

MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 17145 MAUMEE AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017.

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes from the regular Council Meeting held on September 18, 2017.
2. Invoices
 - a) Anderson, Eckstein, and Westrick, Inc.
 - 2017/2018 Watermain Replacement, 7/24/17 – 8/20/17, \$24,216.84
 - 2017 Resurfacing Program, 7/24/17 – 8/20/17, \$9,652.22
 - b) Great Lakes Water Authority - Sewage Disposal, September 2017, \$75,800
 - c) Bricco - 2017/2018 Watermain Replacement, Estimate 2, \$552,187.42
 - d) Pro-Line Asphalt Paving Co. 2017/2018 Resurfacing Program, Estimate 2, \$235,609.73
 - e) GFL - Recycling, September 2017, \$5,864.00 and Recycling, October 2017, \$5,864.00
 - f) Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal
 - Refuse Disposal, August 2017, \$5,039.13
 - Refuse Disposal, September 2017, \$5,079.23
 - g) Independent Floor Covering - City Hall Carpet, Final Balance, \$8,284.48
 - h) Plante Moran - Financial Statement Audit, Progress Bill, \$30,000
 - i) Canfield Equipment Service, Inc.- Police Vehicle Equipment, September, \$8,772.25
 - j) Allard Custom Painting LLC - City Hall Painting, Final Balance, \$7,417
 - k) Stevenson Company - Liability Insurance, 10/1/17 – 6/30/18, \$73,959
 - l) G2 Consulting Group, LLC
 - 2017/2018 Watermain Replacement, 9/1/17 – 9/22/17, \$5,502.75

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PURCHASE OF DIGITAL COURT RECORDER

Court Administrator Akers made the following report:

Three quotes were received by the Municipal Court for digital court recording equipment. The new equipment would be installed in the Council/Court Chambers and will replace the antiquated audio tape system currently in use. The following quotes were reviewed:

Business Information Systems, Inc.	\$ 8,288
Genesis System Integration	\$10,460
JCG Technologies	\$11,615

Funds for this purchase have been budgeted in the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$10,635.

Motion by Council Member Turnbull, second by Council Member Walsh, to authorize the purchase of digital recording equipment for the court room from Business Information Systems, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$8,288.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

WAIVER OF PARKING FEES FOR 2017 HOLIDAY SEASON

City Manager Dame made the following report:

To attract holiday shoppers to the Village, for the last seven years, the City has provided free weekend parking during the holiday shopping season. Since 2013, the Grosse Pointe Village DDA, as part of assuming marketing duties, has budgeted funds for covering half of the cost of the free parking program. As in past years, it is proposed that parking fees in all the Village off-street surface parking lots will be waived each weekend between Thanksgiving and Christmas. This includes free parking on the following Saturdays and Sundays: November 25 and 26, December 2 and 3, December 9 and 10, December 16 and 17, and December 23 and 24. The DDA will include the free parking in their holiday promotional materials. The Village Parking Structure will operate as it currently does, with free parking on Sundays and three hours of free parking with validation from Trader Joes or one hour of free parking from Pet Supplies Plus, Monday through Saturday.

Motion by Council Member Stempfle, second by Council Member Parthum, to approve the waiver of parking fees for the Village off-street parking lots on the four weekends (all day Saturday and Sunday) between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eileen Wuhlschleger, Grosse Pointe Farms, expressed concerns regarding an accident that occurred in Grosse Pointe Farms several years ago, the police response and that no response was received from Council regarding her recent letter.

Kathleen Forester, 2 Sycamore Lane, expressed her concern about the income tax burden on employees who would be working in the proposed DPW facility proposed on Canyon in Detroit. She felt the two issues, Public Safety building and DPW building, should be separate and DPW should remain on its current site.

Dan Williams, 671 Washington, asked Council to consider tabling a vote on moving forward with the Canyon property. He expressed concern regarding a possible PILOT charge. He asked what the costs per month would be for the proposed new DPW facility.

Louise Rau, 584 Lakeland, stated that the proposed hotel project will have an enormous affect on The Village and the construction will be a nightmare. She stated she does not want a 5-story cheap hotel in The Village.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Arthurs reported that the Beautification Awards ceremony took place on October 4 and that many deserving homes received awards. Public Service Supervisor Randazzo reported on ongoing projects and that leaf collection began October 16. City Manager Dame reported that Trick or Treating in The Village will be on October 31 at 3:30 pm. General Trick or Treating hours in the City are 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

COUNCIL COMMENT

The City Council commented on the following topics:

- Various comments were made regarding the feasibility stage of the proposed hotel project.
- Various comments were made regarding feedback from residents on the hotel, the master plan guidelines, free parking and plowing sidewalks.
- Comment was made on how the City Council should communicate and cooperate together with each other and residents to retain and strengthen what the City currently has.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe