



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 20, 2022

To: Mayor and Council

From: Frank Schulte, City Administrator *FS.*

Subject: City Charter Proposed Amendment to Section 8.8 – Purchase and Sale of Property

The last time City Charter Section 8.8 – Purchase and Sale of Property purchasing threshold was amended was by a vote of the residents 33 years ago (1989).

With the current purchasing threshold of \$5,000.00 requirement, it has become very difficult for city departments to efficiently complete purchases, repair city equipment, and maintain city buildings and grounds.

Coordinating with contractors and receiving quotes can sometimes takes months to get projects accomplished. For example, a portion of the Anita parking lot brick wall fell over in the spring 2021. After meeting with three contractors, receiving quotes, obtaining council approval and scheduling the repair work the project took six months to complete. The total cost of the wall repair was \$8,000.00.

Changing purchase requirements for Council approval from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 would adjust for inflation and minimize requests to Council. It would also enable City Administration to complete projects, make purchases and maintain the building and grounds more efficiently.

Other city's that recently approved an increase to their purchasing threshold amounts to \$10,000 or greater are; Grosse Pointe Farms (\$11,000); Grosse Pointe Shores (\$10,000); Mt Clemens (\$15,000); Saint Clair Shores (\$15,000); Eastpointe (\$15,000).

In addition, the proposed Charter amendment would give City Council the authority to change future purchasing threshold by resolution.

It is Administration's recommendation that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to City Council to approve the proposed City Charter Amendment-Proposed Ballot Language to Section 8.8 – Purchase and Sale of Property from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and, furthermore, request the State of Michigan Attorney General by Resolution to recommend the amendment change to the Governor to be placed on the City of Grosse Pointe Woods November 8, 2022 ballot.

Attachments