

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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 7:01 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
- Dan Curis, Local Officers Compensation 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-6F) on the **Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

**A. Appointments/Re-Appointments**

1. Planning Commission (Mayor)
  - a) Biographical Sketch - William Marx - Term to expire - 12/31/25
  - b) Biographical Sketch - Mollie Mackinnon - Term to expire - 12/31/26
2. Citizen/Council Re-Appointments to Commission and Boards
  - a) Memo 10/07/24 - Administrative Clerk Coyle
    - 1) Local Officers' Compensation Commission (Mayor) – Mark Kent – Term to expire: 09/30/29
    - 2) Downspout Board of Appeals (Mayor) – Kevin Hendrick – Term to expire: 09/30/27

**B. Approval of Minutes**

1. Council 09/16/24
2. Beautification Advisory Commission 08/14/24
3. Historical Commission 06/13/24
4. Planning Commission 07/23/24 with recommendations\*

\*Recommendation to amend the zoning ordinance to add a new section to Article 5: Site Standards to regulate exterior lighting (C) including the shaded section of sub-section M.

\*Recommendation to amend the city ordinance Section 26-5 Residential Plot Plan and Site Plan submittals and Section 26-34 Site Grading (C), with the addition of recommendations made during discussion.
5. Tree Commission 06/05/24

**C. Bids/Proposals/Contracts**

1. Cook Schoolhouse Roof Replacement
  - a) Memo 09/23/24 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
  - b) Proposal 09/15/24 - Four Seasons Kanga Roof
2. Lake Front Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
  - a) Memo 09/27/24 - Director of Parks and Recreation Gafa
  - b) Proposal 08/21/24 - Tennis Courts Unlimited
  - c) Invoice No. 2423 09/10/24 - Tennis Courts Unlimited
3. 2024 Sidewalk Cutting Program
  - a) Memo 09/30/24 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
  - b) Proposal 09/27/24 - Precision Concrete Cutting

4. 2024 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Program - AEW Project No. 0160-0476
  - a) Memo 10/02/24 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
  - b) Letter 10/01/24 - City Engineer Varicalli
  - c) Tabulation of Bids

**D. Proclamation**

1. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October)

**E. Resolution**

1. Resolution to Adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County regarding Mack Avenue/Vernier Road and Vernier Road/Sunningdale Drive Intersection Improvements
  - a) Proposed Resolution

**F. Claims and Accounts**

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers
  - a) Ghesquiere Park Walking Path - Invoice No. 152786 - Proj. No. 0160-0482 - 09/03/24 - \$8,165.00.
  - b) 2024-2025 General Engineering - Invoice No. 152787 - Proj. No. 0160-0484 - 09/03/24 - \$360.00.
  - c) Torrey Rd. Pump Station Cap. Improve. Plan - Invoice No. 152793 - Proj. No. 0160-0457 - 09/03/24 - \$3,928.50.
  - d) Water System CDSMI - Invoice No. 152794 - Proj. No. 0160-0461 - 09/03/24 - \$731.80.
  - e) Lake Front Park Splash Pad - Invoice No. 152796 - Proj. No. 0160-0465 - 09/03/24 - \$420.00.
  - f) Sewer System Evaluation - Invoice No. 152799 - Proj. No. 0160-0449 - 09/03/24 - \$3,806.60.
  - g) Hampton Rd. Water Main & Resurface (Mack/Marter) - Invoice No. 152800 - Proj. No. 0160-0456 - 09/03/24 - \$796.90.
  - h) Roslyn Rd. Water Main & Resurface (Mack/Marter) - Invoice No. 152801 - Proj. No. 0160-0464 - 09/03/24 - \$1,058.80.
  - i) 2023 Misc. Concrete Repair Program - Invoice No. 152802 - Proj. No. 0160-0466 - 09/03/24 - \$130.25.
  - j) 2024 Sewer Rehab by Full Length CIPP LIN - Invoice No. 152803 - Proj. No. 0160-0475 - 09/03/24 - \$2,862.30.
  - k) 2024 Miscellaneous Concrete Program - Invoice No. 152804 - Proj. No. 0160-0477 - 09/03/24 - \$628.55.
  - l) LFP Boat Launch Parking Lot - Invoice No. 152805 - Proj. No. 0160-0480 - 09/03/24 - \$12,750.00.

- m) 2024-2025 GIS Maintenance - Invoice No. 152806 - Proj. No. 0160-0485 - 09/03/24 - \$8,442.91.
- n) Hampton Rd. Water Main & Resurfacing Project (Mack/Marter) - Proj. No 0160-0456 - Final Construction Pay Estimate - Pamar Enterprises, Inc. - 08/23/24 - \$1,000.00.
- 2. McKenna - Building/Planning Services
  - a) Invoice No. 21849-95 - Building Services - August 2024 - 09/21/24 - \$49,839.55.
  - b) Invoice No. 22-064-31 - Planning Services - August 2024 - 09/09/24 - \$1,001.25.
- 3. Plante Moran - Professional Services - Invoice No. 10315643 - June 30, 2024 Financial Statement Audit - 09/28/24 - \$45,000.00.
- 4. WCA Assessing - Assessing Services - Invoice No. 091724 - October 2024 - 09/17/24 - \$7,534.41.
- 5. York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 227 - September 2024 - 10/02/24 - \$3,704.50.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Granger and Mayor Bryant read aloud the proclamation regarding National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October).

The next item addressed was regarding the Quota Liquor License Issues. The City Attorney provided an overview of her letter dated September 30, 2024. She answered questions posed at the September 9, 2024, Public Hearing regarding the two applicants' request for the City's last Quota Class C Liquor License as presented on her memo.

Discussion ensued regarding the mechanism to determine a fair and equal approach when selecting either applicant's request for the Liquor License Quota. During discussion the parameters for the Planning Commission's recommendation, the rate of utilization, and options of an agreement to keep the liquor license within the city were addressed.

**Motion** by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, that the issues of the Quota Liquor License be reviewed by the Planning Commission to submit a recommendation to City Council in conjunction with their overall review of the site plans.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Motion** by McConaghy, seconded by Brown, that the City Council concur with the mayor's recommendation to appoint the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator Schulte, Assistant City Administrator Como, Communications Coordinator Korte and any others considered reasonable as members of the Grosse Pointe Woods 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Motion** by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, that the City Council immediately certify the minutes of tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under New Business, no one wished to be heard.

Under Public Comment, the following individuals were heard:

- Andy Hickman, 1626 Lochmoor – read aloud a letter of his neighbor, Dr. Kevin Klein (1688 Lochmoor) concerning opposition to proposed property development at Sunningdale Park. Mayor Bryant suggested Mr. Hickman forward any supporting documents to the city.
- Jason Gula, 694 Peach Tree – Addressed Building Department and City Engineering issues. Mayor Bryant suggested Mr. Gula contact the City Administrator.

**\*Motion** by Gafa, seconded by Brown, that the City Council receive and place on file the documents submitted by Mr. Gula.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

- Dr. Kenneth Lock, 1699 Lochmoor – Addressed opposition to proposed property development at Sunningdale Park.
- Larry Hurst, 20383 Sunningdale - Addressed opposition to proposed property development at Sunningdale Park.
- Marc Mainville, 1681 Lochmoor - Addressed opposition to proposed property development at Sunningdale Park.
- Rebekah Serwach, 1606 Lochmoor - Addressed opposition to proposed property development at Sunningdale Park.
- Jeff Lundberg, 20363 Sunningdale - Addressed opposition to proposed property development at Sunningdale Park.
- Tom Curcuri, 1627 Sunningdale - Addressed opposition to proposed property development at Sunningdale Park.

**\*Motion** by Gafa, seconded by Brown, that the City Council receive and place on file the documents submitted by Mr. Curcuri.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 7:50 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor