

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 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 7:14 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

Also Present: City Manager Como
City Attorney Walling
City Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
City Clerk Antolin
Director of Public Services Kowalski
Director of Public Safety Kosanke
City Planner Jankowski
Director of Parks & Recreation Gafa
Mayor of Grosse Pointe Park, Michele Hodges
City Manager of Grosse Pointe Park, Nick Sizeland
Presenter of “Growing Our Schools in Partnership”, Matt Kahl

Motion by Koester, seconded by Gafa, that Councilmembers McConaghy and Motschall be excused from tonight’s meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens’ Commission
- David Bryk, Historical Commission
- John Schulte, Planning Commission

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Granger, that all items on tonight's **agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance, except Item #7 (Presentation) – “Growing Our Schools in Partnership”, which will be moved to Item #9 (Public Comment).**

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Gafa, Granger,
No: Bryant, Koester
Absent: McConaghy, Motschall

Motion by Granger, seconded by Brown, that all items (6A-6F) on the consent agenda be approved as presented, except Item D1 (Purchase of Golf Simulator) which will be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Council 03/02/26
2. Committee-of-the-Whole 02/23/26

B. Items Received and Placed on File

1. Historical Commission Minutes 11/13/25, 02/12/26 Minutes Excerpt with Recommendations*

**Recommendations requesting: 1) Seek additional bids to address exterior needs for Cook School 2) Add a new line item for yearly budget for maintenance and upkeep for Cook School 3) Approval for Commission 2026-2027 Budget in the amount of \$3,074.00.*

2. Tree Commission Minutes 12/03/25

C. Monthly Financial Report

1. February 2026

D. Bids/Proposals/Contracts

1. Purchase of Golf Simulator
 - a) Memo 03/02/26 - Director of Parks and Recreation Gafa
 - b) Quo3530 03/05/26 – Ace Indoor Golf
2. Public Safety Kitchen Renovations
 - a) Memo 03/12/26 - Director of Public Safety Kosanke
 - b) Estimate 03/11/25 – Relyon Construction
 - c) Estimate #E2026-816 – 01/12/26 – Catlin Construction & Renovation, LLC
3. Fund 297 Creation and Budget
 - a) Memo 03/16/26 – Treasurer/Comptroller – City Manager Como

E. Proclamation

1. Vietnam Veterans' Day (March 29)

F. Claims and Accounts

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers - 2025 Sewer Rehabilitation by Full Length CIPP Lining - Proj. No. 0160-0495 - Payment Invoice No. 03 - Insituform Technologies USA, LLC - 02/27/26 - \$3,000.00.
2. McKenna - Planning Services
 - a) Invoice No. 22-064-50 - Planning Services - January 2025 - 02/26/26 - \$6,617.50.
 - b) Invoice No. 25-030-9 - GPW MSHDA Zoning Ordinance Update - January 2025 - 02/20/26 - \$2,000.00.
3. Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 1085249 - February 2026 - 03/10/26 - \$9,067.68.
4. Tomlinson & McGrail, PLLC - Legal Billing - Invoice No. 379 - February 2026 - 03/06/26 - \$1,441.50.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Item D1 (Purchase of Golf Simulator) was removed from the consent agenda for discussion. Director of Parks and Recreation Gafa provided an overview stating the proposed fee to use the golf simulator will be \$25/hour for groups of 4-6 people and that it will pay for itself within one year.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Brown, that the City Council approve the request to purchase a golf simulator for the Lake Front Park Activities Building.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Bryant read aloud the Vietnam Veterans' Day proclamation. (March 29)

The City Council recessed the Regular City Council Meeting and convened as a **Zoning Board of Appeals** at 7:27 p.m. Upon conclusion of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the City Council reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

Under Public Comment, the following individuals were heard:

- Michele Hodges, Mayor of Grosse Pointe Park.
- Matt Kahl, provided a presentation of “Growing Our Schools in Partnership”.
- Michael Bottigliero, 1610 Fairholme Rd., GPW.
- Pat Gleason, 895 Beaconsfield Ave., Grosse Pointe Park Councilmember.
- Colleen Worden, 20052 Fairway Dr., GPW.
- Terry Collins, 1222 Harvard Rd., GPP.
- Richard Schroeder, 728 Lakepointe St, GPP.
- Blagica Bottigliero, 1610 Fairholme Rd., GPW.
- Nick Sizeland, 1869 Severn Rd., City Manager of Grosse Pointe Park, also a GPW resident.

Under New Business, the following individual was heard:

- Councilmember Koester addressed the upcoming Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony (April 1) and requested that City Council agree to postpone the ceremony to a future date to be determined due to the recipient’s family being unable to attend.

Motion by Koester, seconded by Gafa, that the City Council agree to postpone the Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony until a future, to be determined date, based on when schedules allow the family members to attend.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight’s meeting** at 8:18 p.m. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor