

MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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:

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte
Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy
City Attorney Morita
Assistant City Administrator Como
Confidential Assistant Miotto
Director of Public Safety
Director of Public Services

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Grant Gilezan, Planning Commission

Motion by Granger, seconded by Vaughn, that all items on the Consent Agenda (except C2, School Resource Officer Grant Program) be approved as presented.

A. Appointment/Re-appointment

1. Board of Review (Council)
 - a. Patricia Groezinger – Term to expire 01/01/25
 - 1) Biographical Sketch
 - b. Jeffrey A. Stieber (Re-appointment) – Term to expire 01/01/25
 - 1) Memo 01/31/23 – Administrative Clerk

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Council 01/23/23

C. Bids/Proposals/Contracts

1. 911 Recording Equipment & Office Space Renovation – Budget Amendment
 - a. Memo 01/31/23 – Director of Public Safety
2. Request to Participate in School Resource Officer Grant Program (This Item removed from Consent Agenda and placed on Regular Agenda)
 - a. Memo 02/02/23 – Director of Public Safety
 - b. Letter 01/17/23 – Nancy Becker Bennet, Michigan Director of Grants and Community Services Division
3. Chene/Trombley Park Improvement Project – Playground Equipment Modification
 - a. Memo 02/02/23 – Director of Public Services
 - b. Price Proposal #23-236-1
 - c. Playground Equipment Pictures by Landscape Structures
 - d. Site Plan Sketch of Playground Area

D. Claims and Accounts

1. McKenna - Planning Services - Invoice No. 22-064-5 - December 2022 - 01/31/23 - \$4,172.50.
2. York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 64 – 02/01/23 - \$2,790.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance, including item C2, which was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, to amend the previous motion by changing Agenda Item 9, Closed Executive Session, from MCL 15.243 (g) to “MCL15.268 (1) (h) to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute”.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Discussion ensued regarding the Safe Routes to Schools Grant. The City Administrator provided an overview of discussions with the school system and that we received an MDOT grant for \$700,000 toward the Vernier Road intersection project for safety. We continue to work with ARPA to expedite their application for the intersection grant and have made progress with the school system to apply for a Safe Route grant as it affects Mason and Parcels. We'll be the administrator of the grant and require a resolution to move forward with the process. There is potential for a total of \$2,000,000 in grant money. There is also potential for additional State ARPA funds. All costs will be in the 2024-2025 budget. Construction is expected to be done in the summer of 2025. A percentage of increase is built in should prices for materials and labor increase.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Granger, regarding **Safe Routes to Schools Grant**, that the City Council concur with Administration's recommendation and adopt the resolution recommending the application be submitted for the Safe Routes to Schools Grant, authorize the City Administrator, to act as the City's agent/representative, and sign said application and project agreement.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Discussion ensued on the School Resource Officer Program. The Director of Public Safety provided an overview. There is a State grant and there was interest by both the school administration and the City to provide this resource with the funding being key. The additional Public Safety Officer (PSO) would be full time at the school from August to June, then full time for the City. The school is willing to fund 75% and the City will fund 25%. The State has committed to the program for 3 years. The PSO would be based in Grosse Pointe North High School. After the 3 years, if the program doesn't continue, GPW would absorb the PSO and account for the additional headcount under expected attrition. There was support for publicity around this new resource.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Gafa, the City Council concur with the Administration’s recommendation to approve the resolution that the City would be responsible for 25% of the total average cost for the engagement of the **School Resource Officer under the School Resource Officer Grant Program.**

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, that the City Council recess the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:25 p.m. and convene in Closed Session, pursuant to MCL 15.268 (1) (h) to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Council reconvened in regular session at 8:16 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, to adjourn tonight’s meeting at 8:16 p.m. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Miotto
Confidential Assistant

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor