

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025, 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 7:03 p.m.

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

Also Present: City Manager Schulte  
Assistant City Manager Como  
City Attorney Tomlinson  
City Clerk Antolin  
City Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt  
Director of Public Safety Kosanke

**Motion** by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, that Councilmember Brown be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Motion** by Gafa, 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: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Motschall  
No: None  
Absent: Brown

The purpose of tonight's meeting was regarding the Fiscal Year Ending 2025 Audit Report for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods and the Municipal Court. Bill Brickey of Plante Moran provided an overview of the Financial Statements, Reports to City Council, the Annual Comprehensive Reports

including the Municipal Court Audit, and an examination letter of the Federal funds for the fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025.

Mr. Brickey stated that for over 51 years, Grosse Pointe Woods has received the Government Finance Officers Association Award for quality financial reporting portraying the city's commitment to overall quality reporting and transparency. He also thanked the Treasurer/Comptroller and Administration for their collaboration with the audit.

The Municipal Court audit received an unmodified opinion which means the statements are in compliance with all the rules and regulations with no findings or errors to report.

Mr. Brickey addressed the end of audit letter stating that its purpose is to provide required communications to the community about the audit process with legislative and governmental accounting information in general. This letter is required to list any issues or findings, in which none were reported.

An overview of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report was provided and it was stated that there was an unmodified opinion on the financial statement, which is assurance that the reported numbers are properly stated. The city implemented new accounting standard GASB 101 which only changed the valuation of sick and vacation liability reported.

Mr. Brickey discussed the financial statement and the budget to actuals results for the city's general fund and emphasized the Major Street, Solid Waste and Capital Project funds. An overview of the enterprise fund including water/sewer and parking/utility funds were also discussed.

He also addressed legacy costs and liabilities that goes with pension and retiree healthcare which is significantly impacted by the market. He also briefly discussed the Supplement Annuity Plan and OPEB Liability. In addition, he commented on city investments, capital asset activity and the impact caused from construction projects, equipment and infrastructure.

Mr. Brickey stated that the city had overall positive operating results, exceeded budgeting goals and having a strong fund balance.

Mayor Bryant and Council commended the Finance Department, City Administration, Bill Brickey and his staff for a job well done.

Under New Business, the following individuals were heard:

1. Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt thanked his staff, all departments and administration for the success of the audit.

Under Public Comment, the following individuals were heard:

1. Jon Dougherty, 1665 S. Renaud Rd., addressed disappointment of his bike being confiscated.

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:27 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor