

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, 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 7:29 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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 Safety Kosanke  
Director of Public Services Kowalski  
McKenna Representative Jackson

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

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Brown, 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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- John Vitale, Planning Commission

**Motion** by Vaughn, 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

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

**A. Appointment**

1. Beautification Advisory Commission (Mayor)
  - a) Biographical Sketch – Lillian Korbus – Term to expire: 12/31/24

**B. Approval of Minutes**

1. Council 03/04/24
2. Beautification Advisory Commission 02/14/24 with three (3) recommendations\*
  - \*a) *Recommendation approving 2024-2025 Parkway Beautification budget for \$24,215.00 as submitted.*
  - \*b) *Recommendation approving a budget not to exceed \$9,000.00 for the total expense of the 2024 Awards Night Ceremony to be held on November 13, 2024.*
  - \*c) *Recommendation approving an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00 for the purchase of 15 commemorative Pewabic tiles.*
3. Citizens' Recreation Commission 02/13/24 with recommendation\*
  - \**Recommendation requesting funds for 2024 SpringFest not to exceed \$2,000.00 from Account No. 213-803-880.350 Previous Year's Reserved Fund.*
4. Historical Commission 11/08/23
5. Tree Commission 02/07/24 with recommendation\*

*\*Recommendation requesting an increase in the Commission budget to \$4,000.00 due to increased expenses.*

**C. Monthly Financial Report**

1. February 2024

**D. Bids/Proposals/Contracts**

1. Detroit Tigers Baseball/Softball Camp - Tyler Wells
  - a) GPW Application for Community Use of Recreational Facilities
2. Hose Dryer Purchase - Department of Public Safety
  - a) Memo 03/12/24 - Director of Public Safety Kosanke
  - b) Quote #46767 03/11/24 - American Airworks
  - c) Quote 03/08/24 - W.S. Darley & Co. - Darley Fire Equipment Division
  - d) Quote #D2886 03/11/24 - Heiman Fire Equipment
  - e) Quote 03/12/24 - MacQueen Emergency Equipment

**E. Proclamation**

1. Vietnam Veterans' Day - Proclamation

**F. Claims and Accounts**

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers - 2023 Sewer Rehabilitation by Full Length C.I.P.P. Lining - Proj. No. 0160-0468 - Final Closeout Packet - Pay Estimate - Insituform Technologies USA, LLC - 03/11/24 - \$7,693.40.
2. Giffels-Webster - Professional Services - GPW Master Plan Update - Invoice No. 131135 - Proj. No. 2034600 - 02/29/24 - \$4,625.00.
3. Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 1081052 - February 2024 - 03/13/24 - \$5,372.32.
4. York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 171 - February 2024 - 03/01/24 - \$3,069.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Bryant read aloud the proclamation regarding Vietnam Veterans' Day.

**Motion** by Koester, seconded by Granger, regarding **Second Reading: Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 8; Article XI (Structures in Front Yards), Section 8-335 (Mini-Library)**, that the City Council approve this proposed 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, Vaughn

No: None

Absent: McConaghy

**Motion** by Brown, seconded by Gafa, regarding **Second Reading: Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 50-5.3 (Off-Street Parking) and Section 50-5.5 (Semi-Circular driveways)**, that the City Council approve this proposed ordinance amendment as amended including the deletion of the word “impervious” in section 50-5.5C and make it effective 10 days after its enactment.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: McConaghy

Under New Business/Public Comment, no one wished to be heard.

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight’s meeting** at 7:38 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor