

COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 27, 2018  
7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park was held on Monday, August 27, 2018, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

Excused absence: Councilmember Grano

MINUTES – JULY 9, 2018

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of July 9, 2018 meeting for approval.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Read, to approve the minutes of July 9, 2018 as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Read, Chouinard, Robson, and Detwiler, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused absence: Councilmember Grano

SERVICES FOR OLDER CITIZENS

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration a presentation by Services for Older Citizens (S.O.C.) representative, Peggy Hayes.

Ms. Hayes presented to Council a summary of the many benefits S.O.C. provides to the many seniors who are residents of one of the Grosse Pointe communities or Harper Woods. Some of the services include:

- Assistance to seniors enrolling in the drug programs during open enrollment
- Offers exercise classes for varying fitness levels
- Provides 18,000 hot meals with friendly visits delivered to homebound seniors, combating isolation and supporting independence
- Rides on Pointe Area Assisted Transportation buses to medical appointment, shopping errands, and social activities
- The 15,000 volunteer hours that help seniors in a variety of tasks
- Medicare one-on-one counseling sessions helping individuals make health care decisions
- 5,000 hot lunches served
- Health screening, parties, movies, craft groups, and many more enriching programs
- Assistance with income tax preparation
- Minor home repair assistance

Ms. Hayes stated it costs approximately \$1,000,000 annually to operate the facility and 70% of the revenues are generated by contributions. She stated she would like to form a partnership with the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods communities to offer facilities that S.O.C. does not provide, e.g; Indoor pool, and gymnasium.

Mayor Denner and Council thanked Ms. Hayes for her presentation.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 206

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration an Ordinance to amend the code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park by amending Section 24 – 10 of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

Mayor Denner noted Monarch butterflies were becoming less numerous and the Milk Weed plant is a plant that Monarchs feed from and, therefore, the City desires (after review by the City Forester) to remove the Milkweed plant from the noxious weed list.

The Ordinance reads as follows:

The City of Grosse Pointe Park Ordains:

Section 1: Sec. 24-10 of Chapter 24 of Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park is amended to delete the words “milk weeds” from the list of noxious weeds so that Sec. 24–10 of the Code shall read as follows:

Sec. 24 – 10. Noxious Weeds

No person shall fail to keep cut down any Canada thistles, burdock, crab, grass, quack grass, wild growing bushes, wild carrots, ox-eye daisies or other noxious weeds growing on property owned by him or on that portion of a street which adjoins property owned by him. If the owner of any premises shall fail to comply with this section, the City shall cut down the weeds growing on the premises and the cost thereof shall be charged against the premises and the owner thereof in accordance with Section 10 – 12.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Read, to adopt Ordinance No. 206 as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Read, Chouinard, Robson, and Detwiler, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused absence: Councilmember Grano

#### ORDINANCE NO. 207

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration an Ordinance to amend the code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park by amending Article III, Sections 2-176 to 2-190, regarding the City’s Planning Commission, to Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

Mayor Denner stated there was some misunderstanding regarding appointments and terms for Planning Commission members. Grosse Pointe Park has a nine person Planning Commission, which consists of a

wide range of professional backgrounds and has six appointed Commissioners, the Mayor, a City Administrator, and a Councilmember appointed by the Mayor. Staggered terms are required. Two members will be appointed for a one-year term expiring September, 2019, two members will be appointed for a two-year term expiring September, 2020, and two members will be appointed for a three-year term expiring September, 2021.

The resolution reads as follows:

The City of Grosse Pointe Park ordains:

Section 1. Chapter II, Article III, Division 2, of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park is amended to read as follows:

#### DIVISION 2 CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

##### Sec. 2.176. Created

The City Planning Commission, having been created for the City in accordance with the provisions of Act 285, Public Acts of Michigan, 1931 (MCL 125.31 et seq., MSA 5.2991 et seq.) and Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 2008 (MCL 125.3815 et seq.), is hereby reconstituted.

##### Sec. 2-177 Membership

The City Planning Commission shall consist of nine (9) members, six (6) of whom shall be representative, insofar as possible, of important segments of the community, such as economic, governmental, educational, and social development of the City, in accordance with the major interests as they exist in the City, and shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to approval by a majority vote of the Council. Three (3) members shall be ex-officio members, namely: The Mayor, an administrative officer of the City selected by the Mayor, and one Councilperson selected by the Council. All members shall serve for a term of three (3) years, except that the terms of ex-officio members shall correspond to their respective official tenures.

##### Sec. 2-178. Qualification of Members

No member of the Planning Commission, other than an ex-officio member, shall hold any other office or position with the City. Members of the Planning Commission shall be qualified electors of the City.

##### Sec. 2-179. Powers and Duties

The Planning Commission is hereby vested with all powers and duties conferred upon it by law or by Charter or this Code.

##### Sec. 2-180. Initial and Subsequent Terms

In order to comply with Michigan law, beginning with September 2018, two non-ex-officio members of the Planning Commission shall be appointed for an initial term of one year to expire in September 2019; two non-ex-officio members of the Planning Commission shall be appointed for an initial term of two years to expire in September 2020; and two non-ex-officio members of the Planning Commission shall

be appointed for an initial term of three years to expire in September 2021. Thereafter, such non-ex-officio members or their replacements shall serve for three year terms.

Sec 2-181.—2-190 Reserved

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Robson, to adopt Ordinance No. 207 to amend the code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park by amending Article III, Sections 2-176 to 2-190, regarding the City’s Planning Commission to Chapter 2 of the code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Read, Chouinard, Robson, and Detwiler, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused absence: Councilmember Grano

#### PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the re-appointments to the Planning Commission for a staggered term. The re-appointments are as follows:

	Term Ending:
Frederick Olds	September, 2019
Jeffrey Graham	September, 2019
Michael Fikany	September, 2020
David Gaskin	September, 2020
Malik Goodwin	September, 2021
Mark McCourt	September, 2021

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to re-appoint Frederick Olds and Jeffrey Graham for a one-year term, Michael Fikany and David Gaskin, for a two-year term, and Malik Goodwin and Mark McCourt for a three-year term.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Read, Chouinard, Robson, and Detwiler, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused absence: Councilmember Grano

Mayor Denner thanked Councilmember Read for researching the laws relative to the Planning Commission.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Denner stated there were no committee reports to report on.

#### FINANCE REPORT – JULY, 2018

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented to Mayor and Council for consideration the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of July, 2018, for approval as presented.

Councilmember Detwiler stated the invoices are routine monthly invoices.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Ford Motor Credit Co.	Pumper truck	\$ 60,530
Build Safe Inspection Services	Building Inspector – June services	10,350
J & W Tree Artisans	Trees, trimmed and removed – June	6,225
Bodman, PLC	Pros. Atty. & retainer fee – June	10,000
Great Lakes Water Authority	April & May water usage	224,350
Gold Carts Plus, Inc.	2011 Gas Club Cars	7,220
Great Lakes Water Authority	Waste water – May & June	290,000
Grosse Pointe Clinton Refuse	Refuse disposal – April, May, & June	26,821
Green for Life	Recycling for July	11,470
Green for Life	Rubbish for July	35,577

Motion by Councilmember Detwiler, supported by Councilmember Clark, to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of July, 2018, as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Read, Chouinard, Robson, and Detwiler, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused absence: Councilmember Grano

#### NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Read inquired if the landlords of the Air B & B's have followed up with the requirements.

City Manager noted we have had approximately 10 B & B's have received notices regarding compliance with existing ordinance.

Resident of Harcourt stated he has three complaints to share with the Council. 1) portable grills should be banned from the upstairs patio at the park, it poses a liability. 2) the floodlight at his neighbor's side drive that shines directly into his home, and 3) the use of the family locker rooms at Windmill Pointe Park. He suggested a possible key card for the family locker room.

City Manager stated he would review the issues.

Rocket Fiber:

A resident of Nottingham inquired regarding the status of the Rocket Fiber project; Mayor Denner indicated that it is still pending and would have to be revised if all municipalities do not support joining the consortium.

Two residents of Barrington asked that paving attention be given to the intersection of Barrington and Korte; and attention be given to the repaving of Barrington that had been delaminated.

City Manager stated he would review the Barrington concerns.

Resident of Bishop inquired what city is responsible for Cadieux costs.

City Manager stated Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe City share in the cost of Cadieux.

Weed Complaint:

Resident of Beaconsfield expressed dissatisfaction with the weed problem directly next door. It's an eyesore and the Code Enforcement Office agreed last year that the property at 1085 Beaconsfield was in violation of noxious weeds.

City Manager stated he would follow up with this with the Code Enforcement Office.

Public Works Compliment:

Resident of Trombley stated they have experienced basement back-ups and inquired if there is any new information available regarding the insurance company.

City Attorney stated the lawsuit is in litigation and cannot be discussed in open session.

Democratic Candidate:

Mayor Denner congratulated Joe Tate for his success in the August primary.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.