

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021.

The Facilitator's statement was provided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

Roll Call\*: Mayor Bryant  
Council Members: Brown, Gafa (Clare, MI), Granger, Koester, McConaghy (Southfield, MI),  
Vaughn (Detroit, MI)

Absent: None

(\*Unless specifically identified otherwise, Council Members attended remotely from Grosse Pointe Woods, MI)

Also Present: City Administrator Smith  
City Attorney Anderson  
Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy  
City Clerk Hathaway  
Building Official Tutag  
Recreation Supervisor Gerhart  
Facilitator/Deputy City Clerk Antolin

The following Commission Member(s) was/were in attendance:

- Mike Fuller, Planning Commission

Motion by Granger, seconded by Vaughn, 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: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None

Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Gafa, that the following minutes be approved as submitted:

1. City Council Minutes dated July 12, 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **contract/compensation – City Administrator**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Compensation and Evaluation Committee at their meeting held July 8, 2021, and extend the contract of the City Administrator (Bruce Smith) from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, with a 2.5% increase (\$126,096.80) in compensation, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract as submitted.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **contract/compensation – Treasurer/Comptroller**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Compensation and Evaluation Committee at their meeting held July 8, 2021, and extend the contract of the Treasurer/Comptroller (Shawn Murphy) from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, with a 2.5% increase (\$90,200.00) in compensation, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract as submitted.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Vaughn, regarding **contract/compensation – City Clerk**, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Compensation and Evaluation Committee at their meeting held July 8, 2021, and extend the contract of the City Clerk (Lisa Hathaway) from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, with a 2.5% increase (\$84,073.59) in compensation, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract as submitted; and that labor counsel address certain issues raised during the compensation and evaluation process.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **appointment – Citizen’s Recreation Commission**, that the City Council concur with the Citizen’s Recreation Commission at their meeting held June 15, 2021, and make the following appointment:

1. Amanda Starkey with a term to expire 12/31/23.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Granger, regarding **Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – Non-Entitlement Units**, that the City Council approve and authorize the City Administrator to sign the required documents accepting the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) for submission to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **request to use Lake Front Park Tennis Courts – University Liggett**, that the City Council approve the request of University Liggett to use six tennis courts at Lake Front Park on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, Saturday, August 28, 2021, Saturday, September 11, 2021, Saturday, September 18, 2021, Saturday, September 25, 2021, Thursday, October 7, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, October 5, 2021, from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., contingent upon the following:

1. Teams follow all park rules and MHSAA rules including clearing the courts during storms;
2. Teams relinquish courts to residents on courts 1 and 2;
3. Teams clean up trash around the courts after use;

4. Teams submit current rosters;
5. The School System shall provide the City with evidence of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) of liability insurance showing the City of Grosse Pointe Woods as an additional named insured of such insurance. The City shall be entitled to notice of any change in such policy. The insurance company issuing this policy shall have an A or better rating;
6. Use of recreational facilities must be in compliance with the guidelines in place by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services on the dates requested.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **Michigan Municipal League (MML) Annual Meeting Notice – Designation of Delegate(s)**, that City Council authorize a City Delegate to attend the Michigan Municipal League’s Annual Meeting being held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 4:15 p.m. in Grand Rapids, MI, to cast the vote of the municipality and to designate one other official to serve as alternate.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Koester, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Monthly Financial Report – June 2021**, that the City Council refer this report to the Finance Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Gafa, regarding **contract: Electrical Inspector**, that the City Council approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Tom Hernden to serve as the City’s Electrical Inspector, and authorize the City Administrator to sign the Agreement.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Terminating State of Disaster and Rules Permitting Remote Public Meetings for All City Public Bodies**, that the City Council adopt the resolution Terminating State of Disaster and Rules Permitting Remote Public Meetings for All City Public Bodies to be effective July 20, 2021.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by McConaghy, to amend the previous motion by deleting, “July 20” and inserting “July 23”.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **Establishing Procedures for Remote Participation at Public Meetings for Members Absent Due to a Medical Condition or Military Duty**, that the City Council adopt the resolution Establishing Procedures for Remote Participation at Public Meetings for Members Absent Due to a Medical Condition or Military Duty to be effective July 23, 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

Motion by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **claims/accounts**, that the City Council approve payment of Items 9A – 9E as listed on the Council agenda and as identified in the pink sheet in the respective amounts and accounts listed, as follows:

A.	Claim No. 199679 – Gary Gozdzinski (Deductible Recovery) 1. Tokio Marine HCC Invoice 07/14/21 - \$5,440.00; Account No. 101-210-812.000.
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B.	Building Services – McKenna 1. Invoice No. 21849-40 07/14/21 - \$2,875.00; Account No. 101-180-818.000.
C.	Legal Services – York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C. 1. Building/Court Invoice – June 2021 07/08/21 - \$4,185.00; Account Nos.: a. 101-210-801.200 - \$635.50; b. 101-210-801.100 - \$3,549.50.
D.	City Attorney – Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C. 1. Invoice No. 1075862 07/09/21 - \$11,423.50; Account Nos.: a. 101-210-801.000 - \$10,741.50; b. 101-210-801.300 - \$682.00.
E.	Labor Attorney – Keller Thoma 1. Invoice #120604 07/01/21 - \$2,957.50; Account No. 101-210-810.000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

Hearing no objections, the following items were heard under New Business:

- The City Administrator discussed waiving Building Department fees for those incurring a loss due to the recent rain event for dumpsters, hot water tanks, and furnace installations as requested by a resident.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, regarding waiving of Building Inspection fees, that the City Council approve waiving of Building Department fees for dumpsters, hot water tanks, and furnace installations for those who have filed paperwork with the City, and to make the waiver retroactive for persons who have already paid for these inspections since June 26, 2021; waiver of fees to expire September 30, 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn  
No: None  
Absent: None

- The Mayor stated a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2021, to discuss the recent rain events.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Granger, that the City Engineer be invited to attend the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting on July 26, 2021, and bring forward proposals for flooding solutions including backflow preventers.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None

Absent: None

- The Mayor stated Council Member Vaughn will not be accepting pay for serving on the City Council due to an agreement with his employer.

The following individual was heard under Public Comment:

- Mr. Madeline

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:41 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor