

MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE ZOOM VIDEO AND PHONE CONFERENCE PROGRAM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020.

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Tomkowiak, Council Members Juip, Parthum, Stempfle, Thomas, Walsh, Williams

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes from the regular Council Meeting and closed session held on July 20, 2020.
2. Invoices
 - a) Florence Cement Company - 2020 Street Improvement Project, Estimate #1, \$162,449.89
 - b) Bell Equipment Company - Street Sweeper, July 2020, \$210,515
 - c) Michigan Municipal League - Workers Compensation, Installment #2, \$23,525.00
 - d) City of Grosse Pointe Park - Dispatch Services, 4/1/2020 – 6/30/2020, \$27,983.41
 - e) GFL - Recycling, August 2020, \$9,446
 - f) Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc.
- 2020 Street Improvement Project, 6/22/20 – 7/19/20, \$13,889.23
 - g) BS&A - Annual Service Contracts, 8/1/20-8/1/21, \$8,169
 - h) Great Lakes Water Authority - Sewer Charges, July 2020, \$74,500
 - i) Oakland County - Clemis, April – June 2020, \$5,173.25
 - j) Partners In Architecture - New Facilities, Payment #14, \$1,355,157.37
 - k) James J. Leamon - City Hall Sidewalk, July 2020, \$12,025
 - l) Fildew Hinks - Legal Services, June 2020, \$16,780.46
 - m) McKenna - Planning Services, June 2020, \$6,248.75
 - n) Virtra - Taser Simulator, July 2020, \$69,129.86
 - o) Indian Summer - Recycling, July 2020, \$5,581.82
 - p) City of Grosse Pointe Farms - Water Purchased, 4/1/20 – 6/30/20, \$207,271.45
3. Approval of the purchase of a 2020 Charger for a Public Safety vehicle from Galeana Dodge with a purchase price not to exceed \$26,147.
4. Adoption of Resolution to concur in the Rules and Regulations concerning Industrial PreTreatment Program as adopted by the Great Lakes Water Authority.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Juip, Parthum, