

COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 10, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park City Council was held on Monday, April 10, 2017, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Also present: Dale Krajniak, City Manager, Jane M. Blahut, Finance Director/Clerk, and Thomas Rheaume, Assistant City Attorney

MINUTES – MARCH 13, 2017

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of March 13, 2017 for approval, as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Arora, to approve the minutes of March 13, 2017, as presented.

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMENDATIONS

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the commendations for the Public Safety Officers on the recommendation by the Department of Public Safety.

Director Poloni presented Department Commendations to:

Public Safety Officer Paul Pionk  
Public Safety Officer Brady Baetens  
Dispatcher Jill Mazzara  
Public Safety Officer Thomas Lazarski

Director Poloni presented Public Safety Officer Daniel Kolar with the Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding effort.

Director Poloni presented Public Safety Officer Erik Davis the Life Saving Award.

Mayor Denner congratulated Public Safety Officers Paul Pionk, Brady Baetens, Thomas Lazarski, Daniel Kolar, and Erik Davis, and Dispatcher Jill Mazzard for their outstanding police work.

Director Poloni presented Officer James Vogler with the Monsignor Kohler Community Service Award. This award is presented to a law enforcement officer, currently on an ATPA-funded team, who is involved in crime prevention initiatives in the community. A \$1,500.00 award will be provided to the community for investigative training, supplies and/or equipment.

Mayor Denner congratulated the officers receiving awards for their outstanding law enforcement work.

#### 850 ELLAIR PLACE – LOT SPLIT

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the proposed lot split for 850 Ellair Place.

City Manager stated the existing lot is 200 feet wide and the owner of the property is requesting the lot be split to two 100 foot lots. Letters in opposition from surrounding neighbors have been received.

Residents expressed concern that the proposed land use would generate traffic on a private road and a significantly detriment the public good.

Councilmember Clark stated he served on the Council when the Morrison Estate established the existing size lots. Lake frontage lots were commensurate that are somewhat contiguous and the intent was to not over- develop this area. Also he noted, a prior lot request was made for the estate but not approved.

City Manager stated this request is not necessarily a variance, but a request for a lot split.

Councilmember Detwiler stated the residents in close proximity think that reduction of the lot size will devalue the neighborhood and property values.

City Manager stated letters have been delivered in opposition to the lot split at 850 Ellair Place.

Councilmember Grano inquired if there is a specific reason two lots cannot be developed.

The petitioner stated he purchased the 200 foot lot with the intention of splitting the lot and building two homes.

Mayor Denner stated it is the right of the petitioner to ask for a lot split, however it is the up to the Council to consider it.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Robson, to deny the request for a lot split from the existing 200 foot lot to two 100 foot lots at 850 Ellair Place.

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

NAYS: None

#### ALLEY VACATION

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration vacating an 18' section of the alley located off Wayburn and Mack to facilitate the establishment of Huntington bank branch.

City Manager stated there are two abandoned alleyways that are within the site development area. The City and Huntington Bank are under contract to develop a banking center that will serve area

homeowners and businesses from Grosse Pointe Park and the City of Detroit. Mayor and Council action is required to permit the vacation of the alleys to allow for the development to take place.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Chouinard, to approve the alley vacation at Mack and Wayburn to allow for the redevelopment of a banking center.

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

NAYS: None

RE-MARSITING/HEATER-ZERO DEPTH POOL – WINDMILL POINTE PARK  
SPLASH PAD RECONSTRUCTION – PATTERSON PARK

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the quotes received for the re-marsiting/heater for the zero depth pool at Windmill Pointe Park and the reconstruction of the splash pad at Patterson Park.

The bids received for the re-marsiting of the zero depth pool are as follows:

B & B Pools and Spas	\$ 45,800.00
Clearwater Pools & Service of Ann Arbor, Inc.	15,495.00

The proposals received for the heater for the zero depth pool are as follows:

Hartford & Ratliff Co.	\$ 8,963.00
Paul's Refrigeration, Inc.	12,600.00
B & B Pools and Spas	26,400.00

The proposals received for the splash pad reconstruction are as follows:

Penchura, L.L.C.	\$ 34,950.50
Miracle Midwest	No Bid Received

The Administration recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder Clearwater Pools in the amount of \$15,495.00 for the remarsiting of the zero depth pool.

The Administration recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder Hartford & Ratliff Co. in the amount of \$8,963.00 for the heater for the zero depth pool.

The Administration a recommends the bid is awarded to Penchura, L.L.C. in the amount of \$34,950.50 for the splash pad reconstruction.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Arora, to approve of the low bidders for the re-marsiting/heater for the zero depth pool and the reconstruction of the splash pad surface.

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

NAYS: None

## RECOGNITION OF ARBOR WEEK

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration recognition of Arbor Day on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

WHEREAS, Mayor Denner, City Council and Members of the Beautification Commission have established the day of April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day, and

WHEREAS, the Beautification Commission in recognition of Arbor Day has established an Arbor Day Poster Contest for area fourth grade students, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the awards is to promote community awareness and involvement in Arbor Day by the students as well as an appreciation of the many benefits of trees, now, therefore, be it so:

RESOLVED, that Mayor Denner, City Council, and Members of the Beautification Commission hereby recognize the day of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as Arbor Day.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Chouinard to approve of a resolution recognizing April 28, 2017, as Arbor Day.

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

NAYS: None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee:

Councilmember Robson apprised the Council and those present of issues relating to the Public Safety.

Training: Plans are to increase training, with an initial focus on accident investigation, evidence technology, arson investigation and emergency vehicle operations.

Community Outreach: Plans are to increase Community Outreach, including CPR training for citizens, a free gun lock program, security surveys for Park businesses, and for Craig's List transactions to be conducted at the Department of Public Safety lobby. Nixle usage has been increased.

Smart 911 service. Smart 911 service will be available to citizens sometime this year. Smart 911 allows subscribers to input profile information that can assist call takers during a 911 call; (family members, pets, health status, and vehicle information).

Mayor Denner thanked Councilmember Robson for his report.

FINANCE REPORT – FEBRUARY and MARCH, 2017

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented to Mayor and Council for consideration the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the months of February, and March, 2017, for approval as presented:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Bodman, PLC	Pros. Attorney & retainer fee	\$ 10,000
Great Lakes Water Authority	December & January water service	209,554
Green for Life Recycle	January- Recycling	11,298
Green for Life Refuse	January- Refuse	33,883
Grosse Pointe Clinton Refuse	January refuse collection	8,177
Great Lakes Water Authority	January – waste water	135,500
Ford Motor Company	2 Public Safety vehicles	18,796
PMI Inspections	December Inspections	12,827
J & W Artisans	Leaf hauling and trims	20,075
Bodman, PLC	Pros. Attorney & retainer fee	10,000
Green for Life Recycle	Feb. & March - Recycling	26,233
Green for Life Refuse	Feb. & March - Refuse	40,800
Stantec Consulting	Asset Mgmt SRF app & consulting	32,343
Great Lakes Water Authority	February waste water treatment	135,500
Great Lakes Water Authority	January water	108,804
Grosse Pointe Clinton Refuse	January & February, and Feb tonnage	20,825

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

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

NAYS: None

CLOSED DOOR SESSION

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

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

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

NAYS: None

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Grano announced there will be a Public Service Committee Meeting Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. within the Council Chambers.

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

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