

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026, IN THE COUNCIL-  
COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA  
DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

Also Present: City Manager Como  
City Attorney Walling  
City Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt  
City Clerk Antolin  
Director of Parks and Recreation Gafa  
City Planner Mangan

**Motion** by Gafa, seconded by Motschall, that Councilmember McConaghy be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Council, Administration, and the audience Pledged Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Grant Gilezan, Planning Commission
- David Bryk, Historical Commission

**Motion** by Gafa, seconded by Brown, 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, Motschall

No: None

Absent: McConaghy

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Brown, that all items (6A-6D) on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

1. Council 01/26/26

**B. Items Received and Placed on File**

1. Historical Commission Minutes 09/11/25
2. Planning Commission Minutes 12/09/25 with recommendations\*

\*All three recommendations were addressed at the 01/26/26 Council Meeting.

**C. Bids/Proposals/Contracts**

1. Grosse Pointe Farms Pool Usage Request - Summer 2026
  - a) Memo 01/29/26 - Director of Parks and Recreation Gafa/City Manager Como

**D. Claims and Accounts**

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) – City Engineers
  - a) Vernier Rd. & Mack Ave. Intersection Improvement - Invoice No. 163050 - Proj. No. 0160-0455 - 01/20/26 - \$4,743.51.
  - b) Torrey Rd. Pump Station Generator - Invoice No. 163051 - Proj. No. 0160-0473 - 01/20/26 - \$1,134.35.
  - c) 2025 Miscellaneous Concrete Program - Invoice No. 163052 - Proj. No. 0160-0493 - 01/20/26 - \$756.60.
  - d) 2025 Sewer Rehab Program - Invoice No. 163053 - Proj. No. 0160-0495 - 01/20/26 - \$2,047.50.
  - e) 2025-2026 General Engineering - Invoice No. 163054 - Proj. No. 0160-0498 - 01/20/26 - \$988.20.
  - f) Ghesquiere & Lakefront Park Bldg Renovations - Invoice No. 163065 - Proj. No. 0160-0479 - 01/20/26 - \$266.66.
  - g) Sidewalk Eval at 20640 Mack Ave. - Invoice No. 163144 - Proj. No. 0160-0502 - 01/22/26 - \$360.25.

2. McKenna - Planning Services
  - a) Invoice No 22-064-49 - Planning Services - December 2025 - 01/25/26 - \$1,856.25.
  - b) Invoice No. 25-030-8 - GPW MSHDA Zoning Ordinance Update - December 2025 - 01/14/26 - \$3,750.00.
3. State of Michigan - MDOT 00183
  - a) Program #218128CON (Vernier Rd. ) - 01/04/26 - \$34,266.00.
  - b) Program #219533CON (Sunningdale Dr.) - 01/04/26 - \$85,560.75.
4. WCA Assessing - Assessing Services - Invoice No. 012626 - February 2026 - 01/26/26 - \$7,911.08.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Motion** by Motschall, seconded by Granger, that the City Council receive and place on file the revised February 2, 2026, agenda and administrative memo.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The City Council recessed the Regular City Council Meeting and convened as a **Zoning Board of Appeals** at 7:05 p.m. Upon conclusion of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the City Council reconvened at 7:19 p.m.

**Motion** by Koester, seconded by Granger, regarding **Second Reading: An Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 2 – Administration; Article IV – Employee Benefits; Division 2 – Retirement System; Section 2-305 – Nonduty Death, To Update Certain Provisions**, that City Council approve this ordinance amendment as presented and make it effective 10 days after its enactment.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under New Business, the following individuals were heard:

- Councilmember Granger commended the Recreation Commission and city staff for the success of Winterfest. She was pleased with the joy the snow hill brought to the kids. She also addressed new businesses impacting parking issues with some of the existing businesses. She suggested Administration or the Planning Commission revisit the ordinance regarding parking and consider installing 15-minute parking meters at locations needed.

Under Public Comment, no one wished to be heard.

**Motion** by Motschall, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 7:22 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor