

**MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 17145 MAUMEE AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016.**

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

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Arthurs administered the oath of office to Sheila Tomkowiak who was appointed by Council to fill a vacancy until November 2017.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Scrace, Council Members Boettcher, Parthum, Stempfle, Tomkowiak, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes from the regular Council Meeting held on September 19, 2016.
2. Invoices
 - a) Great Lakes Water Authority
 - Sewage, September 2016, \$78,500
 - Sewage, August 2016, \$78,500
 - b) Rizzo
 - Recycling, September 2016, \$5,768
 - Recycling, October 2016, \$5,768.00
 - c) Plante Moran - Audit, Payment #1, \$30,000
 - d) Pro-Line
 - 2015 Resurfacing Project, Estimate #5, \$5,500.01
 - 2016 Resurfacing Project, Estimate #5, \$163,937.45
 - e) Grosse Pointe Farms - Water Purchased, 7/1/16 – 9/30/16, \$198,307.47
 - f) Oakland County - Clemis, 7/1/16 – 9/30/16, \$5,261.25
 - g) McKenna
 - Planning Services, August 2016, \$8,526
 - Planning Services, July 2016, \$9,404.56
 - h) Bricco - Fisher Road Water Main Replacement, Estimate #2, \$94,379.49
 - i) Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc.
 - 2016 Resurfacing, 7/25/16 – 8/21/16, \$21,522.75
 - Fisher Road Water Main, 7/25/16 – 8/21/16, \$14,780.79
 - j) Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal - Solid Waste Disposal, August 2016, \$5,015.22
 - k) State of Michigan - Kercheval Paving Project, Final Payment, \$6,767.75
 - l) Future Fabricating - Container Repairs, Reimbursed by Advanced Disposal, \$5,103
3. Approval of Mayor's nomination of Andy Martin to serve on the Downtown Development Board for a four-year term until September 8, 2020, subject to his continuing qualification.
4. Approval of the sale of two surplus vehicles for a total of \$15,370.

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

AT&T MICHIGAN FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

City Manager Dame made the following report:

In 2006, legislation was enacted removing local authority regarding companies providing video service in the State and creating a uniform franchise agreement to be used between each franchising entity and video provider in the State of Michigan. The Michigan Public Service Commission has been the designated agency to implement the Act. The MPSC also is responsible for addressing consumer complaints not rectified by the cable provider, a responsibility that was formerly that of local governments. AT&T of Michigan has been operating a cable system in the Grosse Pointe communities for nearly ten years under a uniform franchise filed by AT&T with the City Clerk at that time. AT&T is now seeking a renewal of that franchise under that same terms as it has been operating. The state mandated franchise term is ten years and the state mandated franchise fee is 5% which the City places into the General Fund. The channels operated by the War Memorial, School District and the Grosse Pointe cities would be carried on their system in the same manner as they have been, and supported by the 2% PEG fee.

Motion by Council Member Parthum second by Council Member Turnbull to authorize the execution of the uniform franchise agreement with AT&T Michigan.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF VILLAGE HOTEL RFP

City Manager Dame made the following report:

In September, City Council directed staff to draft a request for proposals and qualifications (RFP/Q) for a hotel development in The Village. The hotel would be solicited on Lot 3 (between the Neighborhood Club and the Kercheval businesses), and a parking structure to accommodate the development would be expected on Lot 2 across the street on St. Clair (between the Kercheval businesses on the middle block and Chase). The requirements are drawn from past RFP/Q's issued for development on these two lots. The draft RFP/Q was circulated and discussed at the October Grosse Pointe DDA meeting. Comments received have been incorporated into the draft. City Manager Dame discussed details of the RFP process including submittal timeframes, staff reviews, negotiation period for a development agreement and site plan/zoning approvals. It was requested that a timeline of the process be developed and distributed to Council.

Motion by Council Member Parthum second by Council Member Stempfle to authorize the issuance of an RFP for a hotel development on Lots 2 and 3 in The Village.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Dame reported that an informational letter has been mailed to every resident who has notified the City of basement flooding. The claims received by the City have been forwarded to the City's insurance carrier and a response to residents from the insurance carrier is estimated to be in mid-November. City Manager Dame also indicated that a copy of the City Engineer's report was included in the mailing. A report on behalf of Park Director Hardenbrook was made noting that Halloween in The Village will take place on Monday, October 31 from 3:30 – 4:45 pm. Public Service Supervisor Huvaere indicated that leaf pickup will begin on Monday, October 24.

COUNCIL COMMENT

The City Council commented on the following topics:

- City Council welcomed Sheila Tomkowiak as the new Council Member. Council Member Tomkowiak expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Council Member Stempfle second by Council Member Parthum to go into closed session for discussion of a City Attorney memorandum.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Boettcher, Parthum, Stempfle, Tomkowiak, Turnbull, Walsh, Scrace
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Council met in closed session from 7:22 p.m. to 8:06 p.m. The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:06 p.m. There was no further action taken by Council.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe