

**MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 17145 MAUMEE AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN  
ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009.**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Scrace, Council Members Parthum, Stempfle, Walsh and Weipert

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

MOTION by Council Member Parthum second by Council Member Walsh to excuse Council Members Pfaehler and Stevens 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. Minutes from the regular meeting held on February 9, 2009
- b. Invoices
  1. Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. Sewer Metering, S2 Sewer Grant Work, \$5,650.92
    - Waterloo Resurfacing – St. Clair to Waterloo, \$15,778
    - Sewer Cleaning & TV Inspection, S2 Grant Work, \$9,739.05
  2. Tringali Sanitation - Curbside Recycling, January, 2009, \$5,088
  3. North American Salt Company - Purchase of Rock Salt, \$10,383.46
  4. W. Joe Miller - Repair of Fire Truck, \$11,459
  5. Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund - Quarterly Premium, \$19,570
  6. McKenna Associates Inc.
    - Professional Planning Services, \$8,887.75
  7. Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal - Rubbish Disposal, December, 2008, \$8,030.75
  8. City of Detroit, Board of Water Commissioners
    - Sewage Disposal, January, 2009, \$52,513.93
  9. Barton Malow Company
    - Final Payment, Village Municipal Parking Structure, \$246,638.99
- c. Public Hearing date set for single lot assessments for Monday, April 20, 2009.

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – SENATOR MARTHA G. SCOTT

Mayor Scrace introduced Martha G. Scott, State Senator, 2<sup>nd</sup> District. Senator Scott addressed Council regarding the economy in Michigan and the issues she is working on as part of the appropriations committee. Senator Scott stated she continues to work on controlling and lowering the insurance premiums in Michigan. Senator Scott answered various Council questions and stated that she is available during her local meeting times or by appointment if there are any issues that Council would like to discuss. The Council thanked Senator Scott for her attendance and update.

SITE PLAN REVIEW – TREASURE TROVE – 16847 KERCHEVAL AVENUE

Planner Shpargel made the following report:

A review of the proposed awning sign for the existing building at 16847 Kercheval Avenue was completed. The applicant is proposing to install a new Sunbrella fabric awning on the front façade of the store. The awning color

is "Wheat" with black lettering. The proposed awning sign exceeds the maximum permitted 10 sq. ft. and 20% of the awning. However the proposed sign area is consistent with the nearby Sanders sign on the same building which is 11 sq. ft. in area. Therefore, per Section 58-5(d) the City Council could permit the increased sign area. No lighting has been identified. The City Planner recommended the proposed awning sign be permitted subject to approval of the sign area, consistent with Section 58-5(d).

Motion by Council Member Weipert second by Council Member Parthum that the site plan for Treasure Trove, 16847 Kercheval Avenue, be approved as submitted.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

SITE PLAN REVIEW – MRI BUILDING FOR BEAUMONT HOSPITAL GROSSE POINTE

Planner Shpargel made the following report:

The applicant is proposing a one-story expansion to the existing Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe. The proposed expansion is located on the west side of the existing building, adjacent to the emergency center. The expansion is 2,600 sq. ft. and will be used as a permanent modification of a maneuvering lane and sidewalk, and new landscape screening. No additional improvements are proposed to the site. The site is zoned R-1B single family residential, and is also governed by a consent judgment. The proposed expansion will be used for a permanent MRI facility. The existing mobile MRI area will be used for other mobile services. The expansion will require the modification of the existing emergency center parking area, including the elimination of 8 parking spaces and modification of the existing maneuvering lane. The modified layout meets ordinance design requirements. The proposed addition will have a 57.6 ft. setback from Cadieux Road and will be further from the road than the existing building. The addition will be one-story with a height of 11.66 feet. The addition will bring lot coverage for the hospital to 38% within the 45% allowed. The proposed expansion will consist of a brick façade with a brick band and metal coping to match the existing building. No windows are proposed. The proposed rooftop mechanical unit will be screened from off-site. The applicant noted that 36 parking spaces are required to service the emergency center at peak demand. The existing parking lot provides 44 parking spaces and the site plan shows that 8 spaces, allocated to physician parking, are to be removed. The plan shows ten arborvitae will be planted along the west wall of the expansion to help soften the appearance of the façade. A brick screen wall with wood screen gate is proposed south of the expansion to screen the mechanical equipment. No new lighting and signs are proposed.

Representatives from Beaumont Hospital gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the size and style of the MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) equipment to be installed at the proposed building and its benefit to the hospital and its patients. The proposed site plan and its details were discussed and Council questions were answered.

Motion by Council Member Weipert second by Council Member Stempfle that the site plan for Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux Road for an MRI building, be approved as submitted.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PURCHASE OF PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE

Chief Fox made the following report:

Three bid proposals were received for a new 2009 Ford Crown Vic police vehicle. This vehicle will be utilized as a regular patrol vehicle and is a 2005 Ford Crown Vic with 93,000 miles. The bids are as follows:

State of Michigan MiDeal	\$19,557
Macomb Co. – Signature Ford	\$19,790
Oakland Co. – Jorgensen Ford	\$19,800

It was noted that options would be an additional \$1,600 on each bid. The Capital Projects fund includes \$25,000 for the purchase of one patrol vehicle in the 2008-09 budget. Discussion took place regarding wiring for the vehicle lights and battery backup and vehicle color.

