

COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH 13, 2017
7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park City Council was held on Monday, March 13, 2017, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Chouinard and Detwiler

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of February 13, 2017, for approval as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Arora, to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017, as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmembers Chouinard and Detwiler

MONARCH BUTTERFLY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration, on behalf of the Maire students, the adoption of the Monarch Butterfly Proclamation. The proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the monarch butterfly, an iconic North American species with a range extending to Mexico, has experienced a population decrease from over 1 billion to an estimated 56 million today; and

WHEREAS, human activities including urbanization, habitat removal and fragmentation, use of chemical pesticides and removal of milkweed habitats needed for survival, have negatively impacted monarchs and will impede their recovery; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have the opportunity to play a critical role in the restoration of monarch habitat and the implementation of educational outreach to educate the community on monarch restoration efforts; and

WHEREAS, each individual and community, working as a whole, have the ability to create necessary habitat corridors for monarchs through the extent of their native ranges to ensure their survival;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Denner and Members of City Council proclaim 2017 the Year of the Monarch.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to adopt the Monarch Butterfly Proclamation in support of the restoration of the Monarch habitat and implementation of educational outreach to educate the community on monarch restoration efforts

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmembers Chouinard and Detwiler

Mayor Denner and Councilmembers present expressed their gratitude to the students from Maire School who support the Monarch Butterfly Proclamation.

The students joined Mayor Denner for a photo.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the Committee Reports for those that met within the past month.

Beautification Commission:

Brian Colter, City Forester stated that the Beautification Commission met and discussed the annual perennial exchange scheduled for May 21. He stated this program has always been a success that the residents enjoy.

He noted the Arbor Week poster contest will be held the last week of April whereby the students from the surrounding area can construct a poster in support of Arbor Week. The winner and runners up will be selected and presented to Council for recognition.

Parks & Recreation:

Councilmember Arora stated the Parks & Recreation Commission has met and discussed the upcoming "Daddy Daughter Dance" scheduled for March 25, at Grosse Pointe South. The Egg Scramble is scheduled for April 12th and the tickets are \$7 per child. The theater has been doing extremely well with the movies that were up for Academy Awards. The rug rails are currently being repaired. Costs have been acquired for the sea wall repairs. The quotes received for the fencing surrounding the marina range from \$73,000 to \$130,000. There are approximately 130 residents on the wait list for the kayaks and additional wells will be constructed for the upcoming season. The ice rink closed last week due to the power outage and the vending machine at Patterson Park has been replaced.

2016 PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT

Director Poloni presented the 2016 annual report and stated the crime remained flat from the prior year that had an overall 12% reduction in crime from 2014. Only 163 larcenies occurred in 2016 along with 20 burglary/home invasions for the entire year. Auto theft was up slightly, however auto thefts have dropped over the last five years.

Councilmember Robson commended the entire department.

Councilmember Clark stated there has been a marked increase in the use of Nixle.

Mayor Denner thanked Director Poloni for the annual report and noted his appreciation.

AFTER 6 ON KERCHEVAL

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the annual license requirement for the After 6 on Kercheval events.

Director Poloni stated that, as in the past, it is a license for temporary events that serve beer and wine.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Arora, to approve of the license requirements for the After 6 on Kercheval events held in June, July, and August which allows the sale of beer and wine.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmembers Chouinard and Detwiler

FOIA # 1702 APPEAL

City Attorney Levasseur presented to Mayor and Council the appeal of FOIA # 1702.

Applicant withdrew his appeal for FOIA # 1702.

CLOSED DOOR – LABOR CONTRACTS

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

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

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmembers Chouinard and Detwiler

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Resident stated there are still some D.D.O.T. buses driving down Hampton and urged the Council to enforce the policy of not driving down residential streets.

City Manager stated there may be a few stragglers that have not adapted to the new route.

Mayor Denner stated he will have the Administration follow up with D.D.O.T.

Resident asked if the Department of Public Safety looked into the commercial trucks that are traveling down Barrington.

Director Poloni stated there were 4 traffic citations issued in a 30 day period.

With no further business the meeting recessed to closed door session.

The meeting reconvened to open door session.

With no further business the meeting adjourned.