

**MINUTES OF THE
VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 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, January 15, 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 p.m. by Mayor Kedzierski.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL – Clerk Bruce Nichols

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

Absent: Council Member Bruce Bisballe (Excused on Motion of Gesell/Seely)

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

On motion by Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the minutes of the December 18, 2018 Regular Meeting be approved.

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

On motion by Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Ellis, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that Council receive and file the minutes of the various Boards, Committees and Commissions

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

7. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A. Budget and Finance – Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts described a relatively normal month regarding expenditures. She also presented the Financial Statements for review by Council. The Mayor expressed concern on upcoming budget obligations and asked for those interested to attend the Town Hall Meeting

scheduled for February 16, 2019.

1. Approval of Bills - On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the bills were approved for payment.

B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte reported several incidents during the previous month, including an occupied vehicle driving into Lake St. Clair at Lochmoor during the early morning darkness. Thanks to the lifesaving efforts of PSO Spina, with support from other officers of the department, the driver was rescued from the lake. The city’s marijuana ordinance “opt-out” was forwarded to the State of Michigan. The new fireworks law will allow Grosse Pointe Shores to amend our local ordinance regarding same. The department is still working on the recruitment of two new PSO officers. Early inspection of the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores joint lockup facility appears very favorable. The department’s used Ford Explorer was sold at a very good price. Law enforcement experienced a great loss with the death of Grosse Pointe City Chief Bruce Kennedy, who will be greatly missed.

C. Public Works – Director Brett Smith reported four weeks without any snowfall, so the city has used less than 1 ton of salt. We experienced three water main breaks. The DPW summer equipment is being refurbished and tuned up over the winter. The reinforced seawall at the Municipal Park experienced its first storm ordeal with success, while the gatehouse and fencing for the park are proceeding. Our sewer redistricting project seems to be having optimal results. The lack of snow has allowed street sweeping in January. Cold patch asphalt crews continue their patching efforts on the municipal streets.

D. Parks Committee- Council Liaison Doug Kucyk - Monthly Update

Council Member Kucyk reported the municipal K-9 goose-chaser was vacationing in Florida.

E. Harbor Committee- Chairman John Seago, Council Liaison Matt Seely - Monthly Update

The recombination of the Parks and Harbor Committee was discussed. Councilman Seely discussed the entrance buoys being set by the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The dock assignments and fee collections are underway. Those boat owners who do not pay for their wells will lose their well priority. The harbor website is up and running.

F. Infrastructure Report- Council Member Barrette reported the shoreline sea wall is under extreme stress; and there will be an upcoming meeting with Wayne County regarding what is becoming a continuing hazard.

G. Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation- President Brett Marshall reported a fruitful foundation meeting; with a plan for future public meetings concerning a master plan. The public will be invited to attend all foundation meetings. Gifting for the 2019 year is expected to double.

H. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on having provided the following

legal services during the previous month:

Responses to a FOIA request regarding 2016 election ballots and expenses associated with the request, Michigan amendments and their effect on requiring identification and a deposit deadline and point of contact for FOIA information requests; statutory notice preparation for a new municipal ordinance, a public news media issue, subpoenaed documents, oversight of the Deeplands development matter, correspondence with the news media, and the continual monitoring of a boundary line dispute between adjacent property owners on Lake Shore Rd.

- I. **Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported CDBG grants will be applied for in a more effective joint application method with the other Grosse Pointes. Redistricting and voting records along with marijuana legislation will be part of an upcoming seminar. The pending FOIA request for the review of ballots and expenses associated with such requests has been resolved. Our County Commissioner Killeen is attempting to set up a meeting with the proper Wayne County officials to prompt action regarding the shoreline. The historic designation plaque for the municipal building has arrived. The Benson Ford Memorial plaque will be upcoming. WOW and Conti Electric have saved the city significant funds by their assistance. County Commissioner Killeen is expected to attend our February meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS – None

9. NEW BUSINESS –

A. 2018/2019 Proposed Budget Amendments

Michigan requires that municipalities adopt formal budgets for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds. Based upon the auditor's suggestions, the annual budget has been reviewed and amendments are proposed in accordance with the review process. With the recommendation of administrative staff of the city, the budget recommendations were presented to City Council.

On motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the budget amendments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, were approved as recommended by the City Administration.

- B. Parks Master Plan Update** – The plan update was briefly reviewed by Council with no action taken, pending the Town Hall Meeting to be held on February 16, 2019.

Councilman Seely explained the need and desire to update the plan with mutually agreed projects. The February 16th Town Hall Meeting will consider comments from the residents regarding their perceived needs for the Municipal Park.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Richard Russell had questions regarding the billing correlation between water usage and

sewer expense. City Manager Wollenweber explained the function of separate water and sewage meters located within the city.

Vito Cusenza had comments regarding the opt-out on the smart electric meters; and the sizing of water meters as it relates to the billing process. Mr. Wollenweber explain how the new billing for water meters might be helpful in providing the water and sewage cost to each resident.

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Seely reported the *Municipal Park Master Plan* is available for residents to review.

Council Member Kucyk reminded residents there is a February 12, 2019 municipal park meeting and all are invited to attend.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski expressed pleasure with the historical importance of our municipal building being recognized. He also expressed hope that many residents will participate in the February 16, 2019 Town Hall Meeting.

13. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 2/19/19-7 pm & Tues, 3/19/19 -7pm)

14. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE TOWN HALL MEETINGS (Sat, 2/16/19, 5/11/19 & 9/14/19-10am)

15. ADJOURNMENT - On motion by Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Ellis, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk