

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018 – 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, April 17, 2018 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, Bruce Bisballe Tina Ellis, Robert E. Gesell, Doug Kucyk and Matthew Seely

Absent: None

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

On Motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the minutes of the meeting held on March 20, 2018 were approved unanimously.

5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES

On Motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Gesell, the minutes of the meetings of the various committees and commissions were approved unanimously to be received and filed.

6. PROCLAMATION – Arbor Day, Sunday May 6, 2018 - 15 Year Anniversary Tree City USA Mayor Kedzierski proclaimed and urged all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day on May 6, 2018, and further to support the efforts to plant, and protect our trees and woodlands.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

8. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

A. Budget and Finance – Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts described a relatively light month regarding expenditures which included, some engineering expenses, tennis repairs, down payment on harbor piling repairs, flags, public safety

officer training, and water meters. She also presented the Financial Statement for review by Council.

1. *Approval of Bills* - After several questions from Council, on motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Kucyk (7-0), and carried unanimously, the bills were approved for payment.
2. *Finance Committee*. Chairman Report-Bruce Bisballe reported a preliminary budget for the upcoming year has been prepared and will include a 1 mill tax decrease, with \$250,000 of the budget allocated toward paving contracts, expiring labor contracts, replacement of vehicles, public safety officer breathing apparatus, and park expenditures of approximately \$650,000. Sewer improvements are in the future and will likely be paid for by a bond issue.

B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte reported progress made in negotiations with patrol and command officers. The contract ratification with these officers is expected in the near future. The City has hired two (2) new Park Rangers and is also preparing for the Arbor Day Fun Run. The new Public Safety officer is ending his training period and is doing very well. The fire truck is still not leaking. The Chief gave a report on a large fire occurring in the City of Grosse Pointe where Public Safety mutual aid was rendered by the City of Grosse Pointe Shores.

C. Public Works – Director Brett Smith was unable to attend the meeting so Council Member Barrette reported on his behalf that the roadway cold patch repairing is underway, garden refuse is underway, painting has been completed at the park, the harbor is ready for the summer season, a preconstruction meeting has been held regarding the tennis court renovations, and household hazardous waste will be collected at the City of Harper Woods on April 28th.

D. Parks Committee- Council Liaison Doug Kucyk reported that no committee meeting was held during the month.

E. Harbor Committee- Council Member and Liaison Matt Seely reported well rental is ahead of schedule with deposits and well management facilitated by the new online system. New electric meters for the boat wells will be installed soon. Boat mooring inspections will be conducted this year. The process of driving down the pilings in the harbor has commenced.

Infrastructure Report- Bob Barrette reported the *Rocket Fiber* ISP appears to be very expensive as the investigation for municipal park wireless service continues.

F. Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation- President Brett Marshall reported the Foundation has five new trustees. The park patio is to be replaced at the expense of the Foundation. Mr. Marshall has examined several synthetic polymer ice rinks which are not affected by temperature. The seascape landscaping contracts have been awarded.

Tree Board Update- Chairman Brett Marshall reported the Tree Board met

regarding tree trimming in Zone 4, the “Tree City” designation, and a \$2500 DTE tree planting grant. Mr. Marshall asked City Council to review the current tree ordinance which the committee believes to be outdated. Council responded favorably to Mr. Marshall’s request and asked for the Tree Board’s input during the review of the tree ordinance.

G. Legal Report – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on providing the following legal services during the previous month : a deferred compensation matter, boundary issues, an Open Meeting question, a FOIA request, the 57 Michaux Court real estate transfer, matters regarding litigation on a driveway boundary dispute on Lakeshore Road, the Deeplands Development Company settlement conference and hearing before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Craig Strong, a South East Macomb Sanitary Sewer District Disposal Contract, and PAATS/SOC bus service. Council members had questions regarding the status of the Deeplands litigation of which Mr. Renaud provided his responses.

H. Manager's Report – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported the *Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast* will be held on May 3rd. A *Meals on Wheels* fundraiser is scheduled for May 21st. There was a failure of the north end storm water sump pump generator which resulted in some basement flooding. The *Michigan Tax Tribunal* cases are being dismissed. The *Ford House* project consists of 220 pages of plans that must be reviewed by staff. Our summer intern, Brian Mack, is from Michigan State University.

9. OLD BUSINESS – None

10. NEW BUSINESS – Council Member Seely reported his research indicated a cost of three to four million dollars to rebuild the Lake Shore Rd. seawall with a raised steel and back filled dead man retainer from the Grosse Pointe Farms Park to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Discussion thereafter ensued among Council Members regarding the seawall matter.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Helen Bai commented on the upcoming Arbor Day celebration to be held on May 6th. She also reported a Shredding Day will occur on June 3, 2018.

12. COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS - None

13. MAYOR’S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski reported the swim team registration is coming up. He had comments regarding Arbor Day and the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League. The Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for May 12th.

14. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues, 5/15/18 & Tues, 6/19/18 -7pm)

15. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE TOWN HALL MEETINGS (Sat, 5/12/18 & Sat, 9/15/18-10am)

16. ADJOURNMENT - On motion of Council Member Barrette, supported by Council Member Seely, and carried unanimously (7-0), the meeting was adjourned.at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce R Nichols
City Clerk