

COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 8, 2016

7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park was held on Monday, February 8, 2016, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following were present: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner.

Also present: Dale Krajniak, City Manager, Jane M. Blahut, Finance Director/Clerk, Stephen Poloni, Director of Public Safety, and Dennis J. Levasseur, City Attorney.

Excused Absence: Councilmember Chouinard

MINUTES – JANUARY 11, 2016

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting for approval as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Arora, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the minutes of January 11, 2016, for approval as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Chouinard

733 BALFOUR – FENCE VARIANCE

Mayor Denner presented to Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, a variance from section 27-100, paragraph (b) of the Zoning Ordinance which prohibits a six foot fence in the side yard setback for the property located at 733 Balfour.

City Manager stated the applicant wishes to erect a six foot high wooden fence on 4 x 4 posts.

The petitioner stated several reasons for a six foot high fence is the neighbor has bushes that exceed in to her property and she pays someone several times a year to trim the shrubs on her side of the property line, otherwise her vehicle gets scratched when entering or exiting the driveway. She also stated she has three children and a large dog.

The immediate neighbor expressed opposition to the six foot wooden fence and stated the only six foot fence she would favor is a rod iron fence.

Councilmember Clark stated there is no hardship demonstrated. He indicated a four foot wooden privacy fence could be constructed and would eliminate the shrub concern.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Robson to deny the variance request for a six foot wooden privacy fence at the property located at 733 Balfour and if a four foot fence is constructed it be constructed where the existing fence was located and the petitioner be reimbursed the application fee if the variance is denied.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Chouinard

Mayor Denner also indicated the finished side of the fence goes towards the neighbor and exposed posts on the petition's side.

1359 WAYBURN – FENCE VARIANCE

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, a variance from section 27-100, paragraph (b) of the Zoning Ordinance which prohibits a fence in the front yard at the property located at 1359 Wayburn.

The petitioner was not present.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Detwiler to table this matter until a later date whereby the petitioner can be present.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Chouinard

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the appointments to the Board of Review and the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

Board of Review

Andrew Harr – Alternate

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark to appoint Andrew Harr as an alternate for the Board of Review for a three year term.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Chouinard

Tax Increment Finance Authority

Randy Cousineau

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark to appoint Randy Cousineau to the Tax Increment Finance Authority for a four year term.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Chouinard

C.D.B.G. FUNDING – 2016

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the 2016 C.D.B.G. allocation funding for review and approval.

ADA Sidewalk Replacement	\$	49,477.50
Administration		<u>5,497.50</u>
TOTAL	\$	54,975.00

Councilmember Grano indicated a second public hearing is required by C.D.B.G. and will be held Tuesday, February 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Motion By Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Clark, that the 2016 allocation be approved as presented contingent on hearing no public comment at the administrative public hearing held on February 9, 2016.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Chouinard

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation:

Councilmember Arora summarized the Recreation Commission meeting highlighting the most recent events.

- Chili Festival
- Daddy daughter date night
- Mother son date night
- Dinner with Marylou, February 16
- Dinner with Marylou, March 15
- Easter Egg scramble, March 23

- Daddy daughter dance for all the Grosse Pointe Communities, April 16
There has been a Friday afternoon movie added at 4:00 p.m.

All wells have been painted within the marina this fall. Pier three is currently under repair and will open April 15, 2016.

Personnel:

Councilmember Clark stated the Municipal Judge's salary has not been modified since 1988. His salary of \$15,000 annually is prescribed by ordinance. The City Charter would have to be amended to increase the minimum and maximum. This would be included on the November General Election Ballot.

FINANCE REPORT – DECEMBER, 2015 & JANUARY, 2016

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented to Mayor Denner and Council the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the months of December and January for approval as presented.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Water Commissioners	Water service, Sep, Oct & Nov, 2015	\$ 328,725
Water Commissioners	Waste service, Sep, Oct & Nov, 2015	373,200
Bodman, PLC	Legal and prosecuting fees	19,480
PMI Inspections	Building inspections, Nov & Dec	25,745
Rizzo Service	Refuse collection, Nov & Dec	60,637
Rizzo Service	Refuse collection, Nov & Dec	22,596
Stantec Consulting	Engineering Service	76,103
J & W Tree Artisans	Leaf hauling, tree trimming and removal	68,095
Century Cement Co.	CDBG – sidewalk repairs	14,130
City of Grosse Pointe	GPP share of Director of Pub Safety vehicle	14,833
City of Grosse Pointe Farms	GPP share of radio system	31,425
Grosse Pointe Clinton Refuse	November refuse disposal	6,216

Motion by Councilmember Detwiler, supported by Councilmember Robson to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the months of December and January as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Chouinard

CLOSED DOOR SESSION

Mayor Denner requested that a closed door session be held immediately following the regular meeting to discuss contracts.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Robson that a closed door session be held immediately following the regular meeting to discuss contracts.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Chouinard

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Resident of 511 Barrington implored the Council to reconsider the water plant and focus on maintaining the aging infrastructure.

Councilmember Grano, Chair of the Public Service Committee, indicated the infrastructure will be reviewed, however, stated all avenues to pursue other water resources will be underway and at this point nothing should be ruled out. The Council will pursue the avenue that is best for all of the residents of Grosse Pointe Park.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned to closed door session

The meeting reconvened to open door session.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Arora, to authorize the City Manager to pursue actions as discussed in closed door session.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Chouinard

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.