

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 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 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Gafa.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Motschall

ABSENT: Bryant

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

**Motion** by McConaghy, seconded by Brown, that Mayor Bryant be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Motschall

No: None

Absent: Bryant

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Donna O'Keefe, Planning Commission
- David Bryk, Historical Commission

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Koester, 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, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Motschall

No: None

Absent: Bryant

**Motion** by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, that all items (6A-6H) on the consent agenda be approved as presented except item 6C1, which was removed for discussion.

**A. Appointment(s)**

1. Senior Citizens' Commission (Mayor)
  - a) Biographical Sketch - Jessica Doster - Term to Expire: 12/31/26

**B. Approval of Minutes**

1. Council 04/20/26
2. Committee-of-the-Whole Sitting as Finance Committee 04/20/26 with Recommendation\*

*\*Recommendation to approve the proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget*

**C. Items Received and Placed on File**

1. Citizens' Recreation Commission Minutes 03/10/26 with Recommendations\* (Removed from consent agenda for discussion)  
*\*Recommendation to install basketball hoops at Ghesquiere Park.*  
*\*Recommendation to install bike racks at Ghesquiere Park.*
2. Planning Commission Minutes 03/24/26 with Recommendations\*  
*\*Recommendation (Lola's Taco Bar) was addressed at the 04/13/26 Council meeting.*  
*\*Recommendation (Dunkin' Donuts) was addressed at the 04/20/26 Council meeting.*

**D. Report(s)**

1. Department of Public Safety Annual Report 2025

**E. Bids/Proposals/Contracts**

1. Amendment No. 6 to Water Service Contract between Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and City of Grosse Pointe Woods
  - a) Memo 04/21/26 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
  - b) Proposed Contract with Exhibit B
  - c) Proposed Resolution
2. Purchase of Public Safety Patrol Vehicle
  - a) Memo 04/24/26 - Director of Public Safety Kosanke
  - b) Bid Specifications/Quote 04/24/26 - Berger Chevrolet Inc.
  - c) Reimbursement Check 04/06/26 - City of Grosse Pointe
3. Budget Amendment - Midwest Public Safety (Getac Cloud)
  - a) Memo 04/23/26 - Director of Public Safety Kosanke
  - b) Midwest Public Safety - Invoice#213454683 - 11/11/25 - \$21,187.80.

4. Support Emergency Operations Plan
  - a) Memo 04/28/26 - Director of Public Safety Kosanke
  - b) Proposed Plan

**F. Proclamation(s)**

1. Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15) and National Police Week

**G. Resolution(s)**

1. Adoption of the Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - a) Memo 04/28/26 - Director of Public Safety Kosanke
  - b) Proposed Resolution

**H. Claims and Accounts**

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers
  - a) Torrey Road Pump Station Generator - Invoice No. 164767 - Proj. No. 0160-0473 - 04/21/26 - \$1,347.35.
  - b) Lee Ct./Doyle Ct./Thorntree Water Mains - Invoice No. 164769 - Proj. No. 0160-0497 - 04/21/26 - \$1,693.68.
  - c) 2025-2026 General Engineering - Invoice No. 164770 - Proj. No. 0160-0498 - 04/21/26 - \$5,906.75.
  - d) 2025-2026 GIS Maintenance - Invoice No. 164771 - Proj. No. 010-0499 - 04/21/26 - \$2,539.08.
2. McKenna - Building/Planning Services
  - a) Invoice No. 21849-120 - Building Services - March 2026 - 04/16/26 - \$74,504.85.
  - b) Invoice No. 22-064-52 - Planning Services - March 2026 - 04/21/26 - \$6,066.25.
  - c) Invoice No. 25-030-11 - GPW MSHDA Zoning Ordinance Update - March 2026 - 04/14/26 - \$3,600.00.
3. Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 1085593 - March 2026 - 04/16/26 - 11,110.62.
4. WCA Assessing - Assessing Service - Invoice No. 042126 - May 2026 - 04/21/26 - \$7,911.08.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Motschall

No: None

Absent: Bryant

Item 6C1 (Citizens' Recreation Commission Minutes 03/10/26 with Recommendations\*) was removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

**Motion** by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, that the City Council receive and place on file the March 10, 2026, meeting minutes of the Citizens’ Recreation Commission and to discuss the recommendation to install basketball hoops in Ghesquiere Park at a future Committee-of-the-Whole meeting where the Recreation Commission and residents can provide input.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Gafa and City Council read aloud the proclamations regarding Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15) and National Police Week (May 10-16).

Mayor Pro Tem Gafa asked the Director of Public Safety to present the Public Safety Achievement Awards. The Director of Public Safety presented the awards to the following recipients:

1. Sergeant Mark Agnetti – 2025 Supervisor of the Year/Lifesaving Award/Director’s Commendation
2. Sergeant Darrell Fisher – Lifesaving Award
3. Sergeant Walter Galat – Lifesaving Award – (2 awards)
4. SRO Jeffrey Martel – 2025 Officer of the Year
5. Officer Eugene Gunnery – Lifesaving Award – (2 awards)
6. Officer Joseph Hazuka – Lifesaving Award
7. Officer Mitchell Hendrix – Department Citation
8. Officer Neal Kapoor – Lifesaving Award (2 awards)/Department Citation
9. Dispatcher Kristen Morano – Director’s Commendation

**Motion** by McConaghy, seconded by Brown, that the City Council set May 18, 2026, for a Public Hearing to consider final adoption of the Proposed FY 2026-2027 budget, and to authorize the City Clerk to publish said Public Hearing Notice in the Grosse Pointe News.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Gafa, on behalf of Mayor Bryant, accepted the resignation of Rachelle Koester from the Beautification Advisory Commission with regret, and directed that appropriate thanks and recognition be sent to Ms. Koester.

Under New Business, the following individuals were heard:

- Councilmember Brown recognized and thanked the Citizens' Recreation Commission and all that contributed to the successful and well attended Spring Fest this past Saturday.
- Councilmember Granger addressed an article in the New York Times to Director of Public Works Kowalski regarding hockey rinks and a company in Nebraska that produces sheets of plastic that mimic ice as an alternative to avoid the high cost of maintaining ice rinks. She also commented on the success and nice job of Spring Fest.
- Mayor Pro Tem Gafa also commented on the success of Spring Fest, especially due to the fact that it occurred at the same time as Opening Day of Little League Baseball and still had a great turnout.
- City Manager Como thanked the Citizens' Recreation Commission, staff, and all those that participated in the success of both Spring Fest and Opening Day of Little League Baseball.

Under Public Comment, the following individual was heard:

- Ghassan (Gus) Elian, 568 Coventry Ln. – Commented on the low volume of the microphones in the Council Chambers/Courtroom. City Manager Como directed City Clerk Antolin to check the volume levels.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Kenneth Gafa  
Mayor Pro Tem