

## COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 11, 2018

7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park was held on Monday, June 11, 2018, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

### MINUTES – MAY 7, 2018

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of May 7, 2018 meeting for approval.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Clark, to approve the minutes of May 7, 2018 as presented.

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

NAYS: None

### BEAUMONT HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provided by Beaumont Hospital for the purpose of establishing an ongoing working relationship between Beaumont Hospital and the City of Grosse Pointe Park in the creation of a “Healthy Community”.

Suzy Berschback, Project Manager of Healthy Communities, presented a brief summary of the goals they wish to accomplish.

- Create a systematic approach to health, wellness and healthy lifestyles in the community
- To identify the assets and gaps in wellness of the community
- Create programs and strategies to support health
- Where appropriate and as mutually agreed upon, to jointly seek sources of external support to fund these planned collaborative efforts to address wellness
- Build strong linkages with community partners
- Evaluate and report on program impacts developed through the collaboration
- Identify and develop partnerships with other community resources that can support health and wellness in the community

Ms. Berschback requested the City have a representative present at the monthly meetings.

Councilmember Chouinard inquired if health assessments are part of the program.

Ms. Berschback indicated they are currently not included in the program.

Councilmember Clark inquired if participation places any liability on the City.

City Attorney Levasseur stated it does not create a liability for the City.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Beaumont Health to create a "Healthy Community".

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

NAYS: None

DETROIT AREA ON AGING  
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN  
FISCAL YEAR 2019

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the Detroit Area on Aging Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2019.

City Manager stated the program provides many services to senior citizens and recommends the Council endorse the plan as provided.

Councilmember Robson stated next year, he would like the group to provide a presentation.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Read, to approve the Detroit Area on Aging Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2019.

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

NAYS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENT

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the re-appointments of the current Planning Commission members.

Councilmember Read stated four of the five re-appointments term does not expire until September and prefers voting for those four members at that time. She also stated that there were no term limits on the website and the term dates should be included.

Councilmember Detwiler agreed that the website is not clear and we should update members that are up for re-appointment.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Robson, to re-appoint Mark McCourt to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring July 1, 2021.

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

NAYS: None

#### REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Mayor Denner presented to Council, strictly for information purposes only, the Regional Transit Authority request for millage of 1.5 mills on the November ballot. If approved, this would cost Grosse Pointe Park taxpayers in taxes approximately \$900,000.

Several residents expressed opposition to the proposal.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Commission:

Councilmember Read presented a brief overview of the Beautification Commission activities from the meeting held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Lindell Lodge at Patterson Park. She noted the commission will not be meeting in July and August, but the teams will focus on surveying their areas for nominations for beautification awards.

Councilmember Read stated that Janet Peplin, Chairperson thanked the Commissioners who helped make the Arbor Week contest another success, spearheaded by Pat Deck. The plant exchange, organized by Dee Cimini was very successful. There were many participants and, this year, included face painting for the children.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### FINANCE REPORT – MAY, 2018

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of May, 2018, for approval as presented.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Bodman, PLC	Pros. Atty. & retainer fee	\$ 10,000
Build Safe Inspection Services	Building Inspector	12,849
D.F. Best Company	Marina Dock electrical repair	35,980
Kennedy Industries	Storm pump	157,025
Build Safe Land Company	Labor & material for HVAC – WPP	39,500
Aquatic Source	Pool chemicals	8,050
Green for Life	Recycling for May	11,470
Green for Life	Rubbish for May	35,577
Wayne County	Permit for Mack Ave streetscape phase 2	10,975
Great Lakes Water Authority	Water usage March	108,384
DTE Energy	Relocation of streetlights	14,063

Motion by Councilmember Detwiler, supported by Councilmember Read, to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of May, 2018, as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter

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

NAYS: None

#### CLOSE DOOR SESSION

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

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

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

NAYS: None

#### NEW/OLD BUSINESS

##### Road Millage:

Mayor Denner presented to those present the intention of the Council to extend the road millage at a reduced rate. He noted the last collection for millage at 1.75 mills is December, 2018 for local roads. This specific millage restricted major roads, alleys, and city owned parking lots. The majority of the local roads have been resurfaced. Would seek to continue collecting road funds at a reduced amount.

The intent of the Council is to request a road millage from the current 1.75 mills to 1.00 mills and the first collection would be December, 2019, for a period of fifteen years. He noted the administration is reviewing which roads need to be resurfaced as well as prioritizing alleys, and city owned parking lots. The Council suggested placing the ballot question on the November ballot because it is a State election and many voters make an effort to vote in this type of an election.

##### Lawrence Gannan:

Mr. Gannan introduced himself to the Council stating he will be running for a Democratic seat for State Senate. He stated he has been a Grosse Pointe Park resident for twenty-four years and offered to meet anyone who is interested.

##### Stop signs:

City Manager stated there is a four way stop at Lakepointe under a temporary traffic control.

##### SMART Renewal:

Resident apprised the Council of the SMART millage renewal on the ballot in August for 1.00 mill. He urged the Pointes to get together with SMART and negotiate more services for the Grosse Pointe residents.

##### Resurfacing:

Resident of Barrington stated he has noticed deterioration on Barrington Street and the City should request a larger stone in the asphalt process.

City Manager stated that the contractor is aware of this problem and is going to repair it. He also stated the size of the stone when the concrete is mixed has been upgraded.

Traffic signs:

Resident stated signage is not being complied with, drivers don't comply when stopping at a stop sign and requested a four-way traffic stop at Essex and Pemberton. He stated this is a safety issue for children, walkers, and bikers.

City Manager stated he would refer the matter to Public Safety.

Round about

Resident stated the recently planted trees in the round about are too big and the area needs to be cleaned up.

Mayor Denner stated the administration and City of Detroit have been meeting to reconfigure that whole area and we don't know what the outcome will be yet, too early to discuss specifics and this is a transition period.

Street flooding:

Resident of Trombley stated with the last big storm there were so many seeds from the trees that it blocked the catch basin which caused the street to flood. He inquired if the engineers have undertaken studies to determine if there is something underground that could handle this type of issue.

City Manager stated he would review this issue with the engineers.

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

The meeting reconvened to open door session.

#### LITIGATION MATTERS

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to authorize the City Attorney to proceed on litigations matters as discussed in closed door session with a cost not to exceed \$7,500.

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

NAYS: None

#### FEMA RESOLUTION – OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the adoption of the required FEMA Resolution for the Operational and Maintenance Plan.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the adoption of a Community Flood Plain Operational and Management Plan is required of the City Council, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Grosse Pointe Park has provided for the protection of the community from flooding through the Fox Creek levy and the City's storm water sewer system and Fox Creek levy, and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency requirement that the City of Grosse Pointe Park must establish and maintain an operation and management plan for all flood control devices along the community's storm water infrastructure, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Grosse Pointe Park has developed such plans in accordance with the code of federal regulations 44 SECTION 65.10 (c) and (d), and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Mayor and members of City Council at the regular meeting of City Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018, the Mayor and members of City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park hereby accept and adopts the Operational and Maintenance Plan as presented and further directs the administration to ensure such plan requirements are reviewed and implemented in accordance with such plan document requirements.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Mayor Denner, to adopt the required FEMA resolution regarding City's Flood Emergency Operation and Maintenance Plan.

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

NAYS: None

With no further business the meeting adjourned.