

COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 14, 2016

7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park City Council was held on Monday, November 14, 2016, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following were present: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, 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 – OCTOBER 24, 2016

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of October 24, 2016, meeting for approval as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Chouinard, to approve the minutes of October 24, 2016, as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Grano

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the re-appointments to the Beautification Commission for a two year term. The members are as follows:

Pat Deck  
Shellie Hansen  
William D.G. Balance  
Dee Cimini

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to approve Pat Deck, Shellie Hansen, William D.G. Balance, and Dee Cimini to the Beautification Commission for a two year term.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Grano

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the appointments to the Beautification Commission for a two year term. The appointments are as follows:

Kimberly Clextan  
Laura Orme  
Barbara Miller

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Arora, to approve Kimberly Clextan, Laura Orme, and Barbara Miller to the Beautification Commission for a two year term.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Grano

COMMITTEE RE-APPOINTMENT  
TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration re-appointments to the Tax Increment Finance Authority for a four year term. The re-appointments are as follows:

Adi Kokoshi  
Thomas McDonald  
Jennifer Meldrum

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to approve Adi Kokoshi, Thomas McDonald, and Jennifer Meldrum to the Tax Increment Finance Authority for a four year term.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Grano

FINANCE REPORT – OCTOBER, 2016

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented to Mayor and Council for consideration the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of October, 2016, for approval as presented. The invoices are as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Bodman, PLC	Retainer, Pros. Attorney fee & other fees	\$63,936
Wayne County	Sidewalk permit for Mack Avenue	10,840
J & W Tree Artisans	City trees trimmed and removed	16,985

Councilmember Detwiler requested the fees for legal counsel be submitted in a timelier manner as there were several bills that were from the prior fiscal year.

City Attorney provided assurance that all bills will be submitted timely.

Motion by Councilmember Detwiler, supported by Mayor Denner, to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of October, 2016, for approval as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the City Charter.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Grano

#### CLOSED DOOR SESSION

Mayor Denner requested that a closed door session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to Litigation and Real Estate matters.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, that a closed door session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to Litigation and Real Estate matters.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Grano

#### NEW/OLD BUSINESS

##### STORM UPDATE:

City Manager presented a brief update of the events that have taken place since the meeting of October 24, relative to the storm event on September 29, 2016.

City Manager stated there are a total of nine transformers in the station that were located on the lower floor. Six of the nine transformers were put in place in the 1970's and were damaged. The new transformers are completed and are now located on the mezzanine level.

The control panel has been replaced and located to the mezzanine level. New controls will allow pump monitoring and ability to run from offsite.

The switch gear has been replaced and located on the mezzanine level and the flow meter is in the process of replacement.

Also televising equipment has been acquired and will be undertaken in the Jefferson South area over the next several months.

The smoke/fog testing will begin this week and will help to locate improper hookups, back yard drains and cracks in line, South of Jefferson. Notices will be placed on a door to door basis and also on the City website.

The City Manager also noted Bedford relining has taken place along the Fox Creek 15 foot enclosure.

Bedford resident inquired why the flood that occurred on September 29<sup>th</sup> is receiving prompt attention and the Bedford residents are still waiting to receive communication from the insurance carrier for the storm that occurred two months ago.

City Attorney stated he will contact the insurance carrier and confirm by email with resident of the status of their claims.

#### POINTE PARK CONDO WATER BILL:

Mr. Al Mazur, President of the Pointe Park Condo stated he came before Council several times and the City Manager replied with a letter informing the condo association they must pay the flat rate charge of \$50.52 per unit. The attorney representing the condo association send a letter to the City Attorney on August 22 and has not received a response.

City Attorney stated he would follow up with his response to the attorney representing the condo association.

Mr. & Mrs. Denman stated they have discussed various options with engineers and one that the City may want to consider is core drilling into the catch basin to provide lateral lines to the individual homeowners that would allow for sump pumps to be installed, noting the smoke tests may only provide a partial view of what is actually happening. He also inquired if removing the cap from Fox Creek is under consideration, stating he hopes the City will look at alternative options.

Residents Olds stated he obtained a \$25,000 sewer drain back up rider on his homeowner's policy for \$57 annually and recommended placing an ad in the communicator to inform residents of the coverage available to homeowners.

#### MACK AVENUE PROPERTY:

Resident inquired if the bar/restaurant and apartments in the building had a valid certificate of occupancy.

City Manager stated there was a scheduled inspection and the owner failed to appear so the building was red tagged in September.

Resident inquired with the status of a proposed Art center in the Park.

Mayor Denner stated the City is cautiously optimistic that a project may soon develop.

Mayor Denner stated the next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2016.

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

The meeting reconvened to open door session.

## REFINANCING OF 2007 BOND

Mayor Denner stated the 2007 \$7,000,000 bond is going to be refinanced at a lower rate, savings will be passed on to the taxpayers.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Detwiler, to authorize the additional legal expense to prepare the necessary paperwork for the refinancing of the 2007 bond in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Grano

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.