

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 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, March 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 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: Bruce Bisballe (excused on carried Motion of Kucyk/Barrette)

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

On Motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the minutes of the meeting were approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2019 CLOSED SESSION MEETING

On Motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, the minutes of the closed meeting were approved unanimously.

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

On Motion of Council Member Seely, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, the various committee and commission minutes were approved unanimously to be received and filed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

8. 2018 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER AWARDS

Chief Schulte presented the following Public Safety Officer Awards:

Unit Commendation
Sgt. Ron Coste
PSO Tony Spina
PSO Michael O'Brien

Unit Commendation
Sgt. Ron Coste
Lieut. Kenneth Werenski
PSO Jason Cook

Departmental Commendation
PSO Jason Rengert

9. 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 by Finance Officer Ricketts, reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved for immediate payment on motion of Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously by council.
2. *Review of Financial Statements* - Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts presented the financial statements of the municipality for review by Council
3. *Finance Committee Chairman Report* – Council Member/Chairman Bruce Bisballe was absent; however, meetings of the Finance Committee are scheduled for April 9, and April 16.

B. **Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte presented the *2018 Public Safety Annual Report* indicating historically low crime rates. The municipality is an extremely safe location. This is largely attributed to the exceptional competence and dedication of the members of the Department of Public Safety. The Chief responded to questions from the Council regarding matters of public safety. The Mayor congratulated the Chief and the entire department for a job well done.

C. **Public Works** – Director Brett Smith was absent so Council Member Gesell reported on his behalf that the municipal park cleanup was well underway. There were several water main breaks during the last month. Three street light poles have been knocked down by automobiles.

D. **Parks Committee**- Council Liaison Doug Kucyk reported the committee was looking at ground elevation settling in the new tennis courts. The gatehouse has been completed with some landscaping around it to be completed. A master plan was reviewed by the committee. A tot scape is being constructed. New awnings will be installed at the pool. Park rules are being reviewed.

Council Member Ellis asked about Wi-Fi in the park. City Manager Wollenweber responded that Wi-Fi will be installed at the park this summer. The Mayor had

comments regarding the use of the soccer field.

- E. Harbor Committee**- Chairman John Seago reported the marina's docks and pilings are being inspected for winter damage. The rental of wells is going very well with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club taking any vacant wells that may remain. Harbor rules are to be reviewed before the April Council Meeting.
- F. Infrastructure Report**- Council Member Barrette reported no further action has been taken regarding the seawall. He also pointed out that the seawall breach is quickly getting worse. The breach has expanded from a 100 foot breach to a 200 foot breach.
- G. Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation**- President Brett Marshall reported on the annual meeting of the Foundation. A tot lot will be provided by the Foundation at a cost of \$63,000. The Foundation has donated \$5,000 for repair of the seascapes. Funds will also be provided to enhance landscaping along Lake Shore Road.
In 2018, the Foundation provided \$235,000 in funds for city projects. Mayor Kedzierski thanked the Foundation on behalf of the city.

On motion by Council Member Seely, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that Council approved the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation's proposed tot lot; and approved acceptance of the donation by the Foundation to provide the funds for the project.

- H. Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on providing the following legal services during the previous month: a final draft of the fireworks ordinance, conferences regarding seawall repair, FOIA request regarding waste hauling, social media related inquiries, pension plan review, MERS system matters, a Wayne County tax reverted property issue, the property line dispute at 866 and 870 Lake Shore Road has been settled at no cost to the city.
- I. Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported mailings have been sent out with multiple bulletins on upcoming events in the city. The municipal staff is reviewing the budget. The recruiting of a Park Director position is generating interest. Recycling contracts are under review due to increased costs for pickup caused by the reduced value of recycled paper.

10. OLD BUSINESS – None

11. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Fireworks Ordinance Amendment

On motion by Council Member Gesell, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the city amend its *Code of Ordinances* to update provisions regarding fireworks compliance with the *Michigan Fireworks Safety Act*, as amended, and approve enactment of the ordinance as set forth in the proposed

ordinance; and further directing the City Clerk to publish the ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation within the city not later than 15 days after adoption.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Marlene Smith expressed thanks for the new municipal gatehouse, and she had comments regarding property taxes.

Tom Mellos had comments regarding the city newsletter and questions regarding the water and sewer combined billing system.

13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Seely observed that a Town Hall meeting was instrumental in the construction of the upcoming \$63,000 tot lot. He also had comments regarding a Fourth of July music event.

Council Member Ellis thanked the Foundation for the park improvement donations.

14. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski reported the sale of 46 homes in 2018 in the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores. He also pointed out that homes in the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores remain in high demand. He voiced safety concerns about the deteriorating seawall. He also discussed events at the municipal park.

15. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 4/16/19-7 pm & Tues, 5/21/19 -7pm)

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

17. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Council Member Gesell, supported by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce R Nichols
City Clerk

