

**MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 17145 MAUMEE AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ON MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018.**

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

ROLL CALL

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

In Attendance: City Manager Dame, Attorney Fisher, City Clerk Arthurs, Finance Director Kleinow, Public Safety Director Poloni, Public Service Director Randazzo, Parks and Recreation Director Hardenbrook and City Engineer Pangori.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE GROSSE POINTE LIBRARY BOARD

Mayor Boettcher indicated that the Council received three applications for the City representative to the Grosse Pointe Library Board. The three applicants, Megan Conrad Sczygielski, Michael "Sandy" MacMechan, and Brian Tague addressed Council on their background and reasons for applying for the library board position. Mayor Boettcher thanked the applicants and advised that an appointment would be made at the May 21 Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2018-2019 BUDGET

Mayor Boettcher announced that this was the time set for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed budget and proposed property tax levy, for fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Finance Director Kleinow gave an overview of the budget. She reported that the proposed budget is balanced and the general operations levy of 11.8391 mills remains the same. Mrs. Kleinow reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that addressed an increase in property tax revenues and an increase in the average assessment by 2.5%. Further, State Revenue Sharing, which has been replaced with the EVIP payments, has decreased 41% since 2001. It was noted that the overall budgeted revenues increased \$294,069. The general fund expenses also remain consistent. It was also noted that a full year of retiree healthcare cost in the amount of \$650,000 has been budgeted for 2018-19.

Discussion took place regarding property taxes and assessments, general fund revenues and expenditures, the capital projects fund, the general debt fund, water & sewer fund, solid waste fund, parking fund, highway fund, marina fund and the drug forfeiture fund. Further discussion took place regarding the increases in the level of service through the addition of a full time ombudsman to enhance customer service along with the addition of a citizen survey and website redesign. It was noted that the budget satisfies costs related to the Public Safety Patrol Officers contract expiring July 1, 2019. The Public Safety Command contract expires July 1, 2018.

Mayor Boettcher opened the public comment portion of the public hearing. He asked for comments from those persons present. Hearing no comments, public comment was declared closed.

City Council discussion took place regarding the budget, solid waste revenue and expenditures and the economic trends in health care.

It was noted that the proposed budget offers a high level of services in a fiscally responsible manner. The City Council thanked the City Manager, Finance Director and Department Heads for their hard work on preparing the budget. It was noted that the proposed 2018-19 budget and 2018 City tax rate will be acted on at the regular Council meeting on May 21, 2018.

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PRESENTATION – UTILITY FUND & ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND

Stephen Pangori from Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, the City's engineer, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Utility and Road Improvement Funds and proposed system improvements to water distribution, sanitary/combined sewers and streets. Mr. Pangori reviewed water system facts and the basis for system improvements. The water mains scheduled to be completed in 2017 were reviewed. Mr. Pangori discussed the proposed improvements in the sanitary/combined sewers and Neff Road Pump Station Needs.

Mr. Pangori discussed plans for 2018 projects for the Road Improvement Fund. It was noted that funding for this year's project includes \$867,188 from the millage dedicated to Road Improvement Fund budget, \$285,000 from the Highway Fund and \$236,000 from the Sewer Fund.

City Council discussion took place regarding the report.

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AWARD OF BID – FISHER ROAD STREETScape

City Manager Dame made the following report:

Since 2015, the City has been working on a beautification project for the Fisher Road business district to enhance the entire streetscape with decorative streetlighting, street furniture and landscaping in coordination with approved site plan for the expansion of the Farms Market. The City has received approval for a \$384,000 MDOT grant to pay for a substantial portion of the project. The City Council has approved a special assessment that requires the property owners to contribute \$60,000 to the project, down from the originally approved amount of \$160,000, when both MDOT and the City agreed to increase their contribution by \$50,000 to obtain the required easements from the property owners.

Due to MDOT regulations, the project was split into two parts: one bid by the City and the other by MDOT. In March 2018, the project was bid and the MDOT portion received only one bid that was more than 50% over the estimate. The City's portion had two bidders both of which were more than 50% over estimate. The project was rebid. On May 4, the City and MDOT portion received two bids. The low bidder was the same in both cases: Warren Contractors and Development. The City Engineer recommends to approve Warren Contractors as the low bidder and MDOT has already proceeded to award their bid in the amount of \$639,482. The start of construction will be from Extreme Pizza to Maumee and is anticipated in mid-June after Grosse Pointe South High School is out for the summer. Total construction cost of both portions is \$756,262.51. Offsetting revenues include \$384,000 from an MDOT grant, \$60,000 from the property owners, \$17,500 from CDBG and \$5,000 from Grosse Pointe Farms for a total of \$466,500 or 61.7% funded from sources other than the City of Grosse Pointe. The remainder of the construction cost is available and budgeted for in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Williams to award the bid of the City portion of Fisher Road Streetscape project to Warren Contractors in the amount of \$116,780.51

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

FACILITIES PLANNING UPDATE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC WORKS

David Gassen, Partners in Architecture, presented a PowerPoint presentation as a project update for the public safety and public works municipal facilities. Mr. Gassen provided site analysis and value engineering for the proposed Public Safety facility on Mack Avenue. Council reviewed schematics of the proposed building and parking layout on the site. Mr. Gassen also presented concept designs and options for the Public Works facility. He discussed the pros and cons of options A, B and C and overall square footage and costs for each option. City Council discussion took place regarding details of the Public Safety facility and budget over runs. It was noted that the design is currently under review to refine and reduce costs. City Council discussion also took place regarding the options for a Public Service facility. It was the consensus that option C would be ideal for Public Works, but it would be dependent on whether an arrangement could be made with the school district and City Hall could be relocated. It was suggested that the focus be on the Public Safety facility until information, costs and options are developed with the school district.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk  
City of Grosse Pointe