

**MINUTES OF THE
VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - A monthly meeting of the City Council of Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Kedzierski.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL – Clerk Bruce Nichols

Present: Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Council Members Robert H. Barrette, Bruce Bisballe, Robert E. Gesell, Doug Kucyk and Matthew Seely

Absent: Council Member Tina Ellis [Excused on motion of Bisballe/Seely, 6-0]

Also present: City Clerk Bruce Nichols
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts
City Attorney Brian Renaud
Public Safety Director John Schulte
DPW Director Brett Smith
City Manager Mark Wollenweber

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

On motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the minutes of the January 15, 2019 regular meeting were approved.

5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS MINUTES

On motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the minutes of the various boards, committees and commissions were approved for receiving and filing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

7. SWEARING IN OF NEW PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

PSO Michael A. Najm and PSO Patrick E. Riney Jr. were sworn in as Public Safety Officers by Mayor Kedzierski

8. WAYNE COUNTY PRESENTATION - Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen reported on a meeting held with Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores city administrators,

Wayne County Public Works Department, representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers, representatives from the offices of Congressional Representative Brenda Lawrence, US Sen. Gary Peters, US Sen. Debbie Stabenow, and Michigan Representative Joseph Tate. The purpose of the meeting was to expose the various governmental agencies to the deterioration of the Wayne County seawall.

A Wayne County Auditor General performance audit of the CBGD process assessing compliance with grant regulations and allocations of such grants was also discussed. An action plan has been requested by the Auditor General regarding the total grants of approximately \$5.4 million. Mr. Killeen does not think the CBDG program is operating properly. Mayor Kedzierski and City Manager Wollenweber expressed concern about the potential cost of an audit for a \$20,000 grant.

- 9. GPP LIBRARY BOARD UPDATE-** Prudence Cole, Trustee of the Library Board of Trustees, introduced Robert Klacza, the president of the Library Board of Trustees. She also reported on the library five-year strategic plan, highlights of 2018 efforts of the library to reach out to residents. The mayor had questions about possible summer activities at our municipal park. Council Member Seely discussed the possibility of public events with the library on the Vernier Hill.

10. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A. Budget and Finance – Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts

1. *Approval of Bills* - The monthly bills were presented and explained by Finance Officer/Treasurer Ricketts, then reviewed, and discussed by Council Members. On motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the bills were approved for immediate payment.
2. *Review of Financial Statements* - The financial statements were presented by Finance Officer/Treasurer Ricketts for review by Council Members.
3. *Finance Committee Report* - Chairman Bruce Bisballe reported the Finance Committee will meet February 20th to discuss upcoming budget matters for a proposed adoption of a budget at the May meeting.

- B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte expressed appreciation to Council for allowing the employment of the new public safety officer recruits. Photographic evidence of a footprint closed a larceny case. New provisions in the emergency vehicle “move over” statute now applies to the municipal utility vehicles. A new Ford patrol vehicle has been ordered. The city experienced a fatal rollover crash: and also lost a light pole, with an arrest being made for leaving the scene of an accident. The Grosse Pointe Woods joint lockup agreement is in the drafting process. The Chief is compiling the 2019 annual crime report for presentation at the March meeting. They proposed redraft of fireworks ordinance will be submitted at the March meeting.**

- C. Public Works – Director Brett Smith reported that temperature variances ranging from high to low temperatures have been problematic. Municipal equipment is holding up well. A cold snap caused the bath house plumbing to freeze, and several**

water main breaks. The new water meter reading system tipped off homeowners to water breaks in unoccupied dwellings, thereby avoiding extensive water damage to those residents. Potholes continue to appear. On April 6, 2019 there will be a household hazardous waste drop off at Osius Park.

D. Parks Committee- Council Liaison Doug Kucyk reported a meeting was held last week to discuss Park Committee goals. Another meeting is coming up in March, wherein Park rules will be reviewed. There was a great deal of useful conversation at the Town Hall concerning the park. Council Member Kucyk would like resident input regarding a five-year park plan. A dog and tot lot area are also under review.

E. Harbor Committee- Chairman John Seago reported nine wells are still available, with four jet ski pads still available. He did note several current occupants are delinquent on their deposits.

Council Liaison Matt Seely concurred that the Town Hall meeting addressed many issues regarding the park and harbor. The master plan of the park was also addressed at the Town Hall.

Council Member Seely made a motion to adopt the master plan for the park, with a second by Council Member Barrette. Discussion ensued among the Council Members and the Mayor invited Harry Kurtz to comment regarding the adoption of the master plan for the park. Council Member Seely asked that the question be called, and pointed out after a support of a motion, only Council Members can discuss the matter. Council Member Gesell, had questions regarding the motion and the effect of its approval. City Attorney Renaud commented regarding the need for a resolution to adopt a master plan for the park.

Council Member Seely restated the motion, as a motion to adopt the master plan for the municipal park as a living document under the care of the Planning Commission. The motion passed 4-2, with Council Member's Bisballe, and Gesell voting "no".

F. Infrastructure Report- Council Member Bob Barrette remarked that his report was covered earlier in the meeting when the seawall deterioration was discussed.

G. Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation- President Brett Marshall reported a tot lot is being considered; and a plan for such will be presented at the City Council meeting in March.

H. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on having provided the following legal services during the previous month:

The preparation of comments regarding the new FOIA policy regarding copy and labor charges: a response to the city waste hauler FOIA request, revision of the fireworks ordinance, consultation regarding the municipal park master plan, review of pension statements, FEMA flood maps, closed session issues which do not involve pending litigation, and Deeplands development comments. The Lake Shore Rd. boundary dispute litigation is still being monitored.

- I. **Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber had comments regarding his attendance at the multi-governmental meeting held regarding the seawall deterioration. He indicates there is an upcoming conference with the US Army Corps of Engineers and Grosse Pointe Farms administration.

11. OLD BUSINESS – None

12. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Deteriorating Wayne County Seawall Resolution

The mayor expressed his concerns regarding safety and the rapid deterioration of the seawall. Richard Russell had questions as to whether there was exploration of any cost sharing action with Wayne County regarding the seawall. Council Member Seely suggested that the seawall Resolution was necessary to get any action with Wayne County regarding emergency repair of the seawall.

On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, Council approved a resolution requesting emergency repair funds from Wayne County to immediately address the dangerous conditions along the Lake Shore Rd. shoreline.

B. H.R. 530 Accelerating Broadband Development Empowering Local Communities Act (2019) Resolution.

On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously, a resolution in support of local zoning authority over cell site developments was approved.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Dan Ritter had questions regarding separating the water meter readings for irrigation systems to avoid sewer charges, and a survey regarding municipal park master plan.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Barrette commented on the CDBG process in Wayne County as being a horrendous paperwork bureaucracy.

Council Member Seely, thanked the Mayor for the Town Hall Meeting and its usefulness in reaching out to the residents.

15. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski discussed the seawall, PEG fees, Rocket Fiber, a meeting with the County Treasurer, SEMCOG member services. He also reported 20 residents attended the successful Town Hall Meeting. The Mayor feels a communication committee should be formed. He also believes a Park Director should be hired.

16. REQUEST TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION- A Roll call vote was made to go into Closed Session, with unanimous approval by the Council to do so. The regular meeting

was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

17. RESUME OPEN SESSION at 9:58 PM

The Mayor reported that no action was taken during the closed session as a result of deliberations during the closed session; and that the closed session was used by the City Attorney to update Council Members on developments in a real estate matter located within the municipal boundaries.

18. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 3/19/19-7 pm & Tues, 4/16/19 -7pm)

19. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE TOWN HALL MEETINGS (Sat, 5/11/19 & 9/14/19-10am)

20. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Gesell, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce R Nichols
City Clerk