

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, 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 7:02 p.m.

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

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

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

The purpose of tonight's meeting was to have a discussion regarding **Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Section 50-5.3 (Off-Street Parking Requirements) and Section 50-5.5**

**(Residential Parking and Semi-Circular Drives)** and address any concerns City Council may have before presenting the proposed amendments for a second reading.

McKenna representative Jackson provided an overview stating the proposed zoning ordinance amendments will provide Administration flexibility for parking requirements. Mr. Jackson stated that two issues that needed to be addressed were as follows:

1. Currently any parking within 300' is considered for any particular use and has been proposed to be extended to 500' based on the linear nature of the business district on Mack Avenue. It was expressed that 500' will be sufficient to provide parking opportunities.
2. The inclusion of a provision that will allow the building official, staff and Planning Commission to administer parking waivers on a case-by-case basis. In addition, any parking waiver granted (up to 10%) by staff will also be reviewed by the City Administrator.

Councilmember Vaughn collaborated with the Planning Commission regarding this zoning ordinance amendment and is comfortable with moving forward.

A brief discussion ensued regarding Section 50-5.5(C) and whether or not permeable pavers are acceptable and should be referenced in the ordinance. It was suggested to remove the word "impervious" from this section to read "solid surfaces". Also, briefly discussed were the effects of horseshoe drives.

There was a consensus of the Committee-of-the-Whole to proceed and place this item on tonight's City Council agenda for a second reading with the changes discussed.

Under New Business, Councilmember Gafa addressed the upcoming city's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025. It was suggested to include the Historical Commission with its preparation.

Under Public Comment, the following individual was heard:

- Margaret Potter addressed the ordinance amendment regarding Semi-Circular Drives.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Gafa, that tonight's meeting be immediately certified.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:20 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor