

**MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 17145 MAUMEE AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ON
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011.**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Boettcher, Parthum, Stempfle, Stevens, Walsh and Weipert

In Attendance: City Manager Dame, Attorneys Fildew and Kennedy, City Clerk Arthurs, Public Service Director Weitzel, Finance Director Kleinow, Public Safety Director Fox, Recreation Director Hardenbrook, and Public Service Director Huvaere.

Motion by Council Member Stevens second by Council Member Stempfle that Mayor Scrace be excused from the meeting for personal reasons.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – BEVERLY LEINWEBER

City Clerk Arthurs distributed to Council a resolution honoring Beverly Leinweber for her 36 years of service to the Grosse Pointe Village Association and the City of Grosse Pointe. The resolution will be presented to Ms. Leinweber at a celebration of her service to be held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on May 15, 2011.

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

Whereas, Beverly Leinweber has been working with the Grosse Pointe Village Association for more than 35 years, and

Whereas, Beverly moved to the City of Grosse Pointe in 1965 and raised her five children, Gregory, Michael, Carol, Susan and Joan and upon the recommendation of Judy Simons of the former Jacobson's store, Beverly began working with the Grosse Pointe Village Association as Marketing Director, eventually becoming Executive Director, and

Whereas, Beverly was involved with many projects in the Village and was instrumental in organizing the first Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade in 1975 and has helped sustain it ever since. Beverly also worked with the Village Association members to establish the famous Grosse Pointe's Greatest Garage Sale in 1978 and helped to create Friday Night Live and Saturday Too! In 1980, the forerunner of today's Sidewalk Sale.

Whereas, Beverly has always promoted the health and vitality of "The Village" and the larger Grosse Pointe community, and as a tireless recruiter she is responsible for numerous businesses opening in the Village. Beverly continues these efforts as she currently serves on the Village Association Board of Directors and is a vital communication link between business owners, property owners and city officials, and now

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe on behalf of the residents and the entire Grosse Pointe community, do hereby express our appreciation to Beverly Leinweber for her 36 years of service to the Grosse Pointe Village Association. Thank you for all you have done for us and our community.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

BID AWARD – FUEL TANK AND FUEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Public Service Director Huvaere made the following report:

In an effort to reduce unleaded gasoline costs to the City of Grosse Pointe, the Public Service Department invited three tank manufacturers to supply pricing for one above ground fuel tank for gasoline. Two companies, Clawson Tank and Modern Welding met the bid specs with their tanks. The third manufacturer did not meet the requirements for a tank dispenser compatible with the fuel management software.

For the fuel tank: Clawson Tank: \$13,678
 Modern Welding: \$16,580
 Highland Tank & Mfg. Co.: \$11,701

Three companies were asked to supply pricing on the Software Management System to track vehicle fuel usage.

Fuel Master: \$12,850
Cardlock Vending (through Oscar W. Larson Co.): \$6,875
Fuel Force: No response

To help reduce operational costs by purchasing unleaded gas at wholesale, it is recommended to purchase a UL 2085 Fireguard 1,000 gallon tank from Clawson Tank. Staff recommends that Oscar W. Larson be the installer for the software and also be the installer for the fuel tank at a cost of an additional \$2,880 above the fuel tank bid. These items were budgeted for \$22,000 under this year's Capital Improvement Fund

Public Service Director Huvaere answered various Council questions regarding the fuel tank. It was noted that approximately 10-15% savings would be seen by using this type of fueling system. Discussion took place regarding the proposal.

Motion by Council Member Parthum second by Council Member Stempfle to award a contract to Clawson Tank for \$13,678 for a fuel tank and to Oscar W. Larson Co. for \$9,755 for management software and installation of the fuel tank.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2011-2012 BUDGET

Council Member/Acting Chair Weipert announced that this was the time set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed budget and proposed property tax levy, for fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Finance Director Kleinow gave an overview of the budget. She reported that the proposed budget is balanced and the general operations levy of 11.8391 mills remains the same. Mrs. Kleinow reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that addressed decreases in property tax revenue and residential assessments. Further, State Revenue Sharing has decreased 42% since 2001 and is expected to continue to decline. It was noted that a reduction in overall budgeted expenses for all departments was implemented. The general fund has an overall decrease in total expenditures of 6%.

Discussion took place regarding general fund revenues and expenditures, the general debt fund, water & sewer fund, solid waste fund, parking fund, highway fund, marina fund and the drug forfeiture fund. It was noted that a multi-year capital improvement plan has been established for all major funds. No vehicle or major building improvements are planned in 2011-12. It was noted that a new fund was established to track all expenses and revenues related to solid waste. City Council discussion took place regarding the budget. It was noted that the proposed budget offers the same high level of services in a fiscally responsible manner. The City Council thanked the City Manager, Finance Director and Department Heads for their hard work on preparing the budget and recognized the difficult economic sacrifices that were made to balance the budget.

Council Member Weipert opened the public comment portion of the public hearing. She asked for comments from those persons present. Hearing no comments, public comment was declared closed.

The City Council commented on the Capital Improvement Plan, the solid waste fund, parking fund and public safety operating expenditures.

It was noted that the proposed 2011-12 budget and 2011 City tax rate will be acted on at the regular Council meeting on May 16, 2011.

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PRESENTATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

City Manager Dame indicated that Stephen Pangori from Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, the City's engineer, was unable to attend the meeting but did provide staff with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and proposed system improvements to streets, sidewalks and sewers. Mr. Dame and Public Service Director Weitzel reviewed street facts, the pavement condition survey and its results, mileage rating summary 2006-11, and estimated street repair needs. The street summary was discussed and it was concluded that funding levels will need to increase in order to maintain streets in good condition.

Mr. Dame covered the part of the CIP which discusses water mains and sanitary/combined sewers. He reviewed water system components, the benefits of a water and sewer CIP and projects completed. The projects yet to be completed, according to the McNamee Study, were also discussed. Discussion took place regarding the sanitary/combined sewer needs determined as critical and important and the needs designated as low (needed over long term). City Council discussion took place regarding the report.

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CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Council Member Parthum second by Council Member Stempfle to go into closed session for ongoing collective bargaining issues.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Boettcher, Parthum, Stempfle, Stevens, Walsh, Weipert
Nay: None
Absent: Mayor Scrace

The Council met in closed session from 7:55 p.m. to 8:25 p.m. The Council reconvened in open session at 8:26 p.m.

TENTATIVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING DISPATCHERS

City Manager Dame indicated that negotiations are ongoing with the Police Officers Association of Michigan bargaining unit that covers Public Safety Officers and Dispatchers for the contract that expires on June 30, 2011. As part of the negotiations, the City informed the bargaining unit of its intent to share or consolidate its dispatch services. The City entered into good faith negotiations regarding the impacts of this potential change which would likely require the involuntary layoff of the City's two full time and three part time dispatchers. As a result, the POAM has signed a proposed tentative agreement which would be applicable if the City did enter into a consolidated dispatch arrangement with another Grosse Pointe.

Motion by Council Member Walsh second by Council Member Parthum to approve the tentative supplemental agreement between the Police Officers Association of Michigan representing Public Safety Officers and Dispatcher/Clerks and the City of Grosse Pointe to become effective on and after July 1, 2011.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe