

**MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS, 17145 MAUMEE AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ON  
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011.**

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, Public Service Director Weitzel, and Public Safety Director Fox.

Motion by Council Member Weipert second by Council Member Walsh to excuse Council Member Parthum from the meeting for personal reasons.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of the minutes from the regular City Council meetings held May 9 and May 16, 2011, from the special City Council meeting held June 6, 2011, and the corrected closed session minutes from May 9, 2011.
- b. Invoices
  1. Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal – Refuse disposal, March 2011 \$6,195.02
  2. Business Communication Systems, Inc. – Telephone equipment, \$7,621.15
  3. Fuelman – Fuel purchased, May 2011, \$6,936.95
  4. Rizzo Services – Curbside recycling, May 2011, \$5,616
  5. Michigan Municipal League – Worker’s Compensation Insur – July-Aug 2011, \$12,262
- c. Approval of engagement letters from Miller Canfield and Bendzinski & Co., for services related to the issuance of 2011 Capital Improvement Bonds for the Mack Avenue Water main project, not to exceed \$20,000.

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PURCHASE OF PARKING SOFTWARE UPGRADE

City Manager Dame made the following report:

Due to changes in credit card industry security standards, it is necessary to upgrade the City’s existing Amano IParc classic software which operates the parking structure and permit payments. The system upgrade will include the new Amano IParc Professional software version 18. Amano McGann will not support the existing IParc Classic software after December 31, 2011. The City’s Parking Department received a quote for updating the existing parking software and equipment from Traffic and Safety, the sole authorized dealer for Amano in this area. The new software can handle additional gated lots in addition to the structure. Listed below are the prices:

<u>Parking Software</u>	Traffic and Safety	\$35,325
	Miscellaneous servers and equipment	<u>\$ 6,675</u>
		\$42,000

Purchase of the parking software and necessary equipment was budgeted for in the 2011-12 budget and will be paid for from the Parking Fund budget’s capital improvement account. Council discussion took place regarding the life span of the software and equipment, included upgrades in the future and if there was a warranty.

Motion by Council Member Stempfle second by Council Member Stevens to approve the purchase of the parking software upgrade and the necessary related equipment from Traffic and Safety not to exceed \$42,000.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

#### CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL APPRAISER FOR LAND VALUATION

City Manager Dame made the following report:

To comply with State requirements for the City's assessment process, a new land values map is needed. The total value of each residential property is comprised of a land value along with the value of improvements to that parcel of land. Land values are currently calculated using antiquated factors based on the original platted subdivisions and no longer meet current valuation requirements established by the State Tax Commission.

As an established and predominately residential community, sales of vacant land are virtually non-existent and consequently, in order to meet STC guidelines, the land value for each parcel must be extrapolated from the overall value of the improved property using recent sales. Failure to comply can result in the State appointment of an independent contractor to reappraise the entire City. This has proven to be a costly process in other comparable communities, ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and the entire cost of this appraisal is passed on to the community. This land valuation process is beyond the scope of duties assigned to our current part-time contractual assessor. Therefore it is recommended that the City contract with an outside consultant to calculate land value rates for all residential properties. The City has identified a qualified professional appraiser to perform this work and his proposal was reviewed and discussed.

Motion by Council Member Weipert second by Council Member Walsh to accept the proposal of Matthew Raftary of Romulus, MI, a professional appraiser, to extrapolate residential land values in accordance with State Tax Commission guidelines and produce a new land values map at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

#### BID AWARD – STREET RESURFACING

Public Service Director Weitzel made the following report:

The City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Services is proposing to repair two different street sections in the City to resurface with a one and half inch mill and fill of hot asphalt mix. In addition, one whole block of Lakeland from Maumee to Jefferson will be completely resurfaced and includes some concrete work. A map of the proposed areas to be resurfaced is included. The City of Grosse Pointe went out to bid for this proposal and received the bids listed in the attachment. The City Engineer has researched and reviewed the bidder's qualifications. The lowest qualified bidder is Florence Cement Company of Shelby Twp. The City Engineer's detailed report of the street locations and recommendations was reviewed by Council. The Council finds that the performance/payment bond financial rating specification is a material term of the contract and that the City is not willing to consent to a waiver of this specification. Based on the information provided by the City Engineer and information provided by City staff, and after Council discussion and consideration, the Council finds that Florence Cement is the lowest responsible bidder.

The 2010-2011 budget lists an allocation of \$30,000 for street maintenance which will be used for the two minor project areas and the 2011-2012 budget lists an allocation of \$112,000 for street resurfacing to be used for Lakeland. This \$30,000 amount will be carried forward into FY 2011-12 to pay for the two smaller projects.

Motion by Council Member Stevens second by Council Member Weipert to award the bid to Florence Cement Company for the street resurfacing project at a cost of not to exceed \$142,000.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORITY TO ASSIGN FUND BALANCE UNDER GASB 54

City Manager Dame made the following report:

During the last audit presentation, the city’s auditors discussed the rules for how the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) deals with fund balances will change effective June 30, 2011. The proposed resolution puts the governing body’s imprimatur on the existing authority exercised by the City Manager currently regarding the ability to assign fund balances for specific purposes. Plante & Moran representatives met with City staff last month to review the changes and recommends adopting the following resolution.

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

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 54 – Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, which changes terminology used for fund balance reporting on the balance sheets of Governmental funds; and

WHEREAS, the GASB Statement No. 54 creates the category of “assigned” fund balance, which is used to report amounts constrained by the City of Grosse Pointe’s intent to use the amounts for a specific purpose, but which are neither restricted nor committed as defined by GASB Statement No. 54;

WHEREAS, GASB Statement No. 54 allows governmental entities to designate an official to assign portions of fund balance for specific uses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Grosse Pointe hereby authorizes the City Manager to indicate the City of Grosse Pointe’s intent to assign fund balance for a specific purpose for financial reporting purposes.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anneliese Bajer, Tire Systems Engineering expressed concern about how repairs were made to curbs in the Village. She felt it was inferior work and it looked bad.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety Director reported to Council on several incidents that occurred during the previous week.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Council commented on the following topics:

- Grosse Pointe Foundation classic boat show event to be held at Neff Park on August 4.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk  
City of Grosse Pointe