

COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park City Council was held on Monday, January 9, 2017, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Excused Absence: Councilmember Robson

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

MINUTES – DECEMBER 12, 2016

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of December 12, 2016, for approval as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Detwiler, to approve the minutes of December 12, 2016, as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Robson

ORDINANCE No. 205

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration Ordinance No. 205 which establishes the Judge's compensation.

Councilmember Clark stated the Judge's salary has been \$15,000 since 1995. The Personnel Committee met and used comparables from Judge's in the Pointe's along with case load and type of cases. The salary the Committee is recommending to the Council the salary be set at \$23,000 for 2017.

Ordinance No. 205 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Section 15.4(a) of the City Charter for the City of Grosse Pointe Park was amended to provide that the limitation on the compensation of the Municipal Judge was to be not less than Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollars per year and no more than Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars per year.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park has determined that the salary of the Municipal Judge (most recently set in 1988) should be updated to provide that such salary shall be Twenty Three Thousand (\$23,000.00) Dollars per year effective January 1, 2017 until such time as amended by the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 1, 2017 that:

“The presiding officer of the Court shall receive annual compensation of Twenty Three Thousand (\$23,000.00) Dollars per year until such time as amended by the City Council.”

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to adopt Ordinance No. 205 establishing the Municipal Court Judge’s salary at \$23,000 for 2017.

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

NAYS: Councilmembers Arora and Grano

Excused Absence: Councilmember Robson

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Denner stated there have not been any committee meetings; therefore, there is nothing new to report.

#### FINANCE REPORT – DECEMBER, 2016

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented to Council for consideration the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of December, 2016, for approval as presented.

City Manager stated the purchase to Jeep Trader is for two refurbished jeeps for the Parks and Recreation Department.

The invoices are as follows:

Vendor	Description	Payment
Bell Equipment	Camera system (sewer)	\$ 13,000
Bodman, PLC	Prosecuting Attorney & retainer	10,000
Fleetwood Leasing	Video Cameras public safety	19,337
Rizzo Service	Trash Collection – November	33,883
Rizzo Service	Recycling – November	11,298
Great Lakes Water Authority	Water service for October	112,028
Rizzo Services	Trash collection	36,372
PMI Inspections	Sept, Oct & Nov fees	38,481
Jeep Trader	2 jeeps-DPW/P&R	33,000
Utilities Instrumentation	Transformers at pump station	22,523
Great Lakes Water Authority	Waste water for November	136,000
Stantec Consulting	Engineering-sewer system	17,831

Motion by Councilmember Detwiler, supported by Councilmember Clark to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of December, 2006, as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Robson

#### CLOSED DOOR SESSION

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

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

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Robson

#### NEW/OLD BUSINESS

##### CONCRETE CURBS:

Councilmember Arora stated there are numerous new curbs that have cracks in them already.

City Manager stated the contractor who started the program was doing a sub- standard job and has been replaced with a contractor that is doing an excellent job. All curbs will be revisited and repaired as needed.

#### D.D.O.T.

##### BUS ROUTES:

City Manager presented a brief overview of the status of the bus routes. D.D.O.T. is currently reviewing alternatives for the current bus routes near St. Ambrose.

##### CONDO WATER BILL:

Resident stated a letter from the Condo Association was sent. City Attorney stated he will follow up.

##### FLOODING:

Resident inquired what the City is doing regarding the claims for the September 29<sup>th</sup> flood.

City Attorney stated the claims have been turned over to the City's liability insurance adjuster. A Class Action Law Suit was filed in Court which prevents discussions at a public meeting and as a Class Action Law Suit has been filed, it prevents any discussion regarding the flood.

City Manager stated smoke testing is currently underway and the engineers are reviewing alternatives in increasing the capacity for flow with GLWA. Also City Manager noted GLWA is reviewing all communities and their capacity as well.

LEAF PICKUP:

Resident inquired if the City is still picking up leaves at the curb.

City Manager stated the DPW will continue to pick up leaves, weather permitting.

Resident affected by the flood inquired if the City is going to appoint someone South of Jefferson to serve on the Board of Review.

Mayor Denner indicated the applications are on the website and there were no applications received from anyone to serve on the Board of Review.

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

The meeting reconvened to open door session.

#### PERSONNEL REVIEW

Mayor Denner presented a 1.5% increase for the City Manager and Finance Director/Clerk for 2017 as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Detwiler, to approve of the 1.5% wage increase to the City Manager and Finance Director/Clerk for their accomplishments in the 2016 for the year 2017.

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

NAYS: Councilmember Arora

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Grano, to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to finalize a lease agreement for Joe's Garage which will allow function as the Public Works Garage to allow for future development for the DPW building located at 1005 Wayburn.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Robson

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

