

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 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 Tomlinson  
City Clerk Antolin  
Director of Public Services Kowalski  
Recreation Supervisor Gerhart

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

The following Commission member was in attendance:

- Melinda Billingsley, Citizens' Recreation Commission
- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Grant Gilezan, Planning Commission
- Steve Gerhart, Planning Commission
- Paul Lechner, Community Tree Commission
- Dave Andrews, Community Tree /Citizens' Recreation Commissions

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

- A. **Appointment**
  1. Election Commission (Council)
    - a. Thomas Vaughn

**B. Approval of Minutes**

1. Council 07/17/23
2. Planning Commission 04/25/23

**C. Bids/Proposals/Contracts**

1. Giffels-Webster Master Plan Work Authorization Addendum/Updates to the Clearzoning Ordinance
  - a. Memo 07/27/23 - City Administrator
  - b. Proposed Master Plan Work Authorization Addendum
  - c. Planning Commission Minutes Excerpt 03/28/23

**D. Claims and Accounts**

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers
  - a. Vernier Rd. Water Main Replacement - Invoice #0144790 - Proj. #0160-0446 - 07/11/23 - \$605.56.
  - b. Sewer System Evaluation - Invoice #0144791 - Proj. #0160-0449 - 07/11/23 - \$1,751.20.
  - c. 2022 Misc. Concrete Repair Program - Invoice #0144792 - Proj. #0160-0450 - 07/11/23 - \$1,730.18.
  - d. 2022 Sidewalk Repair Program Dist. 8 - Invoice #0144793 - Proj. #0160-0452 - 07/11/23 - \$924.50.
  - e. 2022 Sewer CCTV Investigation - Invoice #0144794 - Proj. #0160-0453 - 07/11/23 - \$90.20.
  - f. Hampton Rd. Water Main & Resurface (Mack/Marte) - Invoice #0144795 - Proj. #0160-0456 - 07/11/23 - \$16,748.52.
  - g. Torrey Rd. Pump Station Cap Improvement Plan - Invoice #0144796 - Proj. #0160-0457 - 07/11/23 - \$111.20.
  - h. 2022-2023 General Engineering - Invoice #0144797 - Proj. #0160-0459 - 07/11/23 - \$644.96.
  - i. 2022 Paser Ratings - Invoice #0144798 - Proj. #0160-0460 - 07/11/23 - \$57.51.
  - j. 2021 Misc. Concrete Repair - Invoice #0145033 - Proj. #0160-0435 - 07/18/23 - \$151.20.
  - k. 2022-2023 GIS Maintenance – Invoice #0145282 – Proj. #0160-0458 – 07/24/23 - \$90.20.
2. Dominion Voting Systems - Election Equipment Maintenance - Invoice #DVS149720 - 07/07/23 - \$13,515.00.
3. McKenna - Building/Planning Services
  - a. Invoice #21849-77 - Building Services - June 2023 - 07/16/23 –

\$48,771.74.

b. Invoice # 22-064-14 - Planning Services - June 2023 - 07/16/23 - \$4,137.25.

4. WCA Assessing - Assessing Services - Invoice #07362025 - August 2023 - 07/25/23 - 6,833.50.

5. York, Dolan & Tomlinson – Legal Services – Invoice #115 – July 2023 – 08/02/23 - \$3,735.50.

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.**

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Mayor Bryant received the Tree City USA Flag from the Tree Commission.

Mayor Bryant presented a proclamation recognizing the Grosse Pointe North Girls' Soccer Team as the 2023 MHSAA Division 2 Girls' Soccer State Champions.

Under New Business the following individual was heard:

- Councilmember Granger commended Recreation Supervisor Gerhart and her staff and the Department of Public Works for successfully coordinating the Grosse Pointe swim meet finals after recent storms relocated the event to Lake Front Park.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Granger, that the City Council receive and place on file the documents submitted by City Administrator Schulte regarding the memorial plaque concepts on boulders.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

- City Administrator Schulte presented two memorial plaque concepts for Chene-Trombley Park. The first plaque is for the De Mars Family to be placed by the tot-lot and the second plaque is for the donors. Both plaques are to be placed on boulders. Council had no objection to the concepts but, suggested consideration of an additional plaque to recognize the city's contribution to the project. City Administrator Schulte stated a separate plaque recognizing the city could be placed on a brick column at the park entrance. Administration will email updated concepts to Council and confirm names and spelling on the plaques.

No one wished to be heard under Public Comment.

**Motion** by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, that the City Council recess the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. and convene in Closed Session, pursuant to MCL 15.268 (d) To consider the purchase of real property.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Council reconvened in regular session at 8:38 p.m.

**Motion** by Koester, seconded by McConaghy, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 8:38 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor