

COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 12, 2018

7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park City Council was held on Monday, March 12, 2018, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following were present: Councilmembers Read, Detwiler, 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 Clark, Chouinard, and Robson

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of February 12, 2018, meeting for approval.

Motion by Councilmember Read, supported by Mayor Denner, to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018 as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Read, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Clark, Chouinard, and Robson

2017 ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Director Poloni presented the 2017 annual report and stated index crimes decreased 20% from 228 to 182 in 2017. Car thefts decreased in half from 31 to 14. Fire and ambulance runs increased from the prior year.

Councilmember Grano commended the entire Department.

Mayor Denner thanked Director Poloni for the annual report and noted his appreciation.

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS

Mayor Denner and Director Poloni presented awards to the public safety personnel for their exceptional performance while on duty.

Department Commendation:

PSO Robert Ruggero
Dispatcher Dawn Kelly
Dispatcher Jodi East

Life Saving Award:

PSO Brady Baetens
PSO Steven Thiel
PSO Kevin Remus
PSO Scott Gilchrist

Chief's Letter:

Sgt. Terry Hays
Lt. Alan Gwyn – GP DPS
PSO Ryan Milroth
PSO Thomas Card
PSO Kevin Remus

Mayor Denner stated he receives many compliments from city residents regarding the professionalism of the public safety officers. He thanked them for their efforts.

AFTER 6 ON KERCHEVAL

Mayor Denner presented to Council a request for renewal of the annual license requirement for the after 6 on Kercheval events.

Director Poloni stated this license is for temporary events serving beer and wine.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Detwiler, to approve of the temporary license required for the City After 6 on Kercheval events scheduled for June 23, July 28, and August 25 which allows the sale of beer and wine.

AYES: Councilmembers Read, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Clark, Chouinard, and Robson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Commission:

Councilmember Read provided a brief overview of the recent Beautification Commission meeting held on March 7th.

- Discussion on volunteer opportunities, Brian Colter will handle such inquiries
- 34th year Grosse Pointe Park has been named Tree City USA
- 14th year Grosse Pointe Park has been awarded the Growth Award, Grosse Pointe Park is one of only five communities in the state to achieve this distinction.

- Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe City were recognized for their joint effort sharing the forester and the accompanying savings of \$20,000 was allocated to the tree budget. Grosse Pointe Park was also awarded points for cooperation/collaboration with the City of Detroit, Wayne County and DTE.
- The next Beautification meeting is scheduled for April 12th.

Recreation Commission:

Mayor Denner provided a brief overview of the Recreation Commission meeting held on February 28th.

- Seawall repairs underway and will be done by April 15th and it came in on budget
- Finalizing work on electrical bumper blocks within the marina
- Ice skating rink scheduled to operate until March 12th
- Helicopter drop of marshmallows and golden eggs for the annual Easter egg hunt scheduled for March 24th There will be two age groups; 1 through 5, and 6 and up
- Working on new garage at Windmill Pointe Park
- Spring decorating to begin March 15th
- Park Market opening date June 2nd
- Chilly Festival held on January 13 was a big success, between 800 and 900 in attendance
- Lunch with Santa had 95 kids in attendance

FINANCE REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2018

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented to Mayor and Council for the consideration the February invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of February, 2018, as presented.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Bodman, PLC	Pros. Atty. & retainer	\$ 10,000
City of Grosse Pointe Farms	Radio Share July/December	33,356
Ford Motor Credit	2 public safety leases	18,795
Great Lakes Water Authority	December water	106,599
Build Safe Inspection Svc.	City Inspector	13,683
Green for Life-Recycle	February- Recycle	11,470
Green for Life-Refuse	February – Refuse	26,410
Grosse Pointe Clinton Refuse	January refuse disposal	8,229
Great Lakes Water Authority	January – waste water	145,000

Motion by Councilmember Detwiler, supported by Mayor Denner, to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of February, 2018, as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the charter.

AYES: Councilmembers Read, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Clark, Chouinard, and Robson

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

ROADS:

Councilmember Grano stated that GLWA did extensive sewer repair in the 1200 block of Audubon and filled in the area with cold patch while the road has just been resurfaced by Cadillac.

City Manager stated GLWA will provide resurfacing materials to be consistent with the road in the spring.

FOX CREEK ART SCAPE PROJECT:

Councilmember Read stated she is the liaison for the Fox Creek Art Scope Project. They will be providing a pavilion and a community garden. She encouraged everyone to get involved.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT #2 CANDIDATES:

Mr. Willie Bell introduced himself to the Council and stated he will be running for State Representative District #2. He stated public safety is his key focus. He thanked the Council for their time.

Mr. Joe Tate introduced himself to the Council and stated he will also be running for State Representative District #2. He stated he has been a long-term resident of Detroit and after serving in Afghanistan decided to contribute his efforts to the community. He thanked the Council for their time.

UTILITY BILLS:

Resident of Barrington stated the new water bill does not define what the specific charges represent.

Mayor Denner stated that our intention was to provide a bill that makes it easier and we will review the definitions.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

Resident inquired if the Council has scheduled a Planning Commission meeting.

City Manager stated the meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19 and will be posted on the website.

STREET SIGNS:

Resident of Nottingham stated there is only one speed sign on each side of Kercheval from Nottingham all the way to Cadieux.

Director Poloni stated signs have been ordered and should be installed in the next several weeks.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.