

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Novitke.

Roll Call: Mayor Novitke
Council members: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Shetler
Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Fincham
City Attorney Don Berschback
City Clerk Hathaway
Building Inspector Tutag

Council, Administration, and the audience Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The following Commission members were in attendance:

Bonnie Medura, Beautification Commission

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, 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, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

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

1. City Council Minutes dated December 15, 2014.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:35 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 8, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IX, FENCES, TO HEAR THE APPLICATION OF CYNTHIA WILLIAMS, 591 SHOREHAM RD., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, WHO IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO ERECT A 6' WOODEN PRIVACY FENCE TO REPLACE THE EXISTING PRIVACY FENCE WHICH IS TO BE INSTALLED ADJACENT TO AN EXISTING CHAIN LINK FENCE.

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

1. Letter 10/08/14 – Cynthia Williams
2. Application for Fence Zoning Compliance Permit 09/24/14, w/ attachments
3. Memo 12/22/14 – Building Official
 - a. Photos (6)
 - b. Article IX. Fences
4. Affidavit of Property Owners Notified
5. Aerial View

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

The Building Official provided an overview.

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

Cynthia Williams
591 Shoreham

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 Granger, seconded by Koester, that the public hearing BE CLOSED at 7:40 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, regarding Public Hearing: fence variance – Cynthia Williams, 591 Shoreham Rd., who is requesting to replace the existing 6' wooden privacy fence adjacent to an existing cyclone fence, that the City Council grant a fence variance approving the installation of the 6' shadowbox privacy fence to be installed adjacent to the existing cyclone fencing based upon the special circumstances that exist, as permitted in accordance with Section 8-284(a)(3):

- The proposed fence is a replacement of an existing damaged wooden fence;
- The proposed shadowbox fence is an approved design and will provide a degree of privacy for persons in the backyard of this property with the school as its neighbor to the south;
- Many properties along Shoreham have similar fence installations.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, to amend the previous motion by adding, "Work to be completed within 180 days."

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

The Mayor accepted the **resignation of Colleen D'Agostino from the Historical Commission** with regret, and directed that appropriate thanks and recognition be sent to Ms. D'Agostino.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding **City Attorney**, that the City Council approve the following statements dated December 29, 2014:

1. City Attorney Don R. Berschback - \$2,983.75;
2. City Attorney Charles T. Berschback - \$2,310.00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

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

- Diane Karabetsos, North Oxford, spoke regarding the fireworks change of venue and the City's rental homes as they relate to Grosse Pointe Schools' student residents. She requested to be placed on a future Council agenda and was directed to place her specific concerns in writing and give to the City Clerk by Monday preceding a Council Meeting.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Ketels, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:56 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk