

**MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 17145 MAUMEE AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010.**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Scrace, 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, Public Safety Director Fox.

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 City Council meeting held on July 19, 2010. (The August Council meeting was canceled.)
- b. Invoices
 - 1) Rizzo Services
 - Curbside Recycling Collection, July 2010, \$5,616
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 - 2) McKenna Associates
 - Professional Planning Services, June 2010, \$5,053
 - Professional Planning Services, July 2010, \$5,331.50
 - Professional Planning Services, July 2010, \$19,053
 - 3) Arbor Pro - Tree Removal and Stump Grinding, 7/28/10, \$5,026
 - 4) Grosse Pointes – Clinton Refuse Disposal - Refuse Disposal, June 2010, \$8,303.75
 - 5) Traffic & Safety Control Systems, Inc.
 - Service & Maintenance of Grosse Pointe Village Parking Structure, 7.1.10 – 6.30.11, \$10,830.00
 - 6) Oakland County Treasurer - Quarterly CLEMIS fee, April 2010 – June 2010, \$5,065.74
 - 7) Zuniga Cement Construction, Inc.
 - Final Payment on ADA Accessible Ramp Replacement, May 2010, \$8,180.64
 - 8) Tech Resources - Purchase & install of server, August 2010, \$10,338.80
 - 9) Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. - Professional Services, 7/5/10 – 8/1/10, \$8,608
 - 10) Detroit Water & Sewer - July Sewage Disposal, \$96,355.68
 - 11) Michigan Municipal League - Workers Compensation, October – December 2010, \$11,599
- c. Approval of the 2011 allocation of \$13,263 in Municipal and Community Credit funds to Pointe Area Assisted Transportation System (PAATS) and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.
- d. Approval of Mayor Scrace as delegate and City Manager Dame as alternate delegate to attend the annual business meeting at the Michigan Municipal League convention on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.
- e. Approval and acceptance of the State contract price of \$46.11 for the purchase of rock salt for the 2010-11 seasons and authorize execution of agreement by staff to purchase salt.
- f. Approval of the renewal of the agreement with Indian Summer Recycling for the disposal of yard waste for three years.

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

SITE PLAN REVIEW – BEAUMONT HOSPITAL – 468 CADIEUX ROAD

City Planner Jackson made the following report:

Beaumont Hospital is proposing signage at the 468 Cadieux Road location for compliance with the terms and conditions of the consent judgment, zoning ordinance and design guidelines. The hospital is being treated as a non-residential use therefore non-residential zoning requirements, including the sign ordinance, is being applied. The applicant is proposing two wall signs located on the east and south sides of the canopy at the emergency entrance. The letters will be red block letters mounted with halo lighting. The letters are 12-14” in height. The wall sign on the south elevation will face residents on Cadieux. However, there is significant evergreen landscaping planted along this section of the hospital property that will grow and screen the proposed sign. Council discussion took place regarding the proposed signage.

Motion by Council Member Parthum second by Council Member Stevens to approve the site plan for emergency entrance signage for Beaumont Hospital, 468 Cadieux Road.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

SITE PLAN REVIEW – KROGER CO. – 16919 KERCHEVAL AVENUE

City Planner Jackson made the following report:

We have reviewed the applicant’s proposal for signage at the new Kroger building at 16919 Kercheval for compliance with the originally approve sign plan, the zoning ordinance, and design guidelines and offer the following comments for your consideration. The following is a summary of the proposed signs relative to the requirements of Section 58-11, District Regulations.

The applicant is proposing a total of 3 projecting signs (one large projecting sign on the Kercheval frontage and one large projecting sign and one small projecting sign on the Notre Dame frontage). The sign dimensions are as follows:

Projecting Signs	Proposed	Required/Permitted
Large Rectangular		
Size	30 sq. ft.	5 sq. ft.
Projection	40 inches	48 inches
Small Oval		
Size	5 sq. ft.	5 sq. ft.
Projections	36 inches	48 inches

The large projecting signs will be approximately the same size as similar signs previously approved by council. All the projecting signs will be aluminum, painted a neutral color to match the building details and accents and illuminated with small down light fixtures. Although the large projecting signs do not comply with the requirements for projecting signs, we find the proposed projecting signs, colors, and locations appropriate for the scale of the building and consistent with the intent of the City’s design guidelines relative to signage. The proposed projecting signs can be permitted by City Council per Section 58-5(d).

Mr. Jackson further stated the applicant is proposing a series of wall signs located above each of the storefront windows. The letters will be “Kroger Blue” aluminum block letters mounted in the sign areas shown on the building elevations. The letters are 12” in height. The wall signs will be illuminated by bronze colored goose-neck fixtures.

Wall Signs	Proposed	Required/Permitted
Size	Varies (less than 24 sq. ft.)	24sq.ft.
Letter Height	12 inches	12 inches

The City Planner recommended that the City Council approve the proposed Kroger's sign package, subject to the following items:

1. Approval of the sign modifications noted herein relating to the size of the large projecting signs, consistent with Section 58-5(d).

Discussion took place regarding the signage proposal. It was noted that the proposed signs are the same as the signage proposed in the preliminary plan which was approved during the building site plan review. Discussion took place regarding the hours of exterior lighting. It was noted that the exterior lights will be on one hour past closing.

Motion by Council Member Weipert second by Council Member Walsh to approve the site plan for signage for the Kroger Co., 16919 Kercheval Avenue, subject to the City Planner's recommendation #1 noted above.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

APPROVAL OF BIDS – 2010 ADA ACCESSIBLE SIDEWALK RAMPS PROJECT

Public Service Director Weitzel made the following report:

Bids were received for the 2010 ADA Accessible Sidewalk Ramp for the Handicap Detectible Warning Platform project on September 15. This project will allow the City to install tactile surfaces for people with visual disabilities at street intersections. Following are the three bids received for the CDBG project:

Zuniga Cement Construction Inc.	\$45,997
Century Cement Company	\$61,830
Italia Construction, Inc.	\$62,252

The city engineer has reviewed the bidder's qualifications and finds the low bidder qualified for this project. The intersection has been selected to coordinate with this year's concrete road projects and previous years' work on Waterloo, which is a school walking route. In addition, the first ramps in the Village will be undertaken opposite the Kroger project on Notre Dame at which Kroger is installing all new accessible intersection ramps at the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame, as well as a new Notre Dame mid-block crosswalk between the Kroger parking lot and City parking lot 2. The project is budgeted in the Capital Projects Fund which includes \$41,000 for this purpose. Any difference in the final contract cost and the budgeted amount will be paid for from the fund balance of the Capital Projects Fund. The anticipated CDBG funds the City expects to receive to cover this project, which is revenue into the Capital Projects Fund is \$43,690.

Motion by Council Member Stempfle second by Council Member Stevens to approve the recommendation of the City Engineer and award the bid to Zuniga Cement Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$45,997 for the 2010 ADA Accessible Sidewalk Ramp project.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LIABILITY & PROPERTY POOL ANNUAL COVERAGE RENEWAL

City Manager Dame made the following report:

Each year, the City of Grosse Pointe submits documentation to the Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool for a renewal quote for coverage that expires September 30 annually. The City has been a pool member since October 1, 1985. This year, the premium has decreased from last year, for the fourth straight decrease.

The insurance and related services in this proposal are being offered to the City for an annual premium of \$106,134. This 2010-11 premium renewal represents a decrease of \$4,838 or 4.4%. This policy covers all

City owned property, including vehicles, contractor equipment, and electronic data processing equipment, buildings and liability coverage and now also includes coverage for independent contractors like the assessor and building inspectors. A five year history of premium costs is as follows:

2005/2006	\$116,822	2008/2009	\$113,980
2006/2007	\$117,890	2009/2010	\$110,972
2007/2008	\$115,399		

Due to the City's positive claims experience, the City would experience another decrease over last year's premium. This year, 2010-11, the premium would be \$106,134. Council discussion took place regarding insurance coverage.

Motion by Council Member Weipert second by Council Member Parthum to approve the proposal from the Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool for the 2010-11 premium of \$106,134.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Service Director Weitzel reported that various street projects ongoing in the City should be finished by next week. City Clerk Arthurs updated Council on November election preparations and the status of absentee ballot application and ballot mailings. Public Safety Director Fox reported on extensive streetlight outages in the City caused by a faulty circuit. It is anticipated repairs will be completed by DTE Energy in the next few weeks. The Grosse Pointe Block Party in the Village was a positive event and there were no incidents to report. Director Fox also reported on an increase in fire runs and updated Council on the recent Country Club of Detroit fire in Grosse Pointe Farms. City Manager Dame updated Council on the status of the Lot 3 & 4 projects and the collaboration between Beaumont Hospital and the Neighborhood Club which is expected to begin next spring.

COUNCIL COMMENT

The Council commented on the following topics:

- Signage concerns regarding the new parking lot at Maire School.
- Landscape issues of vacant homes in the City.
- Appreciation of the hard work of the public safety officers assisting at the Country Club of Detroit fire.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe