

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023, 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 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

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

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Granger, that Council members Gafa and Koester, be excused from tonight's meeting due to illness.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission

Motion by Granger, seconded by Vaughn, that all items on the Consent Agenda be approved as presented, except 5B6, which was removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda for discussion.

**A. Appointment**

1. Board of Review (Council)
  - a. Jaspreet (Jess) Sikand - Term to expire 01/01/24
    - 1) Biographical Sketch
    - 2) Email 03/03/23 - City Assessor

**B. Approval of Minutes**

1. Council 03/06/23
2. Committee-of-the-Whole 03/06/23
3. Beautification Advisory Commission 02/08/23 with recommendations
4. Citizens' Recreation Commission 03/14/23, 02/28/23 - both with recommendations
5. Historical Commission 11/11/22
6. Tree Commission 02/01/23 with recommendations (This item removed from consent agenda and placed on regular agenda for discussion)

**C. Monthly Financial Report**

1. February 2023

**D. Bids/Proposals/Contracts**

1. 2022 CDBG Subrecipient Agreement
  - a) Memo 03/16/23 - Assistant City Administrator
  - b) 2022 Subrecipient Agreement

**E. Proclamations**

1. Arbor Day
2. Holocaust Remembrance Week
3. Vietnam Veterans Day

**F. Claims and Accounts**

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers
  - a. Vernier Rd. Water Main Replacement - Invoice No. 0142389 - Proj. No. 0160-0446 - 02/22/23 - \$512.48.
  - b. Sewer System Evaluation - Invoice No. 0142390 - Proj. No. 0160-0449 - 02/22/23 - \$2,839.60.
  - c. Hampton Rd. Water Main & Resurface (Mack/Marte) - Invoice No.

- 0142391 - Proj. No. 0160-0456 - 02/22/23 - \$26,545.25.
- d. Torrey Rd. Pump Station Cap Improve. Plan - Invoice No. 0142392 - Proj. No. 0160-0457 - 02/22/23 - \$5,056.80.
- e. 2022-2023 General Engineering - Invoice No. 0142393 - Proj. No. 0160-0459 - 02/22/23 - \$611.60.
- f. 2022-2023 GIS Maintenance - Invoice No. 0142554 - Proj. No. 0160-0458 - 02/24/23 - \$488.80.
- g. 2020-2021 Water Main Replacement Program - Invoice No. 0142698 - Proj. No. 0160-0426 - 03/02/23 - \$5,281.32.
- h. 2021 Misc. Concrete Repair - Invoice No. 0142699 - Proj. No. 0160-0435 - 03/02/23 - \$261.04.
2. Hallahan & Associates, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 20280 - February 2023 - 03/01/23 - \$1642.56.
3. Keller Thoma - Legal Services - Invoice No. 123638 - February 2023 - 03/01/23 - \$43.75.
4. Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 1079082 - 03/08/23 - \$3,100.40.
5. Stucky Vitale Architects - Architecture/Engineering Services - Invoice No. 201-6347 - Proj. No. 2021.027-Chene/Trombley Park Master Plan - 02/28/23 - \$8,436.25.
6. WCA Assessing - Assessing Services - Invoice No. 03132023 - April 2023 - 03/13/23 - \$6,833.50.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Brown, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance, including item 5B6, which was removed from the consent agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Brown, regarding the recommendation from the Tree Commission (Item 5B6) that the City Council direct the City Administrator to communicate with the Tree Commission regarding ownership of the islands on Mack Avenue with regard to the potential for planting trees.

A brief discussion ensued regarding City Council's suggestions to include communications with the Beautification Commission and Wayne County to collaborate options of planting on Mack Avenue.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Vaughn, regarding **Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League (GPWSSL) – Dugout Proposal (Field #1)**, that the City Council approve the request to install two dugouts for Field #1 in Ghesquiere Park.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the color of the dugouts. It was also stated that the project will bear no cost to the city.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

John Johnson of Nickel & Saph Inc. provided an overview of the City's proposed FY 2023/2024 General Liability & Property Insurance coverage. He stated the policy will have \$10,000,000.00 Sewer back up coverage, which was lacking in the previous policy and a comprehensive Cyber Insurance coverage that includes \$150,000.00 for fraud coverage.

In addition, a comprehensive overlook of properties will be assigned to HCA, to conduct

physical appraisals. This will cause a premium increase because some properties were undervalued. Mr. Johnson stated there is no additional cost to perform the appraisals.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the start/end date of the policy and other important coverages within the policy including Judicial Liability, Marina operations, and Pollution coverage.

Motion by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **FY 2023/2024 General Liability & Property Insurance**, that the City Council concur with the City Administrator's recommendation and approve Nickel & Saph Inc. Insurance Agency to continue to be the city's general liability and property insurance provider in an amount not to exceed \$226,935.25 for the period of April 19, 2023 thru April 19, 2024.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor accepted the resignation of Teresa Cerwin from the Board of Review with regret and directed the City Clerk to send appropriate thanks and recognition to Ms. Cerwin.

Under New Business, no one wished to be heard.

Under Public Comment, the following individual was heard:

- Margaret Potter – Suggested a Tree Commission Representative collaborate with Wayne County regarding planting trees and shrubs on Mack Avenue.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Vaughn, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:34 p.m. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor