

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte
Assistant City Administrator Como
City Attorney Walling
City Clerk Antolin
Deputy Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
City Planner Wolf

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

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester
No: None
Absent: McConaghy, Vaughn

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Granger, 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
No: None
Absent: McConaghy, Vaughn

Motion by Brown, seconded by Gafa, that the Committee-of-the-Whole receive and place on file the updated Social District maps submitted by City Planner Wolf.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester

No: None

Absent: McConaghy, Vaughn

The first item discussed was regarding the **Grosse Pointe Woods Social District**. City Planner Wolf provided an overview of the recommendations in her memo dated, May 3, 2024, to create a Social District in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. The following are Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) requirements to establish a Social District in a municipality:

1. A copy of the Resolution passed by the governing body designating the Social District and Common area;
2. A copy of the Management and Maintenance Plans, including the hours of operation, established by the local governmental unit for the Social District and commons area;
3. A diagram or map that clearly shows the boundaries of the Social District and commons area and identifies the qualified licensees that are contiguous to the commons area on the diagram or map.

Qualified businesses consist of bars/restaurants with a Class C, Tavern, Club, or Brewpub license to serve alcoholic beverages. It is proposed to allow the Social District to occur from May to October on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Once approved by the MLCC, they may serve alcoholic beverages on their licensed premises in marked cups to customers who may drink the alcoholic beverages anywhere within the Commons Areas of the Social Districts. More than one commons area may be created within the City, which is what is being proposed given the location of the interested participants.

The proposed districts are as follows:

City Hall Social District

- The public right-of-way on the west side of Mack Ave. from Broadstone St. north to Lochmoor Blvd.,
- The public right-of-way on the east side of Mack Ave. from Cook Rd. north to Oxford Rd.;
- The front lawn of City Hall; and
- Three (3) crosswalks across Mack Ave. at Cook Rd., Torrey Rd., and Lochmoor Blvd.
- The Businesses interested in participating are Crispelli's Bakery and Pizzeria, Mack Avenue Grill, Salvatore Scallopini, Da Edoardo Restaurant and Bucci Ristorante.

Northern Social District

- Mack Ave. with Vernier Rd. as the southern boundary and Hampton Rd. as the northern boundary, for the sidewalk on the west side of the street, the boundary is similar on the east side of the road except it excludes the public right-of-way in front of the gas station at the northeast corner of the Vernier Rd. and Mack Ave. intersection;
- Chene-Trombley Park; and
- Two (2) Crosswalks on Mack Ave. at Anita Rd. and Ridgemont to Hampton Rd.
- The Businesses interested in participating are Someday Brewing, Ferlito's Restaurant, Telly's Place, and Pendency's Grosse Pointe.

The City will be working with participating businesses to add more public seating options in the right-of-way. However, given the seating options, size, location, public restrooms, and visibility of the Chene-Trombley Park, it is recommended to include this park as an asset to include in the Common areas to help make this District a success.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the side streets behind businesses, additional Public Safety enforcement, trash pick-up, and how city events will be affected. Also, briefly discussed was the permitting process and the consideration of the days and hours of operation. It was stated that the City Administrator has the authority to add amenities as needed.

The next item discussed was regarding the **75th Anniversary of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods**. It was stated that the actual anniversary date is December 11, 2025. The 75th Anniversary Tile was presented.

Councilmember Granger addressed her involvement with the GPW 50th Anniversary which included the following:

- Parade
- Time Capsule
- Representatives from each Commission updating City history (especially Historical Commission)
- Display of historical pictures (to be updated)
- Celebration on a Sunday with a float
- Governor's Resolution or U.S Congress recognition of GPW 75th Anniversary
- Piggy-back on City Events

Mayor Bryant suggested to celebrate during the summer rather than in September.

Councilmember Brown suggested producing a movie "GPW through the years, every decade" with historical material and content to include interviews with current and former administration, elected officials, employees and residents.

Councilmember Koester suggested using 75th Anniversary Logo on flags available for purchase to residents and creating a look book or brochure commemorating the event, and possibly including it with new resident packets.

There will be further discussion of the GPW 75th Anniversary at a future meeting.

Under New Business, no one wished to be heard.

Under Public Comment, the following individual was heard:

- Janell O’Keefe, 22201 Alexander St., St. Clair Shores – Social District

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:25 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor