

MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 17145 MAUMEE AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019.

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, City Attorney Kennedy, Public Safety Director Poloni, Deputy Public Safety Director Alcorn, Public Service Director Randazzo, and Parks and Recreation Director Hardenbrook.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes from the regular Council Meeting held on December 17, 2018 and minutes from the closed session Council Meeting held on December 17, 2018.
2. Invoices
 - a) GFL - Recycling, December 2018, \$5,652
 - b) Bendzinski & Co. - Municipal Advisor, December 2018, \$31,700
 - c) State of Michigan - Fisher Road Streetscape, November 2018, \$6,237.40
 - d) Partners In Architecture, PLC - Architecture Services, October 2018, \$122,685.09
 - e) Great Lakes Water Authority - Sewage, December 2018, \$74,100
 - f) Warren Contractors & Development
 - Fisher Road Streetscape, November 2018, \$25,321.44
 - g) Liddle & Dubin, P.C. - Sewer Settlement, Payment 1, \$500,000
 - h) Fildew Hinks - Legal Services, November 2018, \$7,459.72
 - i) Indian Summer Recycling - Compost Disposal, December 2018, \$10,458.36
 - j) Canfield Equipment Service - Police Vehicle Equipment, December 2018, \$11,373.70
3. Approval and adoption of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Section 56-56 relating to Public Safety coverages.
4. Approval of a modification to the Personnel Manual Appendix A relating to job classifications.

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

INTRODUCTION OF DEPUTY CHIEF JOHN ALCORN

Public Safety Director Poloni introduced Deputy Chief Alcorn to the Council. Chief Poloni reviewed Deputy Chief Alcorn's many professional accomplishments.

Deputy Chief Alcorn spoke briefly, emphasizing his "Team" approach to management.

Council welcomed Deputy Chief Alcorn.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION – GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

A representative of the Grosse Pointe Public Library made a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the Library's activities for the past year.

- a) A millage renewal passed with more than 75% favorable vote.
- b) Library Board has filled open staff positions.
- c) Free DVD rentals are available.
- d) All branches are open on Sundays.
- e) New Website.
- f) Increased Summer reading program participation.
- g) Newsletter distributed to all Grosse Pointe homes.

Council thanked the Library Board for the presentation.

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

In December 2018, the Michigan Legislature passed a statute to allow municipalities to restrict the use of fireworks to certain federal holidays (previously fireworks were expressly permitted on all federal holidays). Because of the residential nature of the City, it is recommended that Grosse Pointe adopt the limited fireworks schedule now allowed under State law. A draft ordinance was review by Council.

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Williams, that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 437

An Ordinance to amend and restate Section 182 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grosse Pointe, Fireworks

(For complete text of Ordinance No. 437 - see Ordinance Book of the City of Grosse Pointe)

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PUBLIC WORKS RE-LOCATION PLAN

Public Service Director Randazzo presented the following:

The City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Works (DPW) will have to be temporarily relocated during the construction of the new DPW yard on Maumee Avenue. Starting in March, the fleet of vehicles, equipment, materials and staff is planning to operate from two different locations. One is the permit section of Lot 4, the part of the parking lot behind CVS near the cell tower. The other is the Pump Station on Neff and Charlevoix. At Lot 4, the vehicles, equipment, salt, cold patch, stone, etc. will be stored. There will be a storage container for tools, parts and minor equipment. The pump station on Neff will house the DPW Street Supervisor's office and the restroom/breakroom facilities for staff. There will be a storage container there as well, to house parts, gas cans, weed whips, lawn mowers etc. Staff will also utilize the parking structure storage garage to store other seasonal equipment and Grosse Pointe Park will take possession of the holiday train that has been stored there when not on display. The fenced in area at the end of Lot 4 where the cell tower is will be relocated closer to CVS. This will take up about 50 spaces. This will not affect permit parking there for Village businesses, but will require relocation of permits issued to non-Village entities. Some electrical work will also be needed to provide power at Lot 4 and some IT, plumbing, and electrical work will be necessary at the pump station.

During normal business hours, trucks and equipment will be picked up at Lot 4 in the morning by DPW staff and stored there in the evening. There will be trucks and equipment during the day around the pump station as it will serve as our central operations point, but returned to lot 4 at the end of the workers shift. Notices will be given to residents at both locations surrounding neighborhoods to let them know of this temporary relocation measure, which is expected to last until the end of 2019 or beginning of 2020.

Motion by Council Member Turnbull, second by Council Member Williams, to approve the DPW Temporary Relocation Plan.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

COURT/COUNCIL CHAMBERS RE-LOCATION PLAN

Manager Dame presented the following:

The City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court and Council Chambers will need to be relocated when the demolition of the existing chambers begins. Current estimates are that work will start in March 2019. Due to the fact that the work on renovating the fire bays for use as the Council Chambers and Court can not be started until the Public Safety building is completed, temporary facilities are necessary for an estimated 16-18 months.

City Manager Dame discussed the requirements to operate a municipal court in session. It was noted that under State law, the City's municipal court session must be held within City limits. The City did talk to both the School District and the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, who were both willing to assist, and options were discussed. The Unitarian Church has offered to grandfather 2018 rates and discount them by 15% to accommodate the Municipal Court for a rate of \$722.50 per use. This option will allow closer access to the City complex where court staff office remain until the renovation project is complete.

City Manager Dame noted that the Neighborhood Club has offered to allow the City use of its Board Room, on the second floor, at no charge. The has used this space before for Council meetings and staff believes this is a good option.

Motion by Council Member Tomkowiak, second by Council Member Stempfle, to approve the Court/Council Chamber Relocation Plan and authorize the City Manager to execute the license agreement with the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church in final form as approved by the City Attorney.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A citizen remarked that the Village looked beautiful at Christmas.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Service Director Randazzo stated that hazardous material abatement of the Mack buildings at the future DPS location will occur in the next couple of weeks prior to demolition.

Parks and Recreation Director Hardenbrook stated Winter Fest will be held on Saturday, January 19.

Deputy Public Safety Director Hardenbrook described the PANDA program at Maire School allowing public safety officers and elementary children to interact.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Congratulations to John Alcorn.

Excited to commence construction projects.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Williams, to go into closed session to discuss collective bargaining.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Parthum, Stempfle, Tomkowiak, Turnbull, Walsh, Williams, Mayor Boettcher

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Council met in closed session from 7:42 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Stempfle to approve the amendment to the command officer collective bargaining agreement as presented by City staff.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Charles S. Kennedy, III
Acting Secretary of the Meeting