

COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 11, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Park was held on Monday, March 11, 2019, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

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

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of February 11, 2019, for approval.

Councilmember Robson stated there is an error on page seven, second from last paragraph, the word preventing should be replaced with regulating.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the minutes with the correction noted above.

AYES: Councilmembers Read, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the appointments to the Beautification Commission for a two-year term.

The appointments are as follows:

Bradley C. Etheridge
Jennifer Munson
Katherine Paquette

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Read, to appoint the members as listed above for a two-year term.

AYES: Councilmembers Read, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration an appointment to the Recreation Commission for a two-year term.

The appointment is as follows:

Vikas Relan

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Read, to appoint Vikas Relan to the Recreation Commission for a two-year term.

AYES: Councilmembers Read, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

2018 PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT

Public Safety Director Poloni presented the 2018 annual report and stated Index and Non-Index crimes are down to 329 from 2017 342. Robbery statistics were 0 in 2018 compared to 4 in 2017. Vehicle theft totaled 9 down from 14 in 2017 due to the outstanding efforts of the Task Force, malicious destruction of property was 21 in 2018 from 30 in 2017.

Mayor Denner congratulated the department for doing a terrific job.

Director Poloni stated recently there have been many capital improvements including the purchase of new cameras, radios, body cameras, tasers, and a new fire engine.

Councilmember Grano and Robson commended the department for a job well done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Denner presented to Council the committee reports for the meetings since the Council last met.

Beautification:

Councilmember Read summarized the meeting held on March 6, as follows:

The commissioners approved moving the annual awards ceremony to October 10, 2019. As in the past, the awards ceremony will take place at the Tompkins Center.

Brian Colter asked that we remind residents to prune oak and elm trees this month before they leaf out to avoid and prevent the spread of oak wilt and Dutch elm diseases.

Arbor Week posters and contest rules will be distributed to 195 fourth grade students in Grosse Pointe Park. The entries will be judged at the April 11, 2019 Beautification Commission meeting at 7:30 PM in council chambers.

There are several upcoming events including the following:

Celebrate Spring with Keep Michigan Beautiful and the Beautification Commission of Southeast Michigan on April 10, 2019 at the Gazebo in Warren.

Arbor Day: April 26, 2019 (Arbor Week 4/21 – 4/27).

Arbor Week poster contest awardees will be honored at the May 13th city council meeting.

The spring plant exchange will be on May 18th from 9:30 to 11 AM at the Tompkins Center.

The commission also had a general discussion regarding the planning commission's request for input on the master plan and will be submitting a more detailed report to the subcommittee. The areas of interest to the commissioners include:

- Habitat corridors (tracts of contiguous land that support native species)
- Review of the city code with an eye towards adequate drainage, including promoting less "hardscape" in residential and commercial developments and promotion of permeable bases for use in parking lots
- Completion of streetscape along Jefferson from Balfour to Bedford (which we understand was a GPP Foundation project)
- Elimination of pesticide use in the right of way
- Protection of the watershed
- A forestry master plan (which has been prepared by Brian Colter)
- A padded playground surface for the playscape at Patterson Park

Communication:

Councilmember Detwiler summarized the meeting held on January 16th.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review website proposals. There were three proposals received:

Revize:

Local Company, Troy
No hacks in 8 years
1500 websites built (City of Berkley, Auburn Hills)
Ease of Use
Local Training
Citizen Portal
Dedicated account and Project Manager
\$15,534 with a \$3,500 recurring annual fee
5 editors

Civic Plus:

Unlimited editors
Located in Kansas and Massachusetts

3500 WEBSITES (Grand Traverse, Jacksons City, Macomb)
Citizen Portal
\$22,000 - \$3,500 annual recurring fee

IT Right:

Village of Grosse Pointe Shores
Content Editing
Layout \$3,700

Councilmember Detwiler stated Revize was agreed upon the committee for the upgrading of the web services.

FINANCE REPORT
JANUARY & FEBRUARY, 2019

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented to Mayor and Council the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the months of January and February, 2019, for approval as presented.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Bodman, PLC	Pros. Atty & retainer fee	\$ 10,000
J & W Tree	Tree work – city properties	15,115
Build Safe Inspection	Building Inspection – Dec.	9,600
Great Lakes Water	Waste water – Nov. & Dec.	300,200
Caniff Electric	Light pole fixtures – Mack	30,853
Green for Life	Recycling for January	11,564
Green for Life	Rubbish for January	36,189
Great Lakes Water	Water usage- November	99,678
GP Clinton Refuse	Refuse disposal Nov. & Dec.	17,527
Alleman's Landscape	Decorations	8,028
OHM Advisors	Asphalt Program	8,175
OHM Advisors	General Services	5,349
Bodman, PLC	Pros. Atty & retainer fee	10,000
Apollo Fire Equipment	Fire turnout gear	16,933
Ford Motor Company	(2) 2017 police inceptors	18,795
Build Safe Inspection	Building Inspector – January	9,600
Green for Life	Recycling for February	11,564
Greene for Life	Rubbish for February	36,189
Great Lakes Water	Water usage – December	101,584
Great Lakes Water	Waste water – January	150,100

Motion by Councilmember Detwiler, supported by Councilmember Grano, to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the months of January and February, 2019, as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

AYES: Councilmember Read, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and 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 Grano, that a closed-door session be held immediately following the regular meeting to discuss contracts.

AYES: Councilmember Read, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Grano stated that the new construction underway south of Jefferson on Bishop does not have the appropriate fencing around the perimeter. He stated it could be a safety hazard for children. City Manager noted violations have been issued for this site.

Councilmember Grano stated there are currently street lights that are not functioning within the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Audubon.

Councilmember Robson stated Pickle Ball appears to be a big success.

Councilmember Read commended the City Attorney and Bodman for their efforts in the opposition expressed for the Medical Marijuana site which was proposed on Mack in Detroit.

Tewonia Evans, from State Representative Joe Tate's office apprised the Council of an upcoming meeting scheduled at Grosse Pointe High School on March 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 to discuss the Governor's budget.

Resident of Westchester inquired if we are aware of GFL actually recycling the recyclables or are they depositing the recycling in with the rubbish.

City Manager stated recycling is not a profitable business. However, it is currently delivered to Canada for processing.

Resident of Beaconsfield stated he opposes Fairfax Market and noted there is a storage container in front of the building and it appears they are under construction. He also expressed concerns regarding short-term rentals and GFL, the city's trash and recycling hauler.

Resident of Beaconsfield also expressed concerns regarding the dumpster/container at Fairfax Market.

City Manager stated the Lease agreement allows for the purchase of the building and operation for a market. The lessee is seeking financing and pursuing purchase of the property.

Resident of Westchester stated he thinks Fairfax Market is essential to the neighborhood, noting it's nice to have a market within walking distance of your home. He had some concerns regarding the alley behind the 900 block of Westchester and also inquired whether there would be an opportunity for citizen input on the website.

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

The meeting reconvened to open door session and with no further business the meeting adjourned.