

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024, 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 Bryant.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant  
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy  
ABSENT: None

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte  
Assistant City Administrator Como  
City Attorney Walling  
City Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt  
City Clerk Antolin  
Director of Public Services Kowalski  
Director of Parks and Recreation Gafa

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- James McNelis, Planning Commission

**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  
No: None  
Absent: None

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Koester, that all items (6A-6C) on the **Consent Agenda** be approved as presented.

**A. Appointments**

1. Planning Commission - City Council Representative
  - a) Kenneth Gafa (Term to expire: November 2027)
2. Election Commission – City Council Representative (Council Appointment)
  - a) Angela Coletti Brown (Term to expire: November 2027)
3. Community Tree Commission (Mayoral Appointment)
  - a) Christina Pitts (Term to Expire: 12/31/26) – Biographical Sketch
  - b) Tree Commission Minutes Excerpt 06/05/24

**B. Approval of Minutes**

1. Council 06/17/24
2. Committee-of-the-Whole 06/17/24
3. Planning Commission 05/28/24 with recommendations\*

*\*Recommendation to Council to approve the proposed Chapter 50 Zoning amendment, as corrected, to add Section 50-4.36, Permanent Makeup Services. This item has been addressed at the April 15, 2024 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.*

*\* Recommendation to Council to approve the proposed amendments regarding outdoor Café Permit Requirements. This item has been addressed at the April 15, 2024 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.*
4. Beautification Advisory Commission 05/08/24 with recommendations\*\*

*\*\*Recommendation to secure Marchiori for the November 13, 2024 Beautification Awards Ceremony dinner in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.*

*\*\*Recommendation to hire an outside photography resource for the 2024 Beautification Awards Ceremony. Photography resource and cost will be discussed at their June meeting.*

*\*\*Recommendation to approve purchase of signs for Adopt-a-Garden program in an amount not to exceed \$500.00.*

5. Historical Commission 05/09/24
6. Senior Citizens' Commission 03/19/24

**C. Claims and Accounts**

1. McKenna - Building/Planning Services
  - a) Invoice No. 21849-91 - Building Services - May 2024 - 06/25/24 - \$39,488.12.
  - b) Invoice No. 22-064-27 - Planning Services - May 2024 - 06/25/24 - \$8,481.25.
2. WCA Assessing - Assessing Services - Invoice No. 061724 - July 2024 - 06/17/24 - \$7,175.58.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Motion** by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, regarding **Dellisha Jordan Vs. Theodore A. Metry**, that the City Council receive these Legal Proceedings and forward to the City Attorney for further processing.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Bryant asked the City Clerk to administer the Oath of Office to Owen Gafa, who will be serving as the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Under New Business, the following individual was heard:

- Councilmember Granger commented on the great job of the Department of Public Works for the successful turnout of the Music on the Lawn and the implementation of the new social districts.

Under Public Comment, no one wished to be heard.

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 7:12 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor