

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair McConaghy.

In attendance: Chairman McConaghy
Members: Novitke, McMullen
Absent: None
Also present: City Clerk Hathaway
Hon. Ted Metry

Motion by Novitke, seconded by McMullen, 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: McConaghy, McMullen, Novitke
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by McMullen, seconded by Novitke, that the following minutes be approved as submitted:

1. Judicial Liaison Committee dated November 19, 2018.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: McConaghy, McMullen, Novitke
No: None
Absent: None

The Committee commenced general discussion pertaining to operations of the Municipal Court. The Judge indicated the Court staff is great and business is running smoothly. One concern was regarding the new state guidelines establishing timing for arraignments. The new guidelines require calling attorneys who are on call to come in for arraignments more often than ever before, and causes a need for additional court dates. The arraignment processing time is now extended due to having to wait for an attorney. The Court is running the same as before when there were two Prosecuting Attorneys, and now there is only one. Changing from two to one attorney was a smooth transition. Tim Dinan, the back-up Prosecuting Attorney, has not had to serve as a back-up to date.

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The Judge stated he has heard approximately six cases for vaping originating out of Grosse Pointe North High School, which offense begins as a misdemeanor, however there is no teeth in the law.

Member Novitke asked if there are any problems with City ordinances or their enforcement. The Judge stated some of them could use a little work. The Judge stated the staffing level is good in the Court.

Nobody wished to be heard under New Business.

Nobody wished to be heard under Public Comment.

Motion by Novitke, seconded by McConaghy, that tonight's meeting adjourn at 6:46 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd A. McConaghy
Committee Chair