

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE  
POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, 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 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

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

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte  
Assistant City Administrator Como  
City Attorney Walling  
City Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt  
City Clerk Antolin  
City Planner Jankowski  
Director of Public Services Kowalski  
City Engineer Lockwood

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

The following Commission members were in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Christina Pitts, Tree 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, Motschall  
No: None  
Absent: None

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Koester, that all items (6A-6F) on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

**A. Appointment**

1. Historical Commission (Mayor)
  - a) Biographical Sketch - Krystle English - Term to Expire: 12/31/27

**B. Approval of Minutes**

1. Council 08/18/25

**C. Commission Minutes Received and Placed on File**

1. Beautification Advisory Commission 07/09/25
2. Historical Commission 05/08/25 with recommendation\*  
*\*This recommendation is being addressed under agenda item A.1. on tonight's agenda.*
3. Planning Commission 07/22/25 with recommendation\*  
*\*This recommendation was addressed at the 8/18/25 Council meeting.*
4. Senior Citizens' Commission 05/16/25 with recommendation\*  
*\*This recommendation was addressed at the 07/14/25 Council meeting.*

**D. Bids/Proposals/Contracts**

1. Residential Cross Connection Control Program
  - a) Memo 09/03/25 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
  - b) Proposed Project Plan - HydroCorp
2. Purchase - Rubbish Truck
  - a) Memo 09/04/25 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
  - b) Quote 08/27/25 - Macqueen Equipment, LLC
3. Wedgewood Drive Resurfacing Project - AEW Project No. 0160-0496
  - a) Memo 09/04/25 - Director of Public Services Kowalski
  - b) Letter 09/03/25 - City Engineer Wilberding
  - c) Bid Documents - AL's Asphalt Paving Co.
4. Metro Act Fees PA 48
  - a) Memo 09/08/25 - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt
  - b) Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit Amendment
  - c) Amended Exhibit A - Metro Act Route Map
  - d) Exhibit B - Right-of-Way Performance and Completion Bond
  - e) Arch Insurance Company Statement of Financial Condition (12/31/24)
5. Wayne County Appraisal (WCA) Contract
  - a) Memo 09/08/25 - Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt - City Administrator Schulte
  - b) Proposed Assessment Contract

- c) Letter - Thomas Agrusa
- d) Certificate of Insurance

**E. Proclamations**

1. Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance (9/11)
2. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month (September)

**F. Claims and Accounts**

1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) - City Engineers - Torrey Rd. Pump Station Generator - Proj. No. 0160-0473 - Pay Application No. 5 - Rauhorn Electric, Inc. - 08/26/25 - \$24,750.00.
2. Keller Thoma - Legal Services - Invoice No. 128093 - August 2025 - 09/01/25 - \$437.50.
3. McKenna - Building/Planning Services
  - a) Invoice No. 21849-112 - Building Services - July 2025 - 08/29/25 - \$58,140.57.
  - b) Invoice No. 22-064-44 - Planning Services - July 2025 - 08/26/25 - \$4,765.00.
  - c) Invoice No. 25-030-3 - GPW MSHDA Zoning Ordinance Update - July 2025 - 08/18/25 - \$3,625.00.
4. State of Michigan - MDOT 00183
  - a) Program # 218128CON (Vernier Rd.) - 08/04/25 - \$2,985.32.
  - b) Program # 219533CON (Sunningdale Dr.) - 08/04/25 - \$10,918.80.
5. WCA Assessing - Assessing Services - Invoice No. 082125 - September 2025 - 08/21/25 - \$7,534.41.
6. York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C. - Legal Services - Invoice No. 324 - August 2025 - 09/02/25 - \$2,046.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor and City Council read aloud the proclamations regarding Prostate Cancer Awareness Month (September) and Patriot Day/National Day of Service and Remembrance (9/11).

The City Council recessed the Regular City Council Meeting and convened as a Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:10 p.m. Upon conclusion of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the City Council reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Bryant accepted the resignation of Lillian Korbus from the Beautification Advisory Commission with regret, and direct that appropriate thanks and recognition be sent to Ms. Korbus.

Mayor Bryant stated that there will be no second reading for the proposed rezoning of 20160 Mack Avenue due to the letter of withdrawal submitted by the petitioner.

**Motion** by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, that the City Council concur with the Director of Public Services Kowalski's recommendation to approve the ordinance amendment to amend Chapter 44 – Utilities; Article III – Cross Connections: Sections 44-198, 44-199, and 44-204 and set a date of October 6, 2025, for a second reading and final adoption.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Under New Business, no one wished to be heard.

Under Public Comment, the following individuals were heard:

1. Lynne Aldridge, 1501 Oxford Rd., opposed to rezoning 20160 Mack Ave. and addressed the Michigan Housing Development Authority grant and the Master Plan update.
2. Helen Taylor, 1430 Oxford Rd., opposed to rezoning 20160 Mack Ave. and suggested the creation of Land Use and Site Plan Advisory Board and Master Plan Advisory Board.
3. Christina Pitts, 1501 Oxford Rd., opposed to rezoning 20160 Mack Ave. and addressed concerns with the withdrawal of the rezoning request.
4. Kristen Buccellato, 1011 S. Renaud Rd., opposed to rezoning 20160 Mack Ave. Addressed design standards of the ordinance and suggested video streaming Council meetings.
5. Steve Lawrence, 1511 Oxford Rd., Opposed to rezoning of 20160 Mack Ave.

**Motion** by Motschall, seconded by Koester, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 7:45p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor