

**MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 17145 MAUMEE AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009.**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Scrace, Council Members Boettcher, Stempfle, Stevens, Walsh and Weipert

In Attendance: City Manager Dame, Attorneys Fildew and Kennedy, City Clerk Arthurs, Assistant City Manager Fincham, Finance Director Johnson, Public Safety Director Fox and City Planner Jackson.

Motion by Council Member Stempfle second by Council Member Weipert that Council Member Parthum be excused from the meeting for personal reasons.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

SETTING AGENDA

City Manager Dame requested that a Resolution of Appreciation be added to the agenda. Mayor Scrace stated that the resolution would become Item 4c.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Stempfle second by Council Member Weipert to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:

1. Minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on November 16, 2009.
2. Invoices
 - a) Plante & Moran, PLLC - Professional Services, \$8,340
 - b) Rio Supply Michigan Meter, Inc.
 - Water Meter Replacement, \$6,448.20
 - Water Meter Replacement, \$13,978
 - Water Meter Replacement, \$65,820
 - Water Meter Replacement, \$10,159.70
 - Water Meter Replacement, \$12,220
 - Water Meter Replacement, \$10,580.80
 - c) Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund
 - Quarterly Policy Premium, \$22,261.00
 - d) Grosse Pointe War Memorial - PEG Fees, \$5,558.42
 - e) Rizzo Services - Curbside Recycling, November, 2009, \$5,616
 - f) Indian Summer Recycling - Compost Disposal, November, 2009, \$7,192.80
 - g) City of Detroit, Board of Water Commissioners
 - Sewage Disposal Services, October, 2009, \$103,026.34
 - h) North American Salt Company - Purchase of Road Salt, \$8,311.56
 - i) Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc.
 - Professional Services, St. Clair Resurfacing – Waterloo to Mack, \$12,830.76
 - j) Rodwan Consulting Company - Actuarial & Consulting Services, \$6,800
 - k) Jasper Engines & Transmissions Exchange, Inc. - Vehicle Repair, \$9,741
3. Approval of the appointment of Monica McGaugh, Democratic member and Dennis Cavanaugh, Republican member to the Grosse Pointe Board of Canvassers, terms expire 2013.
4. Approval of the Resolution establishing the 2010 Council meeting date schedule.

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PRESENTATION BY KROGER COMPANY

Chris Rodgers of the Real Estate Department and Adam Crane of the Engineering Department from the Kroger Company presented Council with revised plans for the demolition and construction of a Kroger store at the existing location in the Village. Mr. Rodgers noted that the elevation plans, which are architecturally similar to the plan previously submitted, now reflect a one-story building with a higher façade to allow more natural light and create aesthetic appeal. A parking garage is not proposed. Council discussion took place regarding the elevation plans. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Crane answered various Council questions regarding the parking lot and size of the parking spaces, what the expected increase in shoppers will be for the newly renovated store, improvements in customer service and store selection, slight increase in the store square footage and the demolition and construction development schedule. It was requested that the construction development schedule be submitted as soon as possible. Mr. Rodgers plans to submit plans for Council review at its January 2010 meeting and if approvals are granted, demolition is estimated to begin in April 2010, with a store grand opening in December 2010. Further discussion took place regarding the importance of early submittals for proper plan review due to the upcoming holiday season and earlier meeting date in January. Council thanked Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Crane for their update.

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG 2010 FUND ALLOCATION

Assistant City Manager Fincham made the following report:

A public hearing has been set for the proposed 2010 Community Development Block Grant projects for 2010. Final reprogramming amounts are subject to the approval of Wayne County and the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. Research was conducted to develop constructive projects to benefit the community that are eligible under HUD rules. Following is a list of the project requests with estimated costs for CDBG consideration:

<u>2010 Proposed Programming Projects</u>	
ADA Pedestrian Ramp Improvements	\$41,890
SOC (Public Service)	\$11,210
SOC Minor Home Repair (Housing Rehab)	\$30,000
Administration	<u>\$ 5,900</u>
Total	\$89,000

Mayor Scrace asked for public comment on the proposed programming for 2010 CDBG funds. Hearing no comment, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

Motion by Council Member Weipert second by Council Member Stevens that 2010 Proposed Programming Projects as listed above be approved and the applications be submitted to Wayne County for authorization.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – KRIS R. PFAEHLER

Mayor Scrace stated that Kris Pfaehler decided not to seek re-election and retire from the City Council after four years of service. A resolution of appreciation has been drafted recognizing his service.

Motion by Council Member Weipert second by Council Member Stevens that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Kris R. Pfaehler has faithfully served the citizens of the City of Grosse Pointe as City Council Member since 2005;

WHEREAS, Council Member Pfaehler served as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, and has also served as City Council Representative to the Finance Committee and City Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Pfaehler worked diligently with fellow Council Members and civic groups on many projects such as the progressive development of Kercheval Place in the Village, the construction of a new City

parking structure, the planning and development of City parking lots 2 and 3 north of Kercheval Avenue into a mixed use development and the creation of the Grosse Pointe Downtown Development Authority as well as many other routine but important Council decisions that resulted in lasting achievements for the City of Grosse Pointe and it's citizens; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Pfaehler will now retire from Council in October 2009; but, he will always be known for his financial expertise, sound advice, logical thinking and commitment to Grosse Pointe; now therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, City Council and the citizens of the City of Grosse Pointe do hereby extend their most grateful appreciation to Kris R. Pfaehler for his outstanding community service and extend their best wishes to Kris, Ruth and their family for much success and continued happiness.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Fox apprised Council of a fire incident in the City and a police chase the ended in arrests being made in Detroit. He also stated that a large number of gifts for the troops were received, processed and shipped overseas. Parks and Recreation Director Hardenbrook updated the Council on the status of the ice rinks, and platform tennis courts. City Manager Dame indicated that City may obtain additional federal money for road improvements because the City has a project ready to proceed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The City Council commented on the following topics:

- Appreciation was expressed to City Manager Dame for being proactive in establishing the Ad Hoc Citizen Budget Committee.
- Library presentation will take place at the January 2010 Council meeting.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe