

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant  
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Koester  
ABSENT: Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte  
City Attorney Walling  
Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy  
Assistant City Administrator Como  
Deputy City Clerk Antolin  
Building Official Tutag

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Brown, that Councilmembers Granger, McConaghy, and Vaughn, be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor removed item 4A, regarding the Vicious Dog Ordinance Amendment, from the agenda. He stated that all Council members should be present when discussing this topic.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Koester, that all items on tonight's agenda, including items 4B and 4C, be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance as amended.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The first item discussed was regarding **Proposed Charter Amendment to Section 8.8 – Purchase and Sale of Property**. The City Administrator provided an overview of his memo dated May 20, 2022. He stated that the purchasing threshold of \$5,000.00 has been in effect for 33 years by the vote of the people. The current threshold of \$5,000.00 makes it difficult to

purchase needed equipment and maintain buildings and parking lots. The City Administrator is recommending to increase the threshold to \$10,000.00 giving the ability to adjust for inflation and minimizing requests to Council. It would also enable City Administration to complete projects more efficiently.

The recommended threshold is comparable to local communities as follows:

- Grosse Pointe Farms - \$11,000.00
- Grosse Pointe Shores - \$10,000.00
- Mt. Clemens - \$15,000.00
- St. Clair Shores - \$15,000.00
- Eastpointe - \$15,000.00

With the approval of this recommendation, future incremental increases will be through the vote of Council rather than the vote of the people.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Koester, regarding the **Proposed Charter Amendment to Section 8.8 – Purchase and Sale of Property**, that the Committee-of-the-Whole refer this item to the next City Council meeting for Council's approval.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The next item discussed was regarding **Food Truck Ordinance**. The Building Official stated that businesses and churches have been requesting food trucks on their property. Currently, there is no regulation as to what a food truck is or what circumstances are required to be in the community. This ordinance has been discussed at numerous Planning Commission meetings and received input from Council Representative Vaughn. The purpose of this ordinance is not to prohibit Food Trucks, but to regulate them.

An ordinance has been drafted and review by the City Attorney and prepared for Council's review. The Mayor stated he has had a discussion with Council Representative Vaughn and claims the ordinance is ready to go.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Brown, regarding the **Food Truck Ordinance**, that the Committee-of-the-Whole refer this item to the next Council Meeting for Council's approval.

Brief discussion ensued regarding types of fees and the application of the ordinance for local businesses.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

- The City Administrator stated that an opportunity to barter with the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores was presented. They proposed trading a garbage truck valued between \$8,000.00 to \$12,000.00 for the use of the city's soundstage, which rents for \$2,000.00 per one time use for a period of four years (2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025), valued at \$8,000.00. The City Administrator recommends this offer for Council's approval.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Brown, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommends Council's approval for the trade with the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a garbage truck valued between \$8,000.00 to \$12,000.00 for the use of the city's soundstage at \$2,000.00 per one time use for a period of four years (2022,2023, 2024 and 2025), valued at \$8,000.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No one wished to be heard under Public Comment.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:54 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
Deputy City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor