

MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB, 17150 WATERLOO, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ON MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Boettcher, Council Members Parthum, Stempfle, Tomkowiak, Walsh, Williams

In Attendance: City Manager Dame, Attorney Kennedy, City Clerk Arthurs, Finance Director Kleinow, Public Safety Director Poloni, Public Service Director Randazzo, and Parks and Recreation Director Hardenbrook.

Motion by Council Member Williams, second by Council Member Walsh, to excuse Council Member Turnbull from the meeting for personal reasons.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

The Mayor then led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SETTING THE AGENDA

City Manager Dame indicated that Mr. and Mrs. DeIBene, owners of 10 Sycamore Lane, have withdrawn their application to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Item No. 5 – Public Hearing, Zoning Board of Appeals will be removed from the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Williams, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:

1. Minutes from the regular Council Meeting held on March 18, 2019
2. Invoices
 - a) GFL - Recycling, April 2019, \$5,782
 - b) Great Lakes Water Authority - Sewage Disposal, March 2019, \$74,100
 - c) City of Grosse Pointe Farms - Water Purchased, 1/1/19 – 3/31/19, \$94,220.04
 - d) DTE Energy - New DPW Building, March 2019, \$57,788.77
 - e) Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc.
- 2019 Resurfacing Program, 2/4/19 – 3/3/19, \$16,744
 - f) Revize, LLC – Website redesign, March 2019, \$9,000
 - g) McGraw Morris P.C. - Legal Services, February 2019, \$15,775.93
 - h) Art Tucker Inc. - Sewer Work, March 2019, \$7,346.47
3. Approval of Resolution for National Arbor Day, as submitted.
4. Resolution. Be it resolved, that a public hearing on the proposed City of Grosse Pointe 2019-2020 Budget is set for Monday, May 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Neighborhood Club.
5. Approval of Special Event Request for the Grosse Pointe Pride March on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 10:00 am.
6. Approval of Special Event Request for the Grosse Pointe-Farms-City Little League parade on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 10:00 am.
7. Approval of Special Event Request for the Marais Movie Night in The Village on
8. Approval of the Metro Act Permit Extension with AT&T.

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PUBLIC HEARING – SINGLE LOT ASSESSMENTS

Mayor Boettcher opened the Public Hearing regarding 2019 single lot assessments.

Finance Director Kleinow made the following report:

The City of Grosse Pointe provides for the collection of delinquent water and sewage charges in Section 48 of the Grosse Pointe City Charter. Section 1.15 of the Grosse Pointe City Code directs the City Assessor to prepare a Single Lot Assessment Roll of such delinquent charges and for any expenses incurred by the City in providing other services, together with a penalty of 10%. The unpaid charges and penalties are then considered a lien against the property and are placed on the 2019 City tax bill for collection. Informational notices were mailed on February 27, 2019 to all property owners with delinquent charges. A complete list of these unpaid charges was submitted to Council. A public hearing is required on the roll before it can be assessed.

Mayor Boettcher asked for public comment. Hearing no public comment, Mayor Boettcher declared public comment closed.

Motion by Council Member Stempfle, second by Council Member Parthum, to approve the Single Lot Assessment Roll as submitted.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

BID AWARD – 2019 ROAD RESURFACING

Public Service Director Randazzo made the following report:

The City of Grosse Pointe published a bid opportunity for the 2019 Road Program and opened bids on Monday, March 11, 2019. Two bids were received. The lowest bidder is Florence Cement Co. AEW has determined that Florence Cement Co is qualified to carry out this project, as they have carried out the City's road program previously in 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2018; along with the resurfacing of Kercheval from Neff to Fisher in 2007. AEW has also worked with them on numerous similar projects in other communities and find Florence Cement qualified to perform the work being considered. As with the road project last year, sewer related repairs will also be undertaken before the road is resurfaced. Those costs again will be covered by Water and Sewer Funds.

The 2019 project will include all of Maumee except the block between Neff and St. Clair next to City Hall. The 2019 project also includes the block of Lincoln between Jefferson and Maumee and the asphalt area on Lincoln just north of Maumee. While there has to be a preconstruction meeting to set the schedule, the project is estimated to begin in June. The final part of this year's road projects is the block of Charlevoix between Cadieux and Loraine; which is being bid out as part of the City of Grosse Pointe Park's Cadieux Road project by MDOT, with an estimated cost of \$85,000 including construction oversight.

The cost of the \$741,921 component of the bid is within the estimated budget amount in the Road Improvement Fund and will be covered by the special road millage approved in 2014. The other costs, noted in the presentation dated April 11, 2019, were discussed and it was noted that sufficient funding is available for the other resurfacing work.

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Stempfle, to award the bid for the 2019 Road Program to Florence Cement Co. with a final contract amount of up to \$50,000 in contingency for base repairs as determined necessary.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PURCHASE OF REFUSE VEHICLE

Public Service Director Randazzo made the following report:

City staff researched new truck and chassis manufacturers and concluded the 2019 Freightliner would be the most suitable replacement for an aging 2003 International truck, with a Leach 25-yard rear loading rubbish packer that has exceeded its useful life. The new Freightliner will serve as a garbage and snow plow truck. The City is able to purchase the Freightliner cab and chassis from Wolverine Freightliner of Dearborn, MI, which was competitively bid through the Rochester Hills led CO-OP along with 39 other municipalities, in the amount of \$96,987. The Leach rear loading packer body will be purchased from Fredrickson Supply Company, LLC of Grand Rapids MI, through Sourcewell, formerly NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance), a national procurement agency for public entities, in the amount of \$80,870.

It was noted that there will be a five-year, 100,000-mile warranty on the vehicle. A snow plow is estimated to cost no more than \$15,000, which would bring the total cost for the vehicle under the \$200,000 budgeted amount.

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Williams, to purchase a 2019 Freightliner truck and chassis from Wolverine Freightliner for \$96,987 and the Leach rear loading packer body from Fredrickson Supply, LLC for \$80,870; for a total of \$177,857.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Service Director Randazzo updated Council on the status of the DPW facility project and ongoing Fisher Road streetscape project. Parks and Recreation Director Hardenbrook reported the Spring Egg Hunt will take place on April 18 at 5:00 pm at Neff Park and on ongoing preparations for the opening of the bathhouse and pool. City Clerk Arthurs reported that Project Bloom garden sponsorship renewal letters were mailed and plantings dates are being determined for mid-May and early June, which will be advertised on the City website. Volunteers to plant flowers are needed. City Manager Dame advised Council that, per charter requirements, a draft budget is submitted for Council review and if there are comments or questions, to contact the Manager or Finance Director prior to the budget hearing in May.

COUNCIL COMMENT

The City Council commented on the following topics:

- Appreciation to staff during the facility construction projects.
- Update on the analysis of proposed City website redesign options.
- The importance of developing and determining goals and a vision, for the coming year and beyond, with regard to what the Council wants the Village to look like. It is important that the Council focus and provide more attention to this matter, as a consultant cannot tell us what the Council wants. It was further noted that the goals and objectives of the Master Plan will be revisited and that the MainStreet training program, through the State of Michigan, will help the Council establish what is wanted and provide a process to go about attaining it. This topic will be addressed by Council in the coming months.
- Appreciation to Dave Gilbert of Marais and the Wayne County Community College Board of Trustees for working collectively to create a Movie Night for residents on May 17.
- Concern about possible school and school administration building closings being considered by the Grosse Pointe Public Schools Board of Trustees.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe