

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 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 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn
ABSENT: None

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

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Melinda Billingsley, Citizens' Recreation Commission
- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Donna O'Keefe, Planning Commission

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that all items on the **Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Council 05/01/23
2. Historical Commission 03/09/23
3. Senior Citizens' Commission 01/17/23 with recommendation (no action to be taken as administration already finalized the budget amount)

4. Tree Commission 04/05/23

B. Monthly Financial Report

1. April 2023

C. Bids/Proposals/Contracts

1. Budget Amendment - Local Roads
 - a. Memo 04/26/23 - Treasurer/Comptroller/City Administrator
2. FY 2023-2024 Milk River Drain Budget/Millage Request
 - a. Memo 05/15/23 - City Administrator/Treasurer/Comptroller
 - b. FY 2023-2024 Grosse Gratiot Drain (Milk River) - Budget Worksheet/Account Detail Information Sheets
 - c. Proposed Resolution
3. Automatic Aid Agreement - Public Safety
 - a. Memo 05/09/23 - Director of Public Safety
 - b. Proposed Agreement
4. Tree Removal Contract for FY 2023/2024
 - a) Memo 05/02/23 - Director of Public Services
 - b) Proposed Agreement
 - c) Letter 05/25/23 - James Bonahoom (Arbor Pro Tree Service, Inc.)
 - d) Certificate of Liability Insurance
5. Trucking Services FY 2023-2024
 - a) Memo 05/02/23 - Director of Public Services
 - b) Proposed Agreement
 - c) Quote 05/02/23 - Grosso Trucking & Supply Co.
 - d) Certificate of Liability Insurance

D. Proclamation

1. National Gun Violence Awareness Day
2. National Military Appreciation Month
3. Peace Officers Memorial Day/National Police Week
4. Emergency Medical Services Week
5. National Public Works Week

E. Claims and Accounts

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers

- a. Vernier Rd. Water Main Replacement - Invoice No. 0143299 - Proj. No. 0160-0446 - 04/21/23 - \$567.70.
 - b. 2022 Misc. Concrete Repair Program - Invoice No. 0143300 - Proj. No. 0160-0450 - 04/21/23 - \$648.68.
 - c. 2022 Sidewalk Repair Program Dist. 8 - Invoice No. 0143301 - Proj. No. 0160-0452 - 04/21/23 - \$541.41.
 - d. Hampton Rd. Water Main & Resurfacing (Mack/Marte) - Invoice No. 0143302 - Proj. No. 0160-0456 - 04/21/23 - \$2,099.53.
 - e. 2022-2023 General Engineering - Invoice No. 0143303 - Proj. No. 0160-0459 - 04/21/23 - \$1,167.60.
 - f. 2020-2021 Water Main Replacement Program - Invoice No. 0143383 - Proj. No. 0160-0426 - 04/25/23 - \$143.28.
 - g. Sewer Rehabilitation - Open Cut - Invoice No. 0143384 - Proj. No. 0160-0430 - 04/25/23 - \$102.28.
 - h. 2023-2024 Rate Study - Invoice No. 0143698 - Proj. No. 0160-0463 - 05/02/23 - \$1,167.60.
 - i. Allard Rd. Reconstruction (Harper-Chester) - Proj. No. 0160-0433 - Pay Estimate No. 9 - Florence Cement Company - 05/05/23 - \$71,128.40.
 - j. 2022 Sidewalk Repair Program - Proj. No. 0160-0452 - Pay Estimate No. 1 - JB Contractors, Inc. - 05/09/23 - \$32,362.47.
2. Hallahan & Associates, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 20419 - April 2023 - 05/01/23 - \$127.75.
 3. Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 1079435 - 05/09/23 - \$6,530.40.
 4. York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 92 - 05/02/23 - \$3,565.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Bryant read aloud the proclamations regarding National Public Works Week, National Military Appreciation Month, Peace Officers Memorial Day/National Police Week, Emergency Medical Services Week, and National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Motion by McConaghy, 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, McConaghy, Vaughn
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Granger, seconded by Vaughn, that the City Council open the public hearing regarding the Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:16 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET WITH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, that the following items be received and placed on file:

1. Memo 05/15/23 – City Administrator/Treasurer/Comptroller
2. Proposed 2023-2024 Budget Summary
3. Proposed Resolution
4. 2023 Tax Rate Request L-4029 Form
5. Affidavit of Publication

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard in favor of the Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget. The following individual was heard:

- Melinda Billingsley, 20143 Doyle Ct. – Commented on consideration of an increase to starting wages for lifeguards.

The Chair asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard in opposition to the Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget. Nobody wished to be heard.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the public hearing be closed at 7:18 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Granger, that City Council concur with the recommendation of the Committee-of-the-Whole Sitting as a Finance Committee, at their meeting held on April 17, 2023, and adopt the **Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget** as presented, adopt the Budget and Appropriation Resolution, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the 2023 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029.

Council Member Vaughn asked about the lifeguard wages at Lake Front Park. City Administrator Schulte stated that during the budget process, staff was consolidated and the annual bonus was diverted into a dollar increase in wages. The increased wage of \$11/hr. is competitive to Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe City, considering there is approximately 40-50 more lifeguards hired at Grosse Pointe Woods.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Koester, regarding the **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project Plan**, that City Council concur with Director of Public Services Kowalski's recommendation to adopt the proposed resolution and authorize the City Clerk to sign, and authorize Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) to submit the application and resolution to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

City Engineer Wilberding answered questions from Council regarding the Project Plan and its timeline.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **Second Reading: Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 4 – Alcoholic Liquors, Article II – Liquor and Tavern Licenses, Sections 4-19 and 4-21**, that City Council approve the 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, McConaghy, Vaughn
No: None
Absent: None

Under New Business, no one wished to be heard.

Under Public Comment, the following individual was heard:

- Judith Burkhardt – In support of Gun Violence Awareness – Support Group in front of City Hall on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight’s meeting** at 7:37 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor