

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte
City Attorney Walling
City Clerk Antolin
Director of Public Services Kowalski
City Engineer Wilberding
John Johnson, Nickel & Staph Insurance Representative

Motion by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, that Councilmember Koester be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn
No: None
Absent: Koester

Motion by Granger, seconded by Vaughn, 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, Vaughn
No: None
Absent: Koester

The first item addressed was regarding **FY 2023/2024 General Liability & Property Insurance**. City Administrator Schulte stated that an evaluation of real property values of all city properties was completed by HCA Asset Management. It was reported that there was an additional \$20,000,000.00 in real property values.

It was recommended to move forward with blanket coverage and replacement costs of an additional \$22,379.00 annually for the new property values listed. The blanket coverage will allow full replacement amount when a claim is made. The current policy is 90% co-insurance due to the fact the buildings were undervalued. The prorated cost for the remainder of the FY 2023-2024 policy is not to exceed \$13,060.00.

Nickel & Steph Insurance representative, John Johnson, stated that the reason the evaluation was performed was that City Administrator Schulte noticed several properties not included on the original list of insurance-covered properties.

The Committee-of-the-Whole was satisfied with tonight's proposal, but requested that the city shop around for more competitive policies in the next year.

There was a brief discussion regarding coverages of the following topics:

- Parking Lot
- Weather damages, specifically wind damage
- Chene/Trombley playground equipment

There was a consensus of the Committee-of-the-Whole to bring this item to the next City Council meeting for approval.

The next item discussed was regarding **Torrey Rd. Pump Station Generator.**

Motion Granger, seconded by Gafa, that the Electrical Site Plan for the proposed generator submitted by AEW, be received and placed on file.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Koester

Director of Public Services Kowalski stated that due to an increase of unpredictable storms, the city requested AEW to provide costs of installing a backup generator in the event of a power outage at the Torrey Rd. Pump Station.

City Engineer Wilberding stated that AEW hired Peter Basso Associates, Inc. to provide an evaluation and recommendation for the electrical system to install the generator.

Peter Basso Associates, Inc. provided a report with recommendations. It was stated that lead time is anywhere between 60 – 80 weeks giving an estimated installation of sometime in 2025.

The total cost of the project is \$2,080,000.00 with funds to be taken from the Water/Sewer Fund. There is currently \$7,000,000.00 in the Water/Sewer Fund. The estimated cost for design engineering would be \$110,000.00 to facilitate timely construction schedules. This is not a budgeted item in the FY 2023/2024 budget and would require a budget amendment and transfer from the Water/Sewer fund.

Discussion ensued regarding the following topic:

- 480V/4800V Motor/Transformer
- Warranty
- Noise Level/Environmental impacts
- Motor Replacement
- Maintenance cycles

There was a consensus of the Committee-of-the-Whole to move forward for Council's approval.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Brown, that the Committee-of-the-Whole concur with Director of Public Services Kowalski's recommendation and bring this item to the next Council meeting for approval.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Koester

Under New Business, the following individuals were heard:

- Councilmember Granger requested an update on the Roslyn Rd. Project. City Engineer Wilberding stated that permits were submitted to EGLE but still awaiting a response. Projects may be on hold because the construction season is coming close to an end.
- Councilmember Vaughn commended City Administration and staff for having enough funds for the generator project at Torrey Rd. Pump Station.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Vaughn, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:44 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor