

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Novitke
Council Members Bryant, Granger, Koester, McConaghy,
McMullen, Shetler

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Smith
Treasurer/Comptroller Behrens
City Attorney Chip Berschback
City Clerk Hathaway

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Bryant, 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, Koester, McConaghy, McMullen, Novitke, Shetler

No: None

Absent: None

The first item on tonight's agenda was regarding **Compensation & Evaluation – Appointed Officials**. Discussion first ensued regarding the Treasurer/Comptroller's evaluation and the recommendation of the Compensation & Evaluation Committee from their meeting held June 25, 2018. Chair Bryant of the Compensation and Evaluation Committee provided some of the reasons for placing the Treasurer/Comptroller on a 90-day probationary period without a contract renewal. He stated checks were found in the wrong envelopes, checks were found in the trash, wire transfer errors were made, and emotional outbursts. The Mayor, also a member on the Committee, stated concerns with the variances in the estimates provided regarding the General Fund. Committee Member McConaghy stated that additional reasons included issues that were brought to light by staff and her job performance was not as expected. The Treasurer/Comptroller stated these things can be corrected and she would like to be given an opportunity to correct them. The Mayor stated the Compensation and Evaluation Committee will be interfacing with administration and holding meetings with the Treasurer/Comptroller.

Hearing no objections, the next item regarding **Healthy Communities Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods** was taken out of order and discussed next. Suzy Berschback from Beaumont Hospital provided an overview. The Chair stated according to the Agreement, there is no cost to the City and nothing is mandatory. Ms. Berschback stated the non-binding Agreement encourages the communities to take health into consideration when

making decisions, and obtaining community engagement as much as possible with the Cities.

The Chair asked if Ms. Berschback would agree to a revision on the 2nd page – General, 2nd paragraph, where it refers to the “MOU can be terminated” by inserting “immediately” before “by either party, with or without cause at any time by providing written notice to the other party”, and by deleting the last paragraph before the signature lines. Ms. Berschback agreed to the revisions. There was a consensus of the Committee to move forward with the Agreement as revised.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, to remove Healthy Communities from the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The next item discussed was regarding **compensation – Deputy City Clerk**. The City Clerk provided an overview and asked for approval to increase the Deputy City Clerk’s salary from \$53,500.00 to \$55,000.00. The Mayor stated he appreciated starting the employee at a lower rate to suitably evaluate the individuals performance. There was a consensus of the Committee to authorize the City Clerk to increase the Deputy City Clerk’s compensation to \$55,000.00 effective July 1, 2018.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, to remove compensation – Deputy City Clerk from the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Discussion then ensued regarding **Rocket Fiber**, with respect to the proposed Grosse Pointe Area Educational Telecommunications Network – Consortium and Intergovernmental Agreement 2018. The Chair discussed his concerns including the Consortium Agreement providing for another Agreement that has not been reached, the appointment of the Board Members, adopting By-Laws, and further development of an Agreement.

The City Attorney stated the consortium would create an Agreement and members are to develop By-Laws. The Board would determine costs, expenses, and how they will be allocated. The consortium is proposed to include six municipal members, library, and School Board. If signed, the City would be locked in for five years. Some of the cities have opted out of the lateral which reduced their costs.

The Mayor stated an Agreement is needed to include all the details and to find out what control the City has. The City Administrator stated one fiber cable is for the City's use and three fiber cables are for future residential and commercial use. There was a consensus of the Committee to have the City Attorney obtain a detailed Agreement including By-Laws. This item to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:11 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Robert E. Novitke
Mayor