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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026, 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 7:08 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

Also Present: City Manager Como
City Attorney Walling
City Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
City Clerk Antolin
Director of Public Safety Kosanke
Director of Public Services Kowalski
City Engineer Wilberding

Motion by Motschall, seconded by Brown, that Councilmember Koester be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Mike Fuller, Planning Commission

Motion by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, 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, McConaghy, Motschall
No: None
Absent: Koester

Motion by Granger, seconded by Gafa, that all items (6A-6F) on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Council 01/05/26

B. Items Received and Placed on File

1. Beautification Advisory Commission Minutes 10/08/25

2. Senior Citizens' Commission Minutes 09/17/25 with recommendation*

*The event for this recommendation has already taken place on 12/05/25.

3. Community Tree Commission Minutes 11/05/25

C. Monthly Financial Report

1. December 2025

D. Bids/Proposals/Contracts

1. Doyle Court and Lee Court Water Main Replacement - AEW Proj. No. 0150-0497
 - a. Memo 01/13/26 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
 - b. Letter 01/05/26 - City Engineer Wilberding
 - c. Tabulation of Bids

2. Penny and Change Policy

- a. Memo 01/25/26 - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt - City Manager Como
- b. Proposed Penny and Change Policy

3. Contribution to Retiree Healthcare Trust Fund

Memo 01/26/26 - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt

4. MIDC Grant Agreement FY 2025-2026 and the Indigent Defense Independent Agreement

- a. Memo 01/12/26 - City Manager Como
- b. Council Minutes Excerpt 12/01/25
- c. Memo 11/24/25 - Assistant City Manager Como
- d. Proposed Independent Contractor Agreement for Indigent Defense

5. Dissolution of 75th Anniversary Committee
 - a. Memo 01/20/26 - City Clerk Antolin
6. Seventh Amendment To License Agreement For Use of City Hall Cell Tower
 - a) Memo 12/30/25 – Assistant City Attorney Shortley
 - b) Proposed Seventh Amendment License Agreement (AT&T) with attachments
 - c) Memo 01/23/26 – Building Official Collins
7. Michigan Municipal League (MML) 2026 CapCon
 - a) Memo 01/22/26 – City Manager Como
 - b) Registration Form and Event Information

E. Resolution(s)

1. Designation of Street Administrator
 - a. Proposed Resolution
2. 2026 GPW Special Events - Special License Resolution
 - a) Memo 01/20/26 - City Clerk Antolin
 - b) 2026 Special License Application
 - c) Proposed Resolution
 - d) LARA - Credit Card Authorization Form
 - e) Map of Special Events Layout

F. Claims and Accounts

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers
 - a) Sidewalk Eval at 20640 Mack Ave. - Invoice No. 162165 - Proj. No. 0160-0502 - 12/02/25 - \$1,844.55.
 - b) Vernier & Mack Ave. Intersection Improvement - Invoice No. 162494 - Proj. No. 0160-0455 - 12/22/25 - \$3,900.36.
 - c) Torrey Rd. Pump Station Generator - Invoice No. 162496 - Proj. No. 0160-0473 - 12/22/25 - \$5,656.00.
 - d) 2025 Miscellaneous Concrete Program - Invoice No. 162497 - Proj. No. 0160-0493 - 12/22/25 - \$4,954.79.
 - e) 2025 Sewer Rehab Program - Invoice No. 162498 - Proj. No. 0160-0495 - 12/22/25 - \$3,028.86.
 - f) 2025-2026 General Engineering - Invoice No. 162499 - Proj. No. 0160-0498 - 12/22/25 - \$935.40.
 - g) 2025-2026 GIS Maintenance - Invoice No. 162500 - Proj. No. 0160-0499 - 12/22/25 - \$1,108.40.
 - h) Lee Ct., Doyle Ct. & Thorntree Water Mains - Invoice No. 162682 - Proj. No. 0160-0497 - 12/23/25 - \$544.94.

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- i) Sidewalk Eval at 20640 Mack Ave. - Invoice No. 162806 - Proj. No. 0160-0502 - 01/06/26 - \$285.25.
- j) Lake Front Park Building Renovation - Proj. No. 0160-0479 - Payment Invoice No. 07 - In-Line Construction - 01/14/26 - \$26,927.70.
2. Hallahan & Associates, P.C. - Professional Services - Invoice No. 23503 - December 2025 - 01/02/26 - \$232.42.
3. McKenna - Building Services - Invoice No. 21849-117 - December 2025 - 01/15/26 - \$31,048.26.
4. Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsuechler, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 1084889 - December 2025 - 01/13/26 - \$6,537.20.
5. State of Michigan - MDOT 00183 - Program #218128CON (Vernier Rd.) - 12/04/25 - \$2,272.47.
6. Tomlinson & McGrail, PLLC - Legal Billing - Invoice No. 360 - December 2025 - 01/05/26 - \$1,612.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Bryant asked Director of Public Safety Kowalski to introduce K-9 Arcos and directed the City Clerk to administer the Oath of Office.

Mayor Bryant accepted the resignation of Gary Lechner from the Community Tree Commission with regret, and directed appropriate thanks and recognition be sent to Mr. Lechner.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, that the City Council approve the first reading of this ordinance amendment regarding Chapter 2 – Administration; Article IV – Employee Benefits; Division 2 – Retirement System; Section 2-305 – Nonduty Death, To Update Certain Provisions, and set a date of February 2, 2026, for a second reading and final adoption.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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Under New Business, the following individuals were heard:

- Councilmember Brown provided a reminder that WinterFest will be at Ghesquiere Park on Saturday, January 31, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- City Manager Como acknowledged and commended all efforts that went towards former City Manager, Frank Schulte's retirement party, that was very nice and well attended.

Under Public Comment, no one wished to be heard.

Motion by Motschall, seconded by McConaghy, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 7:22 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor