

**MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
17145 MAUMEE AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Julie Arthurs administered the oath of office to Mayor Christopher Boettcher and Council Members Sheila Tomkowiak, Chris Walsh and Daniel Williams.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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 October 16, 2017.
2. Invoices
 - a) Anderson, Eckstein, and Westrick, Inc.
 - 2017/2018 Watermain Replacement, 8/21/17 – 9/17/17, \$23,892.93
 - 2017 Resurfacing Program, 8/21/17 – 9/17/17, \$18,764.37
 - b) Great Lakes Water Authority - Sewage Disposal, October 2017, \$75,800
 - c) Bricco - 2017/2018 Watermain Replacement, Estimate 3, \$298,524.18
 - d) Pro-Line Asphalt Paving Co.- 2017/2018 Resurfacing Program, Estimate 3, \$229,144.83
 - e) Rely-On Construction
 - Court Ordered Work, October 2017, \$5,750
 - Court Ordered Work, October 2017, \$14,700
 - f) City of Grosse Pointe Farms - Water Purchased, 7/1/17 – 9/30/17, \$176,271.11
 - g) UIS Scada - Scada Project, Payment 1, \$138,291.25
 - h) Michigan Municipal League - Workers Compensation, Installment 3, \$30,128
 - i) Oakland County - Clemis, July – September 2017, \$5,261.25
 - j) City of Grosse Pointe Park - Dispatch Services, 7/1/17 – 9/30/17, \$27,221.88

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

Mayor Boettcher requested council discussion on the feasibility of moving the Public Service Department into the City of Detroit at 4849 Canyon. Mayor Boettcher requested support of a thorough review and evaluation into utilizing the current Public Works and Public Safety areas versus moving the Public Works facility to Detroit.

Mayor Boettcher asked for council discussion. Council discussed and commented that more due diligence is needed but should not be longer than 30 days, based on projected operation costs what other options are available, background of previous due diligence work and a summary of the Facilities Committee's work and recommendations, concern about Detroit tax burden on Grosse Pointe employees, and the importance of investing energy and money for this project in the City rather than in another community. Additional discussion

took place regarding the Public Works facility and the amendment to the purchase agreement for the Canyon site.

It was noted that three issues are to be considered by Council: 1. Reconsider vote in September regarding pursuing an additional evaluation of utilizing current Public Works and Public Safety areas, request an extension of the purchase agreement for the 4849 Canyon property with St. John, and contact architect to develop a feasibility evaluation for current site. Council discussion took place regarding various issues.

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Williams, to reverse the September 2017 motion and reconsider utilizing the Maumee site for the Public Works facility within a 30-day timeline.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Williams, to authorize the City Manager to request a 30-day extension of the purchase agreement with St. John.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Williams, to authorize and direct the Mayor, City Manager, Public Works Director, and Partners in Architecture, project architect, to evaluate the Maumee site and other City-owned sites for feasibility for a Public Works facility.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anneliese Bajer, Tire Systems Engineering asked for the public comment rules to be explained and/or put on the agenda. She further commented about building height in The Village and the possibility of living quarters on the second floor of buildings in The Village.

Susan Swickard, 502 St. Clair stated that the voters passed a bond millage in August and asked that the funds be used for what was expressed in the bond proposal language.

Bob Morrow, 660 Washington asked about website "protectgpvillage.com" and expressed concern that it's unknown as to who created it and there is no good way for Council to respond to this website.

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.

David Fries, 453 Rivard suggested that during the 30-day feasibility evaluation that all physical requirements of the Public Works facility be researched and all possibilities considered.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Service Director Randazzo reported on the recently installed SCADA system at the pump station. Finance Director Kleinow reported that the audit presentation would be in December. Public Safety Director Poloni reported on a recent open house at the Public Safety building and that the Santa Claus parade will be on November 24. Parks and Recreation Director Hardenbrook reported that The Village Tree Lighting Ceremony will be on Friday, November 17 beginning at 6:00 pm. City Clerk Arthurs reported that the voting equipment worked well on Election Day and thanked all those who helped with the election.

COUNCIL COMMENT

The City Council commented on the following topics:

- Various comments were made regarding the election and the need for Council to engage with all constituents and citizens and work together for the good of the community.
- It was requested that information be gathered on creating council emails through the City website in an effort for Council to better communicate with residents.
- A Communication Committee is being formed to work on tools to better communicate so that accurate information can be disseminated in a timely fashion.
- It was noted that Daniel Williams will be the council representative on the Beautification Commission and Urban Forestry Commission.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe