867 meters. Administration was asked to provide a diagram identifying all parking locations, those spaces with and without meters, and the time duration of the meters and corresponding fees. The Director stated the cost to rent the unit to change meter rates is \$350 for a two week period, which includes two rate changes (additional changes are \$50 per rate change), plus \$50 for each additional week over two weeks. The cost of a refurbished unit is \$2,000; new is \$3,850; and a \$79 per month fee to use. Administration is to provide a memo outlining all equipment and costs. There was a consensus of the Committee to refer this item to the Mayor's Mack Avenue Business Study Committee to provide a recommendation regarding parking for business employees.

The Chair declared a recess at 7:32 p.m., and reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recess the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:52 p.m. and convene in Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations and a legal opinion 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:

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

Labor Attorney DuBay was now in attendance.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:00 p.m.

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

- The Mayor discussed providing food at Fall Fest. There was a consensus of the Committee to offer food at this year's event.
- The park's pool will be closed tomorrow due to a power outage at Lake Front Park, and water over the street to the entrance of the park from tonight's storm.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 10:07 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk