

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Fincham
Treasurer/Comptroller Irby
City Attorney Berschback
City Clerk Hathaway
Assessor Colombo

Also in attendance was Bill Brickey and Kari Shea from Plante Moran.

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order 7:32 p.m.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, to excuse Council Member Ketels from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The only item on tonight's agenda was **Plante Moran – Audit Report**. Mr. Brickey and Ms. Shea provided an overview of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015. One concern discussed was regarding material weaknesses. Mr. Brickey and Ms. Shea suggested multiple levels of review would help to avoid material weaknesses but not a major concern.

The Treasurer/Comptroller stated the part-time accounting clerk's last day will be this Friday. There was a consensus of the Committee to authorize hiring a part-time replacement at a cost not to exceed present cost.

The City Clerk was asked to add OPEB bonds to the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, regarding the audit report, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend City Council accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Chair declared a recess at 8:54 p.m., and reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

Under New Business:

- The City Administrator provided an overview regarding Harper Woods fire services and discussed concerns regarding the numerous calls requested under the Mutual Aid Agreement. There was a consensus of the Committee that the City Administrator address options to eliminate or reduce the number of mutual aid services provided to Harper Woods, which may include stopping services at I-94, charge a fee to Harper Woods, ask the City Attorney to determine whether homeowner's insurance could pay the fee, provide statistics, and talk to the other Grosse Pointe Chiefs.
- Parking on Beaufait was briefly discussed.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 9:37 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk