

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020.

The Facilitator's statement was provided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Novitke.

Roll Call*: Mayor Novitke
Council Members: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy (Southfield, MI)
Absent: McMullen
(*Unless specifically identified otherwise, Council Members attended remotely from Grosse Pointe Woods, MI.)

Also Present: City Administrator Smith
City Attorney Berschback
Treasurer/Comptroller Behrens
City Clerk Hathaway
Director of Public Safety Kosanke
Director of Public Services Schulte
Building Official Tutag
Deputy Clerk/Facilitator Antolin
City Engineer Lockwood

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, that Council Member McMullen be excused from tonight's meeting as he is attending to a personal matter.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

Hearing no objections, Items 7B and 9 were taken out of order.

Motion by Granger, seconded by McConaghy, regarding **claims and accounts**, that the City Council approve payment of Items 9A – 9L as listed on the Council agenda and as identified in the pink sheet in the respective amounts and accounts listed, as follows:

A.	<p>Public Safety Training Equipment</p> <p>1. City of Grosse Pointe Invoice No. 20-102 08/26/20 - \$10,188.75; Account No. 265-330-757.000.</p>
B.	<p>Municipal Services</p> <p>1. Grosse Pointe Shores Invoice 10/01/20 - \$14,090.00; Account No. 226-528-818.000.</p>
C.	<p>2019 Sewer Structure Rehabilitation</p> <p>1. L. Anthony Construction Inc Construction Pay Estimate No. 12 09/27/20 - \$13,901.80; Account Nos:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. 202-451-974.200 - \$ 91.64;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. 203-451-974.200 - \$1,924.54;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">c. 592-537-975.400 - \$2,354.58;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">d. 592-537-976.002 - \$9,531.04.</p>
D.	<p>2020 Concrete Pavement/Parking Repair Program</p> <p>1. L. Anthony Construction Inc Construction Pay Estimate No. 1 09/27/20 - \$153,843.81; Account Nos:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. 202-451-974.200 - \$29,093.00;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. 203-451-974.200 - \$19,317.76;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">c. 585-561-977.000 - \$77,503.77;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">d. 592-537-975.400 - \$27,929.28.</p>
E.	<p>Bournemouth Water Main Replacement</p> <p>1. Fontana Construction Svcs Construction Pay Estimate No. 2 09/27/20 - \$175,881.39; Account No. 592-537-977.300.</p>
F.	<p>2019 Road Program</p> <p>1. Florence Cement Co Final Construction Pay Estimate 09/28/20 - \$10,000.00; Account Nos:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. 202-451-974.200 - \$ 483.78;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. 203-451-977.804 - \$8,064.87;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">c. 592-537-975.400 - \$1,032.07;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">d. 203-451-974.200 - \$ 419.28.</p>
G.	<p>Plumbing and Mechanical Inspections</p> <p>1. McKenna Invoice No. 21849-29 10/07/20 - \$3,040.00; Account No. 101-180-818.000.</p>

H.	Tax Tribunal Services 1. WCA Assessing Invoice 10/07/20 - \$452.62; Account No. 101-223-818.000.
I.	2020 Audit Services 1. Plante Moran Invoice No. 1904593 09/30/20 - \$32,500.00; Various Account Nos. ending in 818.000.
J.	Professional Services 1. Hallahan & Assoc, P.C. Invoice #17751 10/01/20 - \$192.85; Account No 101-210-801.300.
K.	Labor Attorney 1. Keller Thoma Invoice No. 119304 10/01/20 - \$2,859.00; Account No. 101-210-810.000.
L.	Legal Matters 1. McGraw Morris Statement No. 7209 10/06/20 - \$1,645.00; Account No. 101-210-801.000; 2. McGraw Morris Statement No. 7208 10/06/20 - \$437.50; Account No. 101-210-801.000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, regarding **contract: Water and Sewer Garage/Budget Amendment**, that the City Council approve the DPW Water and Sewer Garage project and budget amendment and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contracts; funds to be taken from Water/Sewer Fund Balance Account No. 592-000-697.000 in the total amount of \$362,571.00, \$358,571.00 into Account No. 592-537-978.200 and \$4,000.00 into Account No. 592-537-978.300, and allocated as follows:

Contractor	Project	Amount
Ashor Associates	Water/Sewer Garage Construction	\$279,471.00
L. Anthony Construction Inc. - 2020 Concrete Pavement Repair Program Modification	Support footings and flat work	\$79,100.00
Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick	Construction engineering	\$4,000.00

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, that the following minutes be approved as submitted:

1. City Council Minutes dated October 5, 2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

Motion by Koester, seconded by Granger, regarding **Solar Photovoltaic Feasibility Study**, that the City Council concur with the Committee-of-the-Whole at their meeting held October 12, 2020, and approve the proposal with Peter Basso Associates Inc. at a cost of \$6,200.00 to perform the Solar Photovoltaic Feasibility Study at a cost of \$6,200.00, plus expenses, with review and approval of the Proposal by the City Attorney.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, that the following minutes be approved as amended:

1. Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes dated October 12, 2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:12 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR THE REQUEST OF FRAN SIPARI, 2013 ALLARD, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, WHO

IS REQUESTING A PERMANENT GENERATOR BE INSTALLED IN THE REAR YARD AT A DISTANCE OF 7' FROM THE PROPERTY LINE. THIS REQUEST IS NONCOMPLAINT WITH SECTION 8-463, WHICH REQUIRES A PERMANENT GENERATOR BE PLACED BEHIND THE HOUSE AT A MINIMUM 15' FROM THE PROPERTY LINE. A VARIANCE IS THEREFORE REQUIRED.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, that for purposes of the public hearing, the following items be received and placed on file:

1. Generator Application 08/10/20
2. Mechanical Permit 08/10/20
3. Electrical Permit 08/10/20
4. Site Plans (2)
5. Aerial View
6. Manufacturer's Specifications
7. Letter 09/21/20 – George Schneedecker, 2005 Allard
8. Letter – Tom Smith, Flame Furnace
9. Memo 10/12/20 – Building Official
10. Photos (2)
11. Affidavit of Property Owners Notified
12. Aerial View

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

The Building Official provided an overview of his memo dated October 12, 2020.

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in favor of the proposed request. The following individual was heard:

Fran Sipari
2013 Allard

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition to the proposed request. The following individual was heard:

Mark Stork

Sam Goosen
2018 Stanhope

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Gafa, that the public hearing be closed at 7:27 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, regarding Public Hearing: Generator Variance – Fran Sipari, 2013 Allard Ave, that the City Council approve the variance as requested allowing a 12kw Briggs & Stratton generator to be installed in the rear yard within 15’ of the east property line at 2013 Allard as shown on the attached drawing based upon the following facts:

1. Upon review of the property, and meeting with the homeowner, locating the generator in compliance with the code would be difficult due to the existing patio, windows, and size of the lot which is 40’ wide;
2. The proposed location will have no adverse impact on surrounding residences.
3. Conditioned upon the generator installation be completed within 6 months from today.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR THE REQUEST OF JOSEPH AND CHERYL CARAMAGNO, 565 COVENTRY LANE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, WHO ARE REQUESTING A PERMANENT GENERATOR BE INSTALLED IN THE WEST SIDE YARD AT A DISTANCE OF 8’ FROM THE PROPERTY LINE. THIS REQUEST IS NONCOMPLAINT WITH SECTION 8-463, WHICH REQUIRES A PERMANENT GENERATOR BE PLACED BEHIND THE HOUSE AT A MINIMUM 15’ FROM THE PROPERTY LINE. A VARIANCE IS THEREFORE REQUIRED.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Gafa, that for purposes of the public hearing, the following items be received and placed on file:

1. Letter 09/01/20 – J. and C. Caramagno
2. Generator Application 07/12/20
3. Mechanical Permit 08/21/20
4. Electrical Permit 08/21/20

5. Letter 07/12/20 – J. Caramagno
6. Letter 07/04/20 – S. Causley, 581 Coventry Lane
7. Site Plan
8. Photos (3)
9. Manufacturer’s Specifications
10. Memo 10/12/20 – Building Official
11. Photos (3)
12. Affidavit of Property Owners Notified
13. Aerial View

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

The Building Official provided an overview of his memo dated October 12, 2020.

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in favor of the proposed request. The following individual was heard:

Cheryl Caramagno
565 Coventry Lane

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition to the proposed request. No one wished to be heard.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, that the public hearing be closed at 7:36 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, regarding Public Hearing: Generator Variance – Joseph and Cheryl Caramagno, 565 Coventry Lane, that the City Council approve the variance as requested allowing a 22kw Generac generator to be installed in the west side yard within 15 feet of the west property line at 565 Coventry as shown on the attached drawing based upon the following facts:

1. Upon review of the property, and meeting with the homeowner, locating the generator in the side yard behind the residence in compliance with the code would be difficult due to the location of existing rear doors and windows and back yard cement patio.
2. The proposed location will have no adverse impact on surrounding residences as the proposed generator will be screened and not be visible from the street.
3. Conditioned upon the generator installation be completed within 6 months from today.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

Motion by Koester, seconded by Gafa, regarding **budget amendment – Solar Photovoltaic Feasibility Study**, that the City Council approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$6,200.00 to cover the cost of the Solar Photovoltaic Feasibility Study to be performed by Peter Basso Associates, Inc., funds to be taken from the General Fund Account No. 101-000-699.000 into Contractual Services City Hall and Grounds Account No. 101-444-818.000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, regarding **Monthly Financial Report – September 2020**, that the City Council refer this item to the Finance Committee.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

Motion by Koester, seconded by Bryant, regarding **contract: FY 2021 SMART Municipal and Community Credits**, that the City Council approve the FY 2021 Municipal and Community Credit Contract, and authorize the Mayor to sign said contract.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Bryant, regarding **First Reading: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IX – Fences, to Provide Definitions for Different Types of Allowable Fences and to Clarify Allowable Materials**, that the City Council concur with

the amendment of this ordinance, to set a date of November 9, 2020, for a second reading and final adoption, and authorize the City Clerk to publish same by title in the Grosse Pointe News.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke
No: None
Absent: McMullen

Hearing no objections, the following items were heard under New Business:

- Council Member Granger spoke regarding a well-run Hazardous Waste Day.

Nobody wished to be heard under Public Comment.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by McConaghy, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:42 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Robert E. Novitke
Mayor