

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT 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
City Attorney Chip Berschback
Treasurer/Comptroller Behrens
Director of Public Safety Kosanke
Director of Public Works Schulte
Information Technology Manager Capps
Recreation Supervisor Gerhart
Deputy City Clerk Antolin

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 discussed was regarding **Workers Compensation Insurance**. Mark Sledzinski of IBEX Insurance Company provided an overview of the proposal for the City's Worker's Compensation third party administrative services (York Risk Services) and for our excess workers compensation coverage (Midwest Employers Casualty Company).

Brief discussion ensued. Mr. Sledzinski stated that the second company, Safety National Company, did not submit a quote because their clientele does not include small to medium size companies or organizations.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, regarding Workers Compensation Insurance, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that City Council approve a 2-year contract with Midwest Employers Casualty Company with Specific Retention set at \$450,000.00 at an annual premium of \$53,378.00 to be paid from Fiscal Year 2018-19, budget line 632-854-914.000 and a 3-Year contract with York Risk Services at an annual cost of \$22,577.00 to be paid from Fiscal Year 2018-19, budget line 632-854-914.000.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, to amend the previous motion by inserting, "contingent upon the City Attorney's review and approval of the contract with York Risk Services."

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Next, **Rocket Fiber** was discussed. Dr. Gary Niehaus, Superintendent of Grosse Pointe Public School System, spoke of the positive impact that high speed fiber would bring to the Grosse Pointe communities. This would include faster data transfer and internet service for City offices, businesses, and residents. In addition, it would attract younger families to the community. Dr. Niehaus then introduced Lucas Ottinger with Rocket Fiber.

Mr. Ottinger handed out a Power Point presentation entitled, "Grosse Pointe Community Fiber Project". He proceeded to give an overview of the project. He stated the fiber ring will be 14 miles in length and will be owned by the Consortium. Each entity in the Consortium has an initial "Shared Ring Cost" of \$113,687.00 with optional added costs to connect with Wayne State University and Macomb County College. There are also optional lateral connections with additional costs. This is a one-year project to be completed over two budget cycles. Further discussion ensued regarding the addition of laterals to City Hall, Department of Public Works, and Lake Front Park.

Mr. Ottinger stated that residents and businesses will have the option to tie into the lateral connections.

There is a 25-30+ year infrastructure lifespan of this project with 20 years of maintenance service. With the rapid progress of technology, there was concern whether the high speed fibers will be antiquated during the life of the project.

The nature of this project brought up the question as to how this would be effective if net neutrality requirements are in place.

There was a consensus of the Committee to have the City Attorney and City Administrator present a proposed Consortium Agreement at a Committee-of-the-Whole by the end of June. This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Next, **Emergency Medical Services** was then discussed. Kolby Miller with Medstar, provided an overview of the contract proposed with Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms, and Grosse Pointe City.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed contract. Council was not in agreement with the model presented for charging the three communities.

Mayor Novitke requested Medstar revise their contract with a model that would be more fair to the parties involved.

This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Next, **Proposal: Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation – Mini Golf** was discussed. Lisa Fuller, President, and Kevin Hendrick, Treasurer, spoke on behalf of the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation. Mrs. Fuller provided a handout and overview of the current progress of the proposed Mini Golf construction project.

Dave Schumaker also spoke on behalf of the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation.

Discussion ensued regarding the projected expenses and revenues of the proposal from perspectives of the Foundation and City Administration.

According to administration, the projected expenses will surpass the revenues portraying the Mini Golf course as not being financially self-sustaining.

Project planning, costs, and expenses need to be clarified. City Administration and the Grosse Pointe Foundation will try to schedule a meeting during the first week of June.

This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion by Granger, seconded by McConaghy, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 10:24 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
Deputy City Clerk

Robert E. Novitke
Mayor