

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

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

The following were present: Councilmembers Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Pro Tem Clark.

Excused Absence: Mayor Denner

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

MINUTES – JANUARY 9, 2017

Mayor Pro Tem Clark presented to Council for consideration the minutes of January 9, 2017, for approval as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Arora, supported by Councilmember Grano, to approve the minutes of January 9, 2017, as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Pro Tem Clark

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Mayor Denner

SUPPORT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN GUIDE

Mayor Pro Tem Clark presented to Council for consideration the adoption of the Support Emergency Operation Plan Guide, a guide to assist municipalities incorporated into the County Emergency Management Program to develop a Support Emergency Operations Plan.

Director Poloni stated by adopting the plan it essentially includes Grosse Pointe Park in the Wayne County Plan.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Grano, to adopt the Support Emergency Operations Plan Guide that will include Grosse Pointe Park in the Wayne County Emergency Plan.

AYES: Councilmembers Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Pro Tem Clark

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Mayor Denner

D.D.O.T. UPDATE

Mayor Pro Tem Clark presented to Council an update detailing the most recent information relative to the bus routes on Hampton.

City Manager stated he has been in contact with the representatives of D.D.O.T. bus routes and services over the last several months. He noted the representative of D.D.O.T. understands the concerns of the residents of the bus routes traveling down a narrow street. He stated the new route will eliminate Hampton altogether and will loop on Jefferson, eliminating side streets. This change will take effect by March 1, 2017.

The neighbors expressed their gratitude in the efforts of the Council and Administration.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Arora, to instruct the City Manager to continue negotiations with D.D.O.T. for the change in bus routes and to vacate Hampton, with a target date of March 1, 2017.

AYES: Councilmembers Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Pro Tem Clark

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Mayor Denner

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Clark presented to Council for consideration the committee reports for the City. He noted there was only one Commission meeting held since the last Council Meeting.

Beautification Commission:

Councilmember Chouinard presented a brief report of the Beautification Commission meeting. He noted the following:

- Holiday decoration awarded to 71 residents who all received awards
- Beautification awards were awarded to 30 homeowners and all received awards
- Spring Perennial Exchange is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017, at the Tompkins Center from 9:30 to 11:30
- Arbor week poster contest will be held in April

#### NORDIN BROTHERS ART SCULPTURE

Mayor Pro Tem Clark presented to Council for consideration Mr. Erik Nordin, of Nordin Brothers to update the Council on the proposed art sculpture that will be located on Kercheval at the round-a-bout. He noted the funds were generously donated by Fred and Barb Detwiler and expressed gratitude on behalf of the City.

Mr. Nordin stated that the sculpture will unify the two communities. He also stated they plan on providing a video trailer explaining about the piece and how it was made.

City Manager stated the dedication will be scheduled for some time in the summer, preferably at one of the Kercheval after 6 events that draws many residents.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Chouinard to gratefully accept the sculpture and approve the location of its placement on Kercheval and Wayburn.

AYES: Councilmembers Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Pro Tem Clark

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Mayor Denner

#### FINANCE REPORT – JANUARY, 2017

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented to Council for consideration the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of January, 2017, for approval as presented.

The invoices are as follows:

Vendor	Description	Payment
Bodman, PLC	Legal fees	\$ 10,000.00
Rizzo Services – Recycling	December-recycling	11,298.00
Rizzo Services – Refuse	December – refuse pick-up	30,246.00
J & W Tree Artisans	Leaf hauling	42,500.00
Great Lakes Water Authority	Water service – November	139,258.00

Motion by Councilmember Detwiler, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of January, 2017, as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

AYES: Councilmembers Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Pro Tem Clark

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Mayor Denner

#### CLOSED DOOR

Mayor Pro Tem Clark requested that a closed door session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to labor negotiations.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, supported by Councilmember Arora, that a closed door session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to labor negotiations.

AYES: Councilmembers Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Pro Tem Clark

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Mayor Denner

## NEW/OLD BUSINESS

### Water:

Resident of a two family stated the GLWA flat rate charge of \$50.52 per unit is not fair. He said he does not have a swimming pool or a sprinkling system and lives alone. His tenant in the upper unit also lives alone.

City Manager stated the GLWA charge both flat rates and consumption rates. If someone had a swimming pool, or a sprinkling system, they would be billed on consumption as well as the flat rate charges.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark stated Grosse Pointe Park is obliged to pay the fee passed on by GLWA which then gets passed on to the residents.

### Flooding:

Resident of Trombley inquired the status of the claims filed by the residents who experienced flooding on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

City Attorney stated the claims have been submitted to the insurance carrier and a class action law suit has been filed, preventing further discussion on this matter in open session.

### Water:

Resident of the condos on Jefferson stated a letter was sent to the Council by their legal counsel requesting details of the flat rate charges that have been passed on to the residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark reminded the Council since the attorneys are actively involved in this matter and recommended all correspondence and requests go through the City Attorney.

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

Resident recommended a bench be provided at the new bus pick up locations on Jefferson.

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

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