Motion by Council Member Stempfle second by Council Member Parthum to approve the purchase of a 2009 Ford Crown Vic in the amount of \$19,557 through MiDeal, Gorno Ford of Woodhaven, MI with \$1,600 in additional options.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE ENGINEERING COSTS FOR RESURFACING ST. CLAIR AND FISHER ROAD

On March 13, the Wayne County Federal Aid Committee met to approve projects for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, otherwise known as the economic stimulus package approved by Congress and signed into law by the President in February.

On the approved list of 2009 economic stimulus projects from the Wayne County Federal Aid Committee is the resurfacing of St. Clair from Waterloo to Mack and a project submitted by Grosse Pointe Farms for Fisher Road from Jefferson to Maumee. The propose stimulus funding for the repaving of St Clair which the City is preparing to complete in the fall of 2009, is in the amount of \$360,000. Unlike typical federally funded projects like Cadieux and Kercheval which require the municipality to pay 20% of the construction, this federal program will cover 100% of the construction costs. As typical, municipalities pay for all of the cost of the engineering, inspections, testing, construction administration and core samples. The estimated engineering related cost to the City is expected to be \$78,690. The Federal Aid Committee also allocated an amount of \$157,798 in grants to cover the construction costs for resurfacing Fisher Road from Jefferson to Maumee. This project was submitted by Grosse Pointe Farms but the City and Farms have historically split the costs of road projects on Fisher. The City's half of the engineering costs are expected to be \$18,305.50. Funds for engineering this project will be charged to the Capital Projects fund as neither of these projects was budgeted in the 2008-09 budget. Based on the estimated construction budget for these projects, the engineering related costs are expected to total \$96,995.50. Council discussion took place regarding the proposed projects and the economic stimulus package. It was requested that the option of a sidewalk on the Farms side of Fisher be reviewed and considered by the engineer as part of the project.

Motion by Council Member Weipert second by Council Member Stempfle to authorize the City Engineer to proceed with plans and specifications for the proposed FY 2009 Economic Stimulus program funding for street resurfacing of St. Clair and Fisher Rd. and to authorize payment for engineering from the available balance of the Capital Projects fund.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PRESENTATION – SPACE NEEDS AND FACILITY STUDY

City Manager Dame made the following report:

An objective of the Council this year was to review the space needs and condition assessment for the Public Safety and Public Works buildings. The Council authorized a contract with French Associates/Redstone Architects in June 2008 to help the City plan for those buildings long-term facility improvements. Since that time, a team of the Public Safety Director, Public Services Director, Assistant City Manager and City Manager have been working with the architectural firm. Both the Public Safety building and the Public Works building's existing conditions were thoroughly documented. The architects conducted interviews and questionnaires with City elected and staff officials to gain insight into the deficiencies in the use of the facilities that inhibit the most efficient and safe operations for these Departments.

Dan Redstone of Redstone Architects and Dan Jerome of French Associates presented the findings of the study and discussed various details of the proposed DPW and DPS plans. Mr. Redstone and Mr. Jerome answered Council questions regarding the facilities and comparables of other communities. The Council thanked Mr. Redstone and Mr. Jerome for their concise and clear report.

City Manager Dame noted that the City does not have sufficient funds at this time to fund the complete program recommended for either the DPW or Public Safety buildings. It was recommended that various components of the projects be undertaken until funding for a major project is available. Other financial variables affecting the study and its plans were discussed.

City Manager Dame recommended utilizing this document as the master planning document for improvements to be made to the building over time as funds permit. It was further recommended that \$56,000 of this year's budgeted building improvement funds be utilized for the purchase of a new fuel tank that can handle both regular and diesel gasoline; this project would result in immediate operation savings by allowing the purchase of regular fuel at wholesale prices. Further, it was recommended that \$5,000 of this year's budgeted building funds be allocated for minor repair and improvements to the Public Safety building. The remainder of the funds budgeted in the Capital Projects fund should be pooled with funds to be recommended in next year's budget to purchase a backup generator, even if the FEMA grant is not approved in the next round of applications. It is recommended that energy efficiency recommendations in the report be considered for an application to the State of Michigan to take advantage of the new Energy Efficiency Block Grant program, which just received its first funding through the recently enacted federal stimulus package. Council discussion took place regarding City Manager Dame's recommendations.

Motion by Council Member Weipert second by Council Member Parthum to receive and file the Space Needs and Facility Study and to accept and approve the City Manager's recommendations as noted above.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

### STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Dame stated that a grant for an early warning siren was approved and the space and facility study has placement of the siren at the rear of the public safety building near the Council/Court entrance. It was noted that installation may be finished by the end of June and notifications will be made to the citizens and surrounding neighbors. It was noted that Cadieux Road resurfacing will begin in May through June. A study of public safety equipment sharing is being conducted by the Managers and Public Safety Directors of the Grosse Pointes.

Chief Fox commented about the recent raid on a Detroit business related to stolen alcohol and meat products from Village merchants.

### COUNCIL COMMENT

The Council commented on the following topics:

- Tickets and further information regarding the Mayors' Prayer Breakfast will be forthcoming. It was noted that Harper Woods is this year's host.
- An updated Futuring Report is being worked on by the Grosse Pointe Mayors and Manager and the Chamber of Commerce.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk  
City of Grosse Pointe