

COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 22, 2018

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park was held on Monday, October 22, 2018, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following were present: Councilmembers Read, Chouinard, Robson, and Mayor Pro-tem Clark

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

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Detwiler, Grano, and Mayor Denner

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

Mayor Pro-tem Clark presented to Council for consideration the minutes of September 24, 2018 for approval.

Motion by Councilmember Chouinard, supported by Councilmember Read, to approve the minutes of September 24, 2018 as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Read, Chouinard, Robson, and Mayor Pro-tem Clark

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

**GROSSE POINTE PARK RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZATION  
OPT OUT PROVISION  
(Exemption from the Requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011)**

WHEREAS, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act 152 of 2011, enacted by the legislature of the State of Michigan on September 27, 2011 (“Act”), is intended to limit a public employer’s expenditures for employee medical benefit plans; to provide the power and duties of certain state agencies and officials; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for sanctions; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Act public employees in the State of Michigan are to adopt, by January 1 of each year, provisions providing for a hard cap on employer contributions to employee health care or a cost sharing arrangement by which public employers pay 80% of health care premiums with employees paying the other 20%, and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that public employers choose certain cost-sharing obligations for public employee health insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Act allows that, by a 2/3 vote of its governing body each year, a local unit of government may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act for the next succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Park has historically recognized, in its role as a steward for the public funds entrusted to it, that it must efficiently manage those limited resources and traditionally engages in reviews of employee compensation packages to maximize both employee satisfaction and fiscal responsibility; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, elects to opt out of Public Act 152 of 2011 for the next succeeding year, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Park acknowledges its responsibility to revisit its options and responsibilities under Public Act 152 of 2011 on an annual basis.

City Manager stated the Opt Out provision is provided due to high deductible plans resulting in a substantial savings in the annual premium along with pension concessions on employee benefits through contract negotiations.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Read, to adopt the Opt Out Provision Resolution as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Read, Chouinard, Robson, and Mayor Pro-tem Clark

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Detwiler, Grano, and Mayor Denner

#### 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

Mayor Pro-tem Clark presented to Council for consideration the proposed Council Meeting dates scheduled for 2019. The dates are as follows:

Meeting dates are scheduled for the second or fourth Monday of each month with the exception of the November meeting scheduled for the third Monday to acknowledge Veteran's Day.

January 14, 2019

February 11, 2019

March 11, 2019

April 8, 2019

May 13, 2019

June 10, 2019

July 8, 2019

August 26, 2019

September 23, 2019

October 28, 2019

November 18, 2019

December 9, 2019

Motion by Councilmember Read, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the 2019 Council Meeting Schedule as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Read, Chouinard, Robson, and Mayor Pro-tem Clark

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro-tem Clark presented to Council consideration the committee reports for the meetings since the Council last met.

##### Beautification

Councilmember Read provided the following information from the meeting held on October 3rd

- The main focus of the commission meeting was determining final plans for the beautification awards ceremony scheduled for November 8, 2018 at the Tompkins Center
- Perennial exchange was held on October 6, 2018, at the Tompkins Center
- City forester reported that effective October 1, 2018 the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development repealed its Emerald Ash Borer Interior Quarantine
- Daffodil bulbs are available for purchase at the front desk at city hall
- Next meeting is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, prior to the awards ceremony. The commission will address its slate of officers at that time

##### Planning Commission

Mayor Pro-tem Clark provided the following information from the Planning Commission meeting held on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

- Review of the Master Plan is underway and a sub-committee comprised of the Planning Commission: Malik Goodwin, Michael Fikany, and Chairman, David Gaskin. The task of the sub-committee is to review the present Master Plan, tour the city and make such recommendations to the Planning Commission as deemed necessary to update the Master Plan in all respects, to ultimately invite the public input and suggestions; and to bring such final recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval
- Child care petitioner was present at the meeting. The Council denied the variance and the Planning Commission noted as additional information is available, the Planning Commission recommended the Council revisit the matter.

Councilmember Read stated the childcare petitioner plans on presenting it to the Council at the November meeting. Councilmember Robson recommended the filing fee be waived.

#### NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Read stated the Finance Report was listed on the preliminary agenda and not included in the agenda provided to Council.

Mayor Pro-tem Clark stated that Council for Finance Detwiler is absent and requested the Finance Report be placed on the next agenda.

Councilmember Read stated the Council will encourage public engagement and citizen input at the meetings for the sub-committee for the Master Plan development.

#### ROADS:

Councilmember Read inquired as to the status of the street resurfacing program.

City Manager stated the contractor is behind due to labor disputes and weather conditions however, the labor disputes have been resolved and the contractor is working diligently with the original plans for paving and whatever roads do not get resurfaced this year, will be completed next spring.

City Manager stated there is a map on the city website highlighting streets to be undertaken.

#### MASTER PLAN:

Pemberton resident recommended there be an email contact so those interested in providing information on the Master Plan. Manager noted Nick will add a list for input to the community on the website for committee members.

#### AirB&B:

Beaconsfield resident expressed concern over the AirB&B rentals.

Mayor Pro-tem Clark stated that it is a growing area of concern. He noted the landlord tenant requirements are required and currently there are approximately eight to ten homes that serve as an AirB&B. He noted the Ordinance Review Committee and Planning Commission are reviewing this very issue.

Councilmember Read stated she learned at the MML conference, a company called Host Compliance assists city's with regulations on AirB&B rentals.

#### FAIRFAX MARKET:

Resident stated the business operator of Fairfax Market has indicated he is seeking to purchase the house directly next door to increase the size of the store and inquired the status.

City Manager stated the business operator has scheduled a meeting for next week which is all the information available at this time.

#### LIGHTING CONCERN:

Resident of Harcourt inquired as to the status of the outside light on Jefferson that he contends glares into his window.

Mayor Pro-tem Clark stated a lighting ordinance will be addressed by the Ordinance Review Committee to clarify our regulations on the matter.

#### FLOODING:

Grand Marais resident inquired as to the status of the street flooding. She stated she would like to be an ambassador to the residents for information on flooding.

City Manager stated many of the rainstorms have been intense and create flooded streets. He recommended to residents to disconnect the downspouts and, if possible, during a rain storm make sure the catch basins are clear of debris.

City Attorney stated the flooding issue is currently in litigation, therefore, cannot be discussed in open session.

Bishop resident inquired if there someone he can talk to about the flooding he is experiencing in his home. He noted he has been a homeowner since May and his basement has had water on several occasions.

He inquired if the City is planning on updating the infrastructure to eliminate the flooding into basements.

City Manager stated the Public Service Commission will be meeting and it will be a topic of discussion at the meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### BUS CONCERN:

Pemberton resident expressed concern over the safety issue of the buses traveling on Jefferson. She stated it is extremely difficult to turn left onto Jefferson from Pemberton. She also stated the landscape on the boulevard on Jefferson hinders visibility to drivers and is a safety issue.

City Attorney recommended she consider using Alter Road to make the turn onto Jefferson which he undertakes daily.

#### ROADS:

Barrington resident inquired if it is the intent to repair asphalt on Barrington street, north of Essex this fall.

City Manager stated it is scheduled to be completed this fall.

#### STATE SENATE CANDIDATE:

Lisa Papas introduced herself to the Council stating she is running for State Senate Candidate, District No. 2. Her basis of platform is education, great lakes and helping small businesses.

Mayor Pro-tem Clark thanked Ms. Papas for taking the time to introduce herself to Council.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

