

MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB, 17150 WATERLOO, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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: Attorney Kennedy, City Clerk Arthurs, Finance Director Kleinow, Public Safety Director Poloni, Public Service Director Randazzo, Parks and Recreation Director Hardenbrook and City Planner Jackson.

The Mayor then led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 September 16, 2019.
2. Invoices
 - a) Florence Cement Company
 - 2019 Resurfacing Project, August 2019, \$202,191.93
 - 2019 Resurfacing Project, September 2019, \$260,039.23
 - b) Great Lakes Water Authority - Sewage Disposal, September 2019, \$74,500
 - c) Rely-On Construction - Court Ordered Ordinance Repairs, July 2019, \$8,600
 - d) City of Grosse Pointe Farms - Water Purchased, July – September 2019, \$174,819.74
 - e) Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc.
 - 2019 Resurfacing Program, 8/19/19 – 9/15/19, \$28,957.02
 - f) Toter - Recycling & Refuse Containers, September 2019, \$13,454.50
 - g) Duclos Insurance - Builders Risk Insurance, Installment #2, \$7,546.70
 - h) Spartan Distributors
 - Workman Refuse Box, September 2019, \$6,731
 - Toro Workman, September 2019, \$27,188.40
 - i) GFL - Recycling, September 2019, \$5,522 and Recycling, October 2019, \$5,262
3. Approval of Special Event Application from the Chamber of Commerce to hold the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on November 29, 2019.
4. Approval of 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.

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION – NAMING CITY MARINA FOR DALE N. SCRACE

Mayor Boettcher read and presented the Resolution renaming the City Marina for Dale N. Scrace. Mr. Scrace was present and accepted the resolution. The Council thanked Mr. Scrace for his long-time service to the City. It was noted that a plaque would be placed at the marina next spring.

PRESENTATION BY BEAUMONT HOSPITAL – OPERATING ROOM RENOVATION

Representatives from Beaumont Hospital presented plans for an operating room renovation for the Grosse Pointe hospital. Representatives from Roncelli, contractor for the project, were introduced and gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the construction location at the corner of Maumee and Notre Dame. The renovation will provide more efficient operating rooms and construction crews will utilize exterior windows for access to the interior renovation area. Fencing will be placed around the area on Maumee and Notre Dame. Discussion took place regarding construction parking, material deliveries and delivery schedules and the importance of communicating with the residents about the project. It was estimated that the project will take approximately two years to complete. It was noted that the resident meeting with Beaumont will take place in two weeks.

SITE PLAN REVIEW – SIGNAGE FOR ROTARY CLUB

City Planner Jackson made the following report:

The Grosse Pointe Rotary has submitted an application for repainting the existing archway sign over the entrance to the Elworthy Field Tot Lot yellow, adding a larger Rotary logo measuring 14 inches, a 24" x 30" plaque sign and a sign with welcome letters on the gate. The archway sign is more of an architectural feature as it is a sign and the Council has the authority to review and approve the sign. The plan was reviewed based on the City's adopted design guidelines, master plan, and previous discretionary decisions. These suggestions are intended to help create an entrance that is consistent with the aesthetic of the park and also to recognize the generous contributions of the Rotary. The City Planner discussed design element compatibility of the proposal and options to integrate elements into the current signage, fencing and columns. Council discussion took place regarding the signage proposal.

Peter Stroh, Grosse Pointe Rotary, gave an overview of the project which includes retaining some play equipment and replacing other equipment to accommodate the needs and safety for children. Mr. Stroh also gave an overview of the Rotary's involvement over the years investing in the Elworthy Field Tot Lot.

Motion by Council Member Turnbull, second by Council Member Stempfle, to approve the site plan for the sign package for the Grosse Pointe Rotary at Elworthy Field, as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

SITE PLAN REVIEW – SIGNAGE FOR GROSSE POINTE BOAT CLUB

City Planner Jackson made the following report:

The Grosse Pointe Boat Club has submitted an application for front wall signage at the Grosse Pointe Boat Club located at Neff Park, 17350 East Jefferson. The applicant is proposing a non-illuminated wall sign on the north side of the club house facing the pavilion. The sign will be 24 inches in height by 30 inches wide, equaling 5 square feet. The proposed wall sign is in compliance with ordinance requirements. Council discussion took place regarding exploring sponsorships to invest in a project such as future improvements to the building.

Motion by Council Member Stempfle, second by Council Member Parthum, to approve the site plan for the proposed wall sign for the Grosse Pointe Boat Club, located at Neff Park, as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

BID AWARD – CITY HALL SIDEWALK CONTRACT

Public Service Director Randazzo made the following report:

As part of the new Public Works and Court facilities project, the concrete in the parking lot and drive lanes to the City complex off of Maumee Ave will be removed and replaced by the City’s contractor, DeMaria. Repairs to the front concrete walkway parallel to City Hall and the staircase leading to the basement are not included as part of this project. This supplemental concrete work was budgeted separately in our capital projects fund. Below are the bids submitted by local companies for these repairs:

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| 1. James J. Leamon Landscape Design & Construction
18530 Mack Ave, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mi | \$12,025 |
| 2. Capizzo Construction, 27267 Bunert, Warren, Mi | \$12,550 |
| 3. Asphalt Control Corp., Detroit, Mi | \$13,828 |
| 4. DSP Constructors, Detroit, MI | \$22,000 |

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Turnbull, to award the bid to James J. Leamon Landscape Design & Construction, in the amount of \$12,025.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE – PHONE SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES BUILDINGS

Public Service Supervisor Randazzo made the following report:

The City inquired with the company that installed the phone system for the City of Grosse Pointe to see if the City could re-use its current phones and transfer them to the new facilities buildings. It was noted that the phones in City Hall can still be used, but the phones at the new buildings will have to be upgraded to IP phones. Along with the upgrades to the offsite phones, most components to the base system such as modules, licenses, software and the unit that connects Grosse Pointe to Grosse Pointe Park for dispatch services will also be upgraded. The current system’s software and hardware is no longer supported and the upgrade is necessary. BCS also will run all internal fiber connections from the City Hall network to the new Court and DPW buildings through conduits supplied by the City’s contractor for the projects. The BCS proposal is noted below:

BCS, Sterling Heights, MI

NEC equipment and phone sets, licenses, software and installation	\$ 20,409.70
Extend fiber optic to Court and DPW materials and installation	<u>\$ 4,357.00</u>
Total	\$ 24,766.70

The existing phone system is an NEC proprietary system, and BCS is the sole provider of this system. By upgrading, the City is avoiding the cost of replacing all of the City’s phone sets and purchasing a whole new system. Funds for this project will be charged to the Public Facilities Bond funds, except for the unit connecting to Grosse Pointe Park.

Motion by Council Member Williams, second by Council Member Parthum, to waive the formal bid requirements and contract with Business Communications Systems in the amount of \$24,766.70 for an upgraded phone system and an internal fiber line installation.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

FIBER CONNECTIVITY FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES BUILDINGS

Public Service Director Randazzo made the following report:

City staff worked together to identify and discuss building a fiber ring in the City connecting all municipal sites to improve internet connections. Some of the issues are intermittent internet outages and bandwidth deficiencies in our parking surface lots, Neff Park, Public Safety, Public Works and the Neff Rd Pump Station. The new fiber upgrade will alleviate the issues listed below:

1. New connection to Public Safety Headquarters and to link new offsite locations like the new public safety building to the City’s network. The network will provide phone, data, and video capacity to and from all locations.
2. Credit card processing and communication to the parking structure from the surface lots causing delays in our parking system.
3. It will improve security video streaming at our municipal owned properties.
4. Better SCADA accessibility and operations for remote operations at the Pump Station.
5. Improve Wi-Fi performance at Neff Park.

Approximately three years ago the City contracted with AT&T to provide fiber lines from City Hall to the Municipal Parking Structure and from City Hall to the Grosse Pointe Park Police Station. This was to replace the coax and T-1 lines to address the communication outages that the parking system and dispatch phone systems were having. Over that period of time, the City has had a great experience with AT&T’s fiber service for those locations. Staff reached out to AT&T and Comcast to build out a fiber based connection throughout the City to enhance the internet communications to the municipal sites which include: The new Public Safety building on Mack, Neff Park, Municipal Parking Lots 2, 3, and 6, the Village Parking structure (lots), Neff Pump Station and City Hall. The new DPW and renovated Court will be tied into City Hall. Currently, the City pays approximately \$4,200 in internet costs per month. Their proposals are listed below for all sites combined.

AT&T	\$4,782 monthly/5 year rate guarantee
Comcast	\$5,200 monthly/3 year rate guarantee

Motion by Council Member Williams, second by Council Member Stempfle, to approve and execute an agreement with AT&T for internet upgrade to fiber connectivity, for a term of 60 months.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

FURNITURE VENDOR FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES BUILDINGS

Public Safety Director Poloni made the following report:

City staff visited showrooms of five vendors who submitted bids for the furniture products proposed for the Public Safety, Public Service and Municipal Court. After redefining the furnishing selections, vendors were requested to supply sample budgets for quantities provided. After reviewing the proposals, which each had a different manufacturer, the bid from ISCG in Royal Oak was the lowest estimated bid. ISCG provided pricing for Haworth furniture, which is a quality brand, and ISCG used the MIDeal contract satisfying the City’s bidding requirement. The estimated budget amount is \$80,000, which is less than the original estimated cost of \$120,000 for all three facilities.

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Williams, to utilize ISCG of Royal Oak to provide the furnishings for three facilities, in the amount not to exceed \$80,000, and paid for from the bond proceeds.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – ANDREW TURNBULL

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Stempfle, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Andrew Turnbull has faithfully served the citizens of the City of Grosse Pointe as City Council Member since 2011;

WHEREAS, Council Member Turnbull served as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, and has also served as City Council Representative on the Board of Trustees for the City of Grosse Pointe Employees' Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Turnbull worked diligently with fellow Council Members to address legacy costs and his expertise in the field of healthcare and insurance provided valuable insight and guidance to the City through a difficult fiscal crisis created by the Great Recession. This work, as well as many other important Council decisions, resulted in lasting achievements for the City of Grosse Pointe and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Turnbull will now retire from Council in October 2019; but he will always be known for his healthcare and insurance expertise, sound advice, logical thinking and commitment to Grosse Pointe; now therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, City Council and the citizens of the City of Grosse Pointe do hereby extend their most grateful appreciation to Andrew Turnbull for his outstanding community service and extend their best wishes to Andrew, Alicia and their family for much success and continued happiness.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Rozny, 863 University commented that consistency in traffic flow during construction projects is important. Navigating through the City recently has been chaotic. City should consider a sidewalk replacement program.

Eileen Wullschleger, 310 Moran, stated that there is a lack of transparency in government causing a collapse of social trust.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Service Director Randazzo reported that DTE is wrapping up their project and doing hard surface repairs and landscaping in the next two weeks. Mr. Randazzo also updated Council on the facilities project. Parks and Recreation Director Hardenbrook reported on upcoming Halloween events in the Village.

COUNCIL COMMENT

The City Council commented on the following topics:

- Appreciation was expressed to employees on dealing with ongoing facility construction projects.

- Congratulations was expressed to Dale N. Scrace on the renaming of the marina and for his service to the City of Grosse Pointe.
- Good luck was wished to candidates running for local office.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Council Member Stempfle, second by Council Member Parthum, to go into closed session for pending litigation.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Council met in closed session from 7:53 p.m. to 8:14 p.m. The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:15 p.m. There was no further action taken by Council.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe