

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte
City Attorney Walling
Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy
Assistant City Administrator Como
Deputy City Clerk Antolin
Building Official Tutag

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by McConaghy, that Councilmember Granger be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Gafa, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance with the additional photos submitted to the Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The first item discussed was regarding the **Colonial Design Theme**. The Building Official stated that the current ordinance requires a Colonial or Early American design theme with adequate specifications. Recently, the Planning Commission approved façade changes that didn't have Colonial design elements but looked very nice and added to the community.

After several discussions with the Planning Commission and the Mayor, it was decided to keep the Colonial design as a suggested theme rather than a requirement. The ordinance changes

focus more on quality materials. The Building Official claims the best way to move forward is to encourage the use of quality materials. He provided the Planning Commission with a list of prohibited materials, which are certain materials that should not be used in the facades of Mack Avenue.

Councilmember McConaghy was pleased and supportive of the changes. He believes this will satisfy those who prefer a Colonial design as well as those who do not. The importance of this ordinance change is not necessarily the Colonial design theme, rather it is the quality materials being used.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Vaughn, that the item regarding the **Colonial Theme Design**, be placed on the next City Council meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

James McNelis introduced himself as the newest member of the Planning Commission.

The next topic was regarding **Items to be removed from the Committee-of-the-Whole List**.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Vaughn, that the Committee-of-the-Whole remove the following items from the Committee-of-the-Whole List:

- 1) The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation - Re: Chene/Trombley Park - Tot-Lot
- 2) Ordinance Amendment Chapter 2, Article I: Clerk/Treasurer supervised by City Administrator
- 3) Personnel Matters for approval of succession plan
- 4) City Hall Electronic Sign
- 5) Ford House Parking Agreement
- 6) Chene/Trombley Park - AEW to prepare grant
- 7) Consent Agenda
- 8) Fireworks (Display) Policy/Procedure
- 9) Parking Meters - RE: Charge card use
- 10) Construction Project Updates - Infrastructure Inventory Projects 2021/22
- 11) City-owned Cell Tower/At&T Proposals
- 12) Permitted C-2 Special Land Uses
- 13) 2020 Vision Plan

Brief discussion ensued regarding the City Hall Electronic Sign, Chene/Trombley Park-AEW grant, Fireworks, and Parking Meters. In regards to the parking meters, it was suggested to consider a pass to be placed on the window.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Granger

Hearing no objections, the following were heard under New Business:

- Councilmember Gafa requested a review and discussion of City Attorneys' legal fees and contract structure at a future Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.
- At the request of Councilmember Vaughn, Donna O'Keefe provided an overview of The Avenue in the Woods – Open House on March 9, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Cook Schoolhouse.

No one wished to be heard under Public Comment.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:58 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
Deputy City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor