

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024, 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 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy
ABSENT: None

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte
Assistant City Administrator Como
City Attorney Walling
City Clerk Antolin
Deputy Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
Director of Public Safety Kosanke
Director of Public Services Kowalski

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

There was a moment of silence in honor of Councilmember Thomas Vaughn.

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Christian Fenton, Planning Commission

Motion by McConaghy, 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, McConaghy
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Gafa, that all items (6A-6E) on the **Consent Agenda** be approved as presented.

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Council 05/06/24
2. Committee-of-the-Whole 05/06/24
3. Zoning Board of Appeals 05/06/24
4. Beautification Advisory Commission 04/10/24
5. Citizens' Recreation Commission 04/09/24
6. Senior Citizens' Commission 01/16/24 with recommendation*

*Recommendation to Council approving a budget request for the Commission in the amount of \$4,500.00 for FYE June 30, 2025.

B. Monthly Financial Report

1. April 2024

C. Bids/Proposals/Contracts

1. Trucking Services - Grosso Trucking & Supply Company
 - 1) Memo 04/30/24 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - 2) Proposed Agreement
 - 3) Quote 04/24/24 - Steve Grosso
 - 4) Certificate of Liability Insurance
2. Tree Removal Contract for 2024/2025
 - 1) Memo 04/30/24 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - 2) Propose Contract
 - 3) Letter 03/08/24 - James G. Bonahoom (Arbor Pro Tree Services, Inc.)
 - 4) Certificate of Liability Insurance
 - 5) Email 05/05/24 - City Attorney Walling
3. 2024 Sewer Rehabilitation by Full Length C.I.P.P. Lining – AEW Proj. No. 0160-0475
 - 1) Memo 05/14/24 – Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - 2) Letter 05/07/24 – Frank D. Varicalli (AEW)
 - 3) Proposal 03/13/24 – Insituform Technologies USA, LLC
4. 2024 Miscellaneous Concrete Pavement Repair Program – AEW Proj. No. 0160-0477

- 1) Memo 05/14/24 – Director of Public Services Kowalski
- 2) Letter 05/06/24 – Frank D. Varicalli (AEW)
- 3) Letter 02/28/24 – Alfred Mattioli (Mattioli Cement Co., LLC)
- 4) Proposal 04/18/24 – Mattioli Cement Co., LLC
5. Water Main and Sewer Repairs and Water Service Line Replacements
 - 1) Memo 05/14/24 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
6. Department of Public Works Janitorial Services
 - 1) Memo 05/15/24 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - 2) Estimate No. 913 - 05/15/24 - Zeppelin Cleaning Services
7. Sidewalk Repair Programs
 - 1) Memo 05/15/24 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - 2) Proposal 05/02/24 - Asphalt Control Corporation (ACC)
8. Torrey Road Pump Station Motor Starters for Pumps 4 and 5
 - 1) Memo 05/15/24 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - 2) Quotation 05/15/24 - Rotor Electric Co. of Michigan, LLC
9. IBEX Insurance Company - Excess Workers Compensation Coverage
 - 1) Memo 05/20/24 - Deputy Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
 - 2) Quotation Sheets 05/06/24 - Midwest Employers Casualty
 - 3) Policyholder Disclosure Notice of Terrorism Insurance Coverage
10. Sedgwick-Workers Compensation Third Party Administrator
 - 1) Memo 05/20/24 - Deputy Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
 - 2) Grosse Pointe Woods 2024-2027 Renewal Proposal

D. Proclamation

1. National Public Works Week (May 19 - 25)

E. Claims and Accounts

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers - Roslyn Rd. water Main and Resurfacing Project - Proj. No. 0160-0464 - Pay Estimate No. 4 - Pamar Enterprises, Inc. - 05/03/24 - \$140,375.34.
2. Keller Thoma - Legal Services - Invoice No. 125897 - April 2024 - 05/01/24 - \$87.50.
3. Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 1081393 - April 2024 - 05/09/24 - \$3,830.92.
4. York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 187 - April 2024 - 05/03/24 - \$2,294.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Bryant read aloud the proclamation regarding National Public Works Week (May 19-25).

The mayor asked the Director of Public Safety to present the Public Safety Board of Review Awards. The Director of Public Safety presented the awards to the following recipients:

1. Sergeant Walter Galat - Life Saving Award
2. Officer Eugene Gunnery - Life Saving Award
3. Sergeant Joseph Provost - Department Citation
4. Detective Ryan Schroerlucke – Department Citation
5. Officer Dennis Walker - Department Citation

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:24 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET WITH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Gafa, that the following items be received and placed on file:

1. Memo 05/20/24 – City Administrator Schulte/Deputy Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
2. Proposed 2024-2025 Budget Summary
3. Proposed Resolution
4. 2024 Tax Rate Request L-4029 Form
5. Affidavit of Publication

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak in favor of the Proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget. No one wished to be heard.

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition of the Proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget. Nobody wished to be heard.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the public hearing be closed at 7:26 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Koester, seconded by McConaghy, that City Council concur with the recommendation of the Committee-of-the-Whole Sitting as a Finance Committee, at their meeting held on April 15, 2024, and adopt the **FY 2024-2025 Budget** as presented, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the 2024 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029, and adopt the Budget and Appropriation Resolution, as follows:

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, that the Council adopts the following resolution:

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, a public notice has been previously given, as required by City Charter and State of Michigan Public Act 5 of 1982, that a public hearing will be on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed 2024-2025 City budget and the intent to levy Property Tax Revenues within the said City of Grosse Pointe Woods; and;

WHEREAS, a full and final public hearing has been held on the proposed 2024-2025 City Budget, and the proposed Increase in Property Taxes, it is therefore the opinion and judgment of Council that the aforesaid proposed 2024-2025 City Budget, is in all things appropriate, correct and should be approved and that the property Tax Levy to finance the 2024-2025 City Budget should be approved accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan that the proposed 2024-2025 City Budget and the proposed property Tax Levy for the fiscal year 2024-2025 as finally reviewed (and/or changed by) the Council at this public hearing be adopted and the amounts as contained in the aforesaid budget should be appropriated as designated and property tax levied accordingly.

BE IT RESOLVED that there are those sums of revenue which are deemed necessary to be raised by ad valorem tax levies on all real and personal property within the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, and that the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to certify such amounts to the City Assessor for the spread on the 2025 City Tax Roll at the rate of 12.7851 mills per thousand of the current City of Grosse Pointe Woods taxable valuation for general operations; 1.3815 mills per thousand of the current City of Grosse Pointe Woods taxable valuation for Road Bond Debt; at the rate of 0.0543 mills per thousand of the current City of Grosse Pointe Woods taxable valuation for Act 359 Public Relations; at the rate of 2.4440 mills per thousand of the current City of Grosse Pointe Woods taxable valuation for Solid Waste; at the rate of 4.0677 mills per thousand of the current City of Grosse Pointe Woods taxable valuation for Milk River Drainage tax.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Paul P. Antolin, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Paul P. Antolin, City Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council on May 20, 2024, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting have been kept and will be, or have been, made available as required by said Act.

Paul P. Antolin, City Clerk

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Council commended and thanked all departments of the city for its hard work and expressed appreciation and congratulations to the City Administrator and Treasurer/Comptroller for a great job on the 2024-2025 Budget.

Motion by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, that the City Council concur with the City Administrator’s recommendation and appoint Steven Schmidt to the position of City Treasurer/Comptroller and increase his salary to \$105,000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Koester, seconded by Granger, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of this zoning ordinance amendment regarding rezoning RO-1 (Restricted Office) to C (Commercial) at 20100 Mack Avenue, to set a date of June 3, 2024, for a second reading and final adoption.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under New Business, the following individuals were heard:

- Mayor Bryant announced being a Great-Grandfather for a fourth-time with the birth of Arthur Ward Trupiano.
- Councilmember Gafa provided a reminder of the Memorial Day Event hosted by the Historical Commission at the Circle of Honor on Monday, May 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- City Administrator Schulte thanked Council and the Citizens’ Recreation Commission for the success of the new Dog Park Opening and the SpringFest at Chene-Trombley Park which had great attendance.

Under Public Comment, no one wished to be heard.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 7:31 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor