

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 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, McConaghy, Shetler

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Fincham
Treasurer/Comptroller Irby
City Attorney Don Berschback
City Clerk Hathaway
City Assessor Vandemergel

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 8:02 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 Ketels, that the Committee recess the regularly scheduled Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 8:03 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:

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

The regular Committee meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

The next item discussed was the **proposed 2014/15 Budget**. The Treasurer/Comptroller provided an overview of her memo dated April 1, 2014, stating the following:

- SEV is 681,439,327.
- Total budget is \$30.9 million, which includes \$1.6 million inter-fund transfers resulting is \$29.3 million actual budget.
- The General Fund is \$12,425,624.
- Taxable value is 618,400,000; 1 mill = \$618,400.
- Total amount of Headlee Millage is 14.0492.

She also stated that not included in calculating the proposed budget is the possible increase in the minimum wage. Included in the calculations were funds for leasing vehicles, which were spread across applicable departments. Increases in revenue were attributable to the taxable value increase of 2.9% over prior years, 1.07% is the cost of living adjustment, and 1.2% increase came from new development/construction. General fund budget projections were also discussed.

The Mayor stated the Finance Committee's recommendation is basically to maintain the status quo, but add some capital purchases. He further stated the Committee is counting on the Road Bond being approved, and there is an intent to continue maintaining a strong sense of community.

All tabs of the budget book were then reviewed. The Treasurer/Comptroller stated a change in the budget presentation is that all benefits have now been included in each department, rather than reporting in an individual section.

The Chair declared a recess at 9:08 p.m., and reconvened at 9:11 p.m.

The Treasurer/Comptroller stated the Grosse Pointe Drain millage rate is projected to decrease to 3.0859, 1.4 mills less than the 2013 winter rate; and summer will be 16.1314, for a total of 19.2173. 2.0251 mills are for solid waste and .08 mills for public relations, both included in summer taxes but not part of Headlee restrictions.

Administration was asked to have Jim Rabine present at the next Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to provide an opinion regarding whether the City should consider regionalizing water. At the suggestion of the Treasurer/Comptroller, she was asked to create a line item for winter boat storage, removing it from dock fees. While preparing for the 2014/15 budget, funds were not transferred into worker's compensation fund due to sufficient reserves. In the Motor Vehicle Fund, the transfer from ambulance fund (\$20,000) will be changed to a transfer from prior years reserves, which will become \$270,000.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to City Council that the Proposed 2014/15 Budget be approved as presented and discussed.

The Treasurer/Comptroller reminded the Committee that water rates will be discussed at the Committee-of-the-Whole on April 14, 2014, and suggested that she is awaiting

information from the County that could require revising numbers, and that the Committee may wish to wait until the next meeting to make a recommendation.

Council Member Granger withdrew her motion.

The next Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting is set for April 14, 2014, when Jim Rabine will be present to discuss water rates, and the Proposed 2014/15 budget will be discussed further.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Bryant, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 10:02 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk