

**MINUTES OF THE
VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Mayor Ted Kedzierski

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL – Clerk Bruce Nichols

Present: Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Council Members Robert H. Barrette, Sandra Cavataio, Danielle Gehlert, Doug Kucyk, John T. Seago and Matthew Seely

Absent: None

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

On motion by Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the minutes were approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING

On motion by Council Member Seely, seconded by Council Member Seago, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the minutes were approved.

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

On motion by Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the minutes be received and filed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Sandra Cavataio and Sean Schotthoefer addressed Council regarding their candidacy for appointment to the vacant City Council seat.

8. PRESENTATION- Fred Miller, Macomb County Clerk & Register of Deeds reported that

he is presenting himself to each of the 27 cities in Macomb County. He pointed out that Memphis is also a city that is split partially into Macomb County. He made brief remarks about his Macomb County position and his availability for any assistance he may provide to our municipality. He presented several historic plats of properties located in both the City of Grosse Pointe Shores and Macomb County.

- 9. PRESENTATION- Census 2020.** Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce representative Reagan Skylarski discussed the importance of an accurate census count to assure proper representation of our residents. The Census also affects federal funding of student loans and other essential services based on population.

10. CITY COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY VOTE

On motion of Council Member Gehlert, with support by Council Member Kucyk, Sandra Cavataio was appointed as a Grosse Pointe Shores Council Member, 5-0, with Council Member Seago abstaining.

11. SWEARING IN OF NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Ted Kedzierski administered the *Oath of Office* to Sandra Cavataio as member of City Council. Council Member Cavataio was then seated as a City Council Member*.

12. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

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

1. *Approval of Bills* - On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, the bills were unanimously approved for payment. (7-0)
2. *Review of Financial Statements.* Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts presented the Financial Statements for review by Council.
3. *Finance Committee Chairman Report.* Acting Chair Robert Barrette reported on hearing the “wish lists” of new equipment from various department heads. The committee will attempt to find the funds in the budget for such acquisitions.

B. Public Safety – Chief John Schulte reported a new 2020 Ford Explorer patrol vehicle arrived. PSO Brown has been engaged in preparation for Fire Week activities. The *Public Safety Annual Report* and *Public Safety Awards* will be presented at next month’s meeting. The Chief reported on his search for two new public safety officers. He thanked City Attorney Brian Renaud for his efforts in drafting the Grosse Pointe Shores/Grosse Pointe Woods lockup and dispatch agreement.

Council Member Seago questioned the Chief regarding the posting of political signs on residences.

The Chief also addressed concerns regarding the condition of the city’s fire pumper truck.

C. Public Works – Director Brett Smith reported that road salting occurred eight times during the previous month; and the city is below the budgeted amount of salt allocated for the year. Annual maintenance on equipment starts soon. All vehicles and equipment will be ready for Spring. A DTE project is underway without complaints or concerns. The Director toured the Chapoton Drain Facility at 9 Mile Road and Jefferson. The facility stores 31 million gallons of storm water in its retention facility. Huge 2000 hp pumps discharge 700,000 gallons of storm water a minute. Cross connections in the city were inspected and approved. The vehicle hoist in the maintenance garage requires concrete repair. There is an upcoming informational meeting with the Corps of Engineers regarding the high water situation. Council Member Seago had questions regarding fire hydrant testing and maintenance procedures. Chief Schulte discussed our fire hydrant testing and maintenance on various types of fire hydrants.

On motion by Council Member Seago, seconded by Council Member Seely, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the city will utilize ISO inspection certification of fire hydrants in the City of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Director Smith reported a problem with the municipal swimming pool surge tank. The problem has yet to be diagnosed.

D. Parks Committee- Council Liaison Matt Seely reported the committee has convened with its new members. The committee has discussed staffing of Rangers and pool personnel. While there is no Park Director, the staff appears well-suited to provide the usual high standards of maintenance and service expected at our park. The dog leash topic arose at the committee meeting.

On motion of Council Member Seago, supported by Council Member Gehlert, it was resolved that all dogs on any public or municipal property must be leashed in accordance with Michigan law, with Council Members voting 6-1, and Council Member Seely voting against the motion.

E. Harbor Committee- Council Liaison John Seago reported the next committee meeting will be held during the week of February 24th. Interim City Manager Tom Krolczyk reported great interest in the rental of boat wells due to the high water in Lake St. Clair. Several municipal docks in other communities may close their marinas due to the high water situation.

F. Infrastructure Report- Council Member Matt Seely expressed his desire that the size of the committee be expanded due to all the challenges and problems at hand.

On motion of Council Member Seely, supported by Council Member Seago, motion for the addition of Council Member Robert Barrette and Sean Schotthoefer to the Infrastructure Committee was approved unanimously.

G. Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation- President Brett Marshall reported the use of the ice rink was difficult due to weather. The construction of two pickle ball courts is still under review. The foundation planted 26 trees since last fall. The annual meeting of the foundation will be held in March. Mr. Marshall reported it was his last

appearance before City Council as president of the foundation after his eight year tenure. The Mayor and Council Members thanked him for his years of service.

- H. Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on having performed the following legal services during the previous month: final draft revisions to the Grosse Pointe Shores/Grosse Pointe Woods lockup and dispatch agreement, consultation regarding an Open Meetings Act question, consultation regarding the Ethics Committee, review of the Deeplands maintenance agreement and its recordation under the Subdivision Control/Plat Act, the recordation of the Deeplands Subdivision Plat by Chirco Title, and revisions of the scope of work on the seawall agreement.

Mr. Renaud discussed the *Open Meetings Act*, its purpose, requirements and application.

Council Member Seely had questions regarding the confidentiality of closed sessions of City Council.

- I. Manager's Report** – Interim City Manager Tom Krolczyk reported on his tour of other municipal marinas. He reported that the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal television channel will be modernized in its appearance and content.

Council Member Seely asked about progress regarding obtaining a Notary Public in the municipal building. Council Member Seely also expressed his concerns regarding the scheduling of committee meetings to accommodate city employee working hours. Council Member Seely also requested that the Communications Committee be placed on the monthly agenda.

13. OLD BUSINESS – None

14. NEW BUSINESS –

A. *GPW/GPS Dispatch/Lock Up Consolidation Contract*

With the recommendation of administrative staff, the Public Safety Director and the City Attorney, Council Member Seely moved, with support from Council Member Kucyk, that Council approve the *GPW/GPS Dispatch/Lock Up Consolidation Contract* for the GPW/GPS Dispatch/Lock Up facility. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Vision Care Provider*

With the recommendation of administration and the Finance Committee, Council Member Seely moved, with support from Council Member Barrette, that Council approve our participation in replacing the *Blue Cross Blue Shield* vision program with the *EyeMed* vision program for active employees and those retirees who receive vision benefits.

C. *Eastside Football Club Field Usage Fee*

On motion of Council Member Kucyk, with support by Council Member Seely, and carried unanimously, Council approved the *Eastside Football Club* Field Usage Fee of \$3500 to cover the cost of maintenance.

D. Lakefront Swim Association Timing System

On motion of Council Member Gehlert, with support by Council Member Barrette, Council unanimously approved the replacement of the swim team relay timing system with the Grosse Pointe Shores contribution in the amount of \$1689.17 as our portion.

- E. Public Nuisance Complaint** - Chief Schulte reported he will review and report on a residents complaint regarding the delivery of newspapers in plastic bags in an inappropriate manner. City Attorney Renaud pointed out that existing city ordinances can be used to deal with the problem.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Grosse Pointe Woods Council Member George McMullen stated that he looked forward to a long standing mutually beneficial relationship between the City of Grosse Pointe Woods and the City of Grosse Pointe Shores.

16. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Seago expressed his appreciation to Brett Marshall for his tenure as president of the Grosse Pointe Shores Foundation.

Council Member Seely also thanked Mr. Marshall and elaborated on the benefits of the Improvement Foundation raffle and the monetary benefits to the city.

Other Council Members also thanked Brett Marshall for his years of service.

Council Gehlert stated that she was looking forward to serving on the Communications Committee and requested that residents join the committee.

Council Member Cavataio thanked City Council for having the confidence in her to appoint her as a City Council Member.

- 17. MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – Mayor Kedzierski reported on a productive Town Hall meeting last week, the possibility of revenue from a cell phone tower, the need for other residents to participate in the Ethics Committee, and a favorable report that Grosse Pointe Shores property values increased 8% over last year.

- 18. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** (Tues,3/17/20-7 pm & Tues, 4/21/20 -7pm)

- 19. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE TOWN HALL MEETINGS** (Sat, 5/16/20 & Sat, 9/12/20 10am)

20. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce R. Nichols
City Clerk