

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DRIVE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

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 Clerk Antolin
City Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, 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

Discussion ensued regarding one (1) vacancy on City Council caused by the passing of Thomas Vaughn. The Chair thanked all those who submitted an application and stated that twenty-five applications have been received to fill the vacancy. The Chair outlined the process. He stated that the Committee would go down the list of applicants #1 through #25, and by a show of hands, three or more, would be determined for further consideration.

Michael Ellis (Candidate #9) was the only candidate present and introduced himself.

Following the poll, four hands were raised for Candidate #1 – Dave Andrews, Candidate #15 – James Motschall, and Candidate #20 – John Schulte. These three candidates were considered for further consideration.

The committee members commented on candidates they were familiar with.

The Committee was asked to rank the final three candidates in the order of their preference. The final tally revealed that Candidate #15 – James Motschall received four #1 ranked votes determining him as the majority winner. Mr. Motschall received unanimous support as the preferred candidate.

There was a consensus of the Committee-of-the-Whole the recommendation to City Council the appointment of Candidate #15 – James Motschall to fill the council vacancy with term to expire the next regular City election on November 4, 2025.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Granger, that tonight’s Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting minutes be immediately certified.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Committee-of-the-Whole directed that notification and thanks be given to all the candidates including information regarding opportunities to run at the next local election in November 2025 and encouragement to volunteer on any of the city commissions.

Under **New Business/Public Comment**, no one wished to be heard.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Gafa, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 8:27 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor