

COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park City Council was held on Monday, September 25, 2017, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Robson and Detwiler

MINUTES – AUGUST 28, 2017

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of the August 28, 2017 meeting for approval, as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Chouinard, supported by Councilmember Clark, to approve the minutes of August 28, 2017 meeting as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Robson and Detwiler

FIRE PUMPER

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the acquisition for a fire pumper for the Department of Public Safety.

Director Poloni stated the existing pumper is a 1986 and parts are no longer available. The average life of a pumper is between 20 and 25 years. The pumper from Apollo Fire in the amount of \$443,000 is sufficient to the needs of the Public Safety Department and recommended acquisition and noted others were considered and based on price and desired options, the Sutphen model would serve Grosse Pointe Park best.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Clark, to approve the acquisition of a fire pumper in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Robson and Detwiler

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RECREATION:

Councilmember Arora stated the Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 and reported the following:

- GPP Mutant Swim Team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Atrium is underway in the next several weeks
- Halloween in the park is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m.
- Improvements at both parks are underway
- Park attendees at Windmill Pointe Park was 116,000 and 25,000 at Patterson Park during the summer months
- Movie schedule times have been updated
- Pond at Patterson Park will be converted to an ice rink November 15, 2017

Councilmember Clark stated he has received complaints from parents of a slippery surface at the baby pool.

City Manager stated that when a surface is remarsited, it creates a slippery surface during the initial months.

### BEAUTIFICATION:

Councilmember Chouinard stated the Beautification Commission met Wednesday, September 13, 2017 and reported the following:

- The Commission is actively working on the Beautification Awards
- Fall perennial exchange has been canceled
- Daffodil bulbs will be available for sale at City hall
- City Forrester, Brian Colter is preparing a tree inventory of all city trees

## CLOSED DOOR SESSION

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

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

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Robson and Detwiler

## NEW AND OLD BUSINESS

#### SEWER BACKUP:

Resident of Kensington stated he has been a resident for 35 years and experienced two floods in the past two years. He inquired if the system is operating appropriately.

City Manager stated the rains experienced in the last two years have produced an exceptional amount of rain. He stated the City continues to further dry out the system.

City Manager stated there may have been roots in the lines which limited the flow. He noted a back flow preventer could be installed to further safeguard from sewer back-up.

Mayor Denner stated the City is working to upgrade the system, downspout disconnects and finding infiltration into the storm system. There was too much flow in a short period of time with these exceptional large rain events.

#### BARRINGTON:

Resident of Barrington inquired of the construction on the street.

City Manager stated the smoke testing determined rain water from the Barrington parking lot is flowing into the sanitary lines and the public works department has re-routed the lines. The parking lot is now completely separated.

#### VERNOR & CHARLEVOIX PAVING:

Resident stated he observed patches on Vernor have been repaired and inquired when the entire street will be completed, as well as Charlevoix and Kercheval. He also stated many of the curbs in the community are in poor condition and inquired why they are not being replaced when the road is paved.

City Manager stated the millage covered the local street paving only, and did not include curb replacement or major roads. The existing millage could be extended and reduced to provide funding to accomplish repaving all streets, and curbs.

#### NIXLE:

Resident of Trombley indicated an incident in the area took place last week and she inquired why NIXLE did not update it immediately and inquired how much does the City pay for this service.

Director Poloni stated the City does not pay anything for NIXLE. It is not used at real time. The department does not have the manpower to update information immediately. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

#### LABOR CONTRACTS

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark to direct the City Manager to pursue talks as discussed.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Robson and Detwiler

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.