

COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 8, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

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

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

Also present: Dennis J. Levasseur, City Attorney, and Jane M. Blahut, Finance Director/Clerk

MINUTES – JULY 25, 2016

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of the July 25, 2016, meeting for approval as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Grano, to approve the minutes of July 25, 2016, for approval as presented.

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION – ROBERT BUHL

RESOLUTION

HONORING

ROBERT BUHL

WHEREAS, Robert Buhl has resided in Grosse Pointe Park for over thirty years with his wife Jane, and

WHEREAS, Robert Buhl has served for over thirty years, from 1984 until 2015 as a member of the City of Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission and has, furthermore, served as Chair of the Commission from 2003 until 2015, and

WHEREAS, Robert Buhl was an active and dedicated, member of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation since 1985, and

WHEREAS, Robert Buhl contributed many years of service as a member of the Board of Review from 1993 until 2012, and

WHEREAS, Robert Buhl served on the Grosse Pointe Clinton Disposal Authority as an Alternate Delegate since 1979, and

WHEREAS, Robert Buhl 's dedication of time and commitment to the residents of City of Grosse Pointe Park reflects his great sense of community pride and concern in creating a better community for all Park residents,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Mayor Robert Denner and Members of the City Council hereby recognize Robert Buhl for his thirty plus years of dedicated service and contribution to our community and further express appreciation to the members of his family who contributed to the sharing of his time for all Grosse Pointe Park residents .

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to adopt the resolution honoring Robert Buhl in recognition of his many efforts to assist the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Denner stated at the tip of the darkest days of the economic downturn, Robert Buhl supported the City with his resources and wisdom to acquire properties in distress to maintain values in Grosse Pointe Park and his main concern was what was best for the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

Councilmember Robson stated Robert Buhl was an honorable and ethical man both in business and as a personal friend.

Councilmember Clark stated her service to the City was invaluable.

Councilmember Grano stated Robert Buhl was a loyal supporter to Mayor Heenan and the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

ST. AMBROSE PARISH  
100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration a resolution honoring St. Ambrose Parish in celebration of their 100 Year Anniversary.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, St. Ambrose Parish was established on September 16, 1916, as a Catholic parish community. In 1920, the parish opened its first parochial school with 650 grade school students. Three years later, a high school department was added to the operation.

WHEREAS, in 1926, the parish laid the cornerstone for the permanent worship space. The permanent church opened its doors on Christmas Eve, 1927, and was hailed in American Architecture Magazine for its attention to detail and its use of the latest mechanical and structural technologies of the day. Many years later as the parish grew, subsequent expansion was undertaken. In 1991, the heating and electrical systems were upgraded and air conditioning was installed. All the interior woodwork was refinished, decorative plaster was repaired, and new floor coverings were put in place along with painting the entire structure.

WHEREAS, in 1999, St. Ambrose parish broke ground for the gathering space that it calls the ARK. The laying of the ARK cornerstone took place on December 7, 2003, the feast of St. Ambrose. This exciting gathering space is a symbol of the rebirth of St. Ambrose Parish.

WHEREAS, the future of St. Ambrose looks bright. From its humble beginnings to its near closure, the people of St. Ambrose have shown great generosity and faith, and have embraced inclusiveness, understanding, and cooperation among all our neighboring communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Denner and Members of Council recognize St. Ambrose Parish on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as one of the Eastside's strongest and most vibrant parishes.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Mayor Denner to adopt the resolution recognizing St. Ambrose Parish in celebration of their 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary.

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

NAYS: None

REVEREND TIMOTHY PELC RESOLUTION  
30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Mayor Denner presented to Council a resolution honoring Reverend Timothy Pelc in recognition of his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Mayor Denner and Members of Council recognize Father Timothy Pelc for his 30 years of dedicated service to St. Ambrose Parish in Grosse Pointe Park,

WHEREAS, Father Pelc was named pastor of St. Ambrose Church in 1986. Under his stewardship, a parish facing closure was turned around to become a vibrant beacon of faith in the community for 30 years and counting.

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Father Pelc has worked closely with the City of Grosse Pointe Park on any number of initiatives and St. Ambrose Church continues to serve as a stable, meaningful and beautiful landmark adjacent to the City's municipal campus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Denner and Members of Council recognize Father Timothy Pelc for his dedicated service to St. Ambrose Parish in Grosse Pointe Park.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Robson, to adopt the resolution honoring Reverend Timothy Pelc for his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### PARKS & RECREATION:

Councilmember Arora summarized the Parks & Recreation meeting. She noted Terry Solomon is retiring in September with 27 years of service. The swim meet was a huge success. Grosse Pointe Park won by ½ of a point.

Councilmember Arora stated the slate roof must be replaced at the Tompkins Center and the contractor needs the list of required materials from the Administration. The Commission also inquired where the proposed garage will be located.

Councilmember Arora inquired if the Sail Club is scheduled to get a trophy case.

Councilmember Detwiler indicated they are going to get a trophy that will be scheduled with the new project and the funding will be made available by the Sail Club. Grosse Pointe Park will only be providing the space.

Councilmember Arora stated the marina repairs are continuing to be undertaken. She noted bubbling for boaters is under consideration which would allow the boats to remain in the marina all year.

Councilmember Arora stated the Commission is considering more kayak racks and new benches within Patterson Park.

Councilmember Arora stated the Kercheval after 6 is schedule for August 20<sup>th</sup>.

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE:

Councilmember Grano stated the Public Service Committee directed the Administration to prepare a proposal to grant homeowners a few of \$2,500 for a back flow preventer. The Administration will continue to study the cause of the flooding.

Mayor Denner stated the City will diligently pursue resolving this very complex issue.

## ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ARTICLE VI. OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICTS

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration a zoning ordinance amendment to Article VI. OS-1 Office Service Districts.

Councilmember Clark indicated the recommendation of the Ordinance Review Committee was to dispense with B-2, the most permissive in the zoning. The Commission felt we should dispense with B-2 and incorporate the prohibition to sell packaged liquor in B-1.

City Attorney indicated medical facilities are permitted in office service districts.

City Attorney indicated this issue will be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

FINANCE REPORT – JULY 2016

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented to Council for consideration the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of July, 2016, for approval as presented. She noted there is an error regarding PMI, and requested the date be changed to reflect July rather than June.

The invoices are as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Bodman, PLC	Retainer and Prosecutor fees	\$ 10,000
Great Lakes Water Authority	Waste water service for May/June	248,800
Great Lakes Water Authority	Water usage – April/May	203,545
Rizzo Service	July refuse	33,883
Rizzo Service	June recycling	11,298
PMI Inspections	Inspection – July	12,827
Grosse Pointe Clinton Refuse	Refuse disposal – May	8,640

Motion by Councilmember Detwiler, supported by Mayor Denner, to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of July, 2016, with the noted correction, in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

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

NAYS: None

CLOSED DOOR SESSION

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

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, that a closed door session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to litigation.

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

NAYS: None

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

WATER CONCERN:

Mr. Al Mazur again expressed his concern of the water charge assessed to the homeowners at Pointe Park Condominiums.

Mayor Denner indicated the City Manager was unable to attend this evening's meeting and would respond on his return.

HISTORICAL SITE:

Councilmember Arora stated several residents approached her on how to start a historical district.

City Attorney stated it is a complicated process and should be approached with caution. Historical districts create significant restrictions on changes and improvements on the properties within a district once in place.

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

The meeting reconvened and with no further business, the meeting adjourned.