

**MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
17145 MAUMEE AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016.**

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Scrace, Council Members Boettcher, Parthum, Stempfle, Turnbull, and Walsh

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

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

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes from the regular Council Meeting held on December 14, 2015.
2. Invoices
 - a) City of Grosse Pointe Farms - Water Purchased, 10/1/15 – 12/31/15, \$114,629.43
 - b) Rizzo - Curbside Recycling, January 2016, \$5,768
 - c) McKenna
 - Planning Services, November 2015, \$5,691.50
 - Planning Services, October 2015, \$9,625.75
 - d) Compass Minerals - Salt, January 2016, \$5,717.56
 - e) Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. 2016 Resurfacing, 11.16.15 – 12.13.15, \$7,831.50
 - f) City of Detroit - Sewage Disposal, November 2015, \$70,700
 - g) Arbor Pro
 - Tree Trimming, January 2016, \$5,809
 - Tree Trimming, January 2016, \$7,918
 - h) Pro-Line Asphalt - 2015 Resurfacing Program, Payment #4, \$5,572.21
 - i) M.L. Schoenherr Construction, Inc.
 - City Hall Roof and Building Improvements, Payment #5, \$23,850
 - j) City of Grosse Pointe Park - Dispatch Services, 7/1/15-12/31/15, \$48,633.04
 - k) F.D.M. Contracting, Inc. - Chalfonte Watermain and Pavement, Payment #7, \$13,507.70
 - l) Utility Services Authority LLC - SRF Sewer Project, Payment #5, \$26,313
 - m) Mechanical Design & Installation LLC - Public Safety Boiler, December 2015, \$24,235
3. Approval and adoption of resolutions to execute Wayne County permits for annual maintenance, annual pavement restoration and special events.
4. Authorize approval of Pete Randazzo and Brian Kress as code enforcement officials under MCL 600.8707.

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PURCHASE OF MOTOROLA RADIOS

Public Safety Director Poloni made the following report:

The Public Safety Department is requesting the purchase of three Motorola APX6000 Portable Radios. These will be replacing the original prep radios that are no longer being serviced by Motorola. Our plan is to purchase three prep radios a year until the existing radios are replaced. Pricing is from the State of Michigan Contract # 071B2200101 and the purchase will be through ComSource Inc., who is the vendor that services the Grosse Pointe Radio System. The price for the radios and charging unit is \$11,721.15, plus freight.

Motion by Council Member Stempfle second by Council Member Turnbull to approve the purchase of the three Motorola APX6000 Portable Radios and charging unit from ComSource Inc. for a price not to exceed \$11,721.15, plus freight costs.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

APPROVAL OF CLEMIS I.T. RENEWAL AGREEMENT

Public Safety Director Poloni made the following report:

The Agreement between the City of Grosse Pointe and Oakland County, which provides CLEMIS services to the Public Safety Department is up for renewal and requires a Resolution from the public body authorizing signatory permission to sign the documents. The documents were reviewed by Counsel. It was noted that this is a renewal of an existing agreement.

Motion by Council Member Parthum second by Council Member Stempfle to renew and authorize the Mayor to sign the CLEMIS I.T. Agreement.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

SITE PLAN REVIEW – MASTER SIGN PLAN – KERCHEVAL COMPANY BUILDING

Asst. Planner Steve Hannon made the following report:

Kercheval Company, LLC has submitted the renderings detailing the proposed revision to the master sign plan for the Kercheval Company building located at 17101 Kercheval. The applicant is proposing to amend their Master Sign Plan that was approved in January 2014 and again in January 2015. The revised master sign plan will include an additional multi-tenant directory sign designed to provide visibility for tenants that share a single entrance from Kercheval.

The proposed sign will be a projecting sign located at the entrance to the shared space projecting perpendicular to Kercheval. The total size will be twelve square feet with 4 individual tenant signs and the name of the proposed shared space (Village Mews, but to be determined). The signs will utilize uniform letters that are black on a metallic background, similar to the other multi-tenant sign on this building and on Kercheval Place. The brackets are decorative black metal and the sign is mounted approximately 10 feet above the sidewalk. The master sign plan allows up to five projecting signs on the Kercheval façade and four projecting signs on the St. Clair façade. Each projecting sign may be up to eight square feet in area and must be located a minimum of eight feet above the sidewalk.

The proposed multi-tenant directory sign on Kercheval exceeds the maximum allowable sign area for projecting signs. Projecting signs may be a maximum of 5 feet. The City Council has the authority to modify the maximum sign area. Based on the City Planner's review of the proposed multi-tenant directory sign, the sign would be in keeping with the intent of the sign ordinance and the design guidelines. It was recommended that the City Council approve the request to increase the maximum permitted size of the projecting sign to twelve square feet.

Approval of the overall master sign plan allows for administrative approval of future tenant signage that comply with the standards set forth in the master sign plan.

Motion by Council Member Turnbull second by Council Member Parthum to approve the applicant's request to amend the master sign plan for 17101 Kercheval Avenue, contingent on the following conditions:

1. The Council authorizes the approval of a projecting multi-tenant directory sign that exceeds the maximum permitted sign area up to a maximum of 12 square feet.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Cottingham, 814 Lakeland expressed concern regarding parking on Lakeland near Mack Avenue. She expressed fear an accident could happen due to tight space constraints on the curve in the area.

Don Armbruster, 556 Rivard commented on the City's road repair program. He encouraged the Council to take a broader look at the whole process and complete all the road repairs at once to take advantage of lower contractor and interest rates. He feels deteriorating roads affects home values.

STAFF REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Director Hardenbrook reported that the ice rink is being utilized more now that the weather has grown colder and WinterFest is January 30 and preparations for the event are underway. Chief Poloni report on recent retirements and promotions in the Public Safety Department. City Clerk Arthurs reported on Presidential Primary election preparations. City Manager Dame reported on new businesses on Mack Avenue.

COUNCIL COMMENT

The City Council commented on the following topics:

- The Grosse Pointe Foundation is looking for non-maintenance projects to consider and sponsor. Contact John Shook, Foundation President with ideas.
- Reminder to submit ideas for Council goals to the City Manager prior to the next meeting.
- MML Capitol Conference – March 22-23 in Lansing.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe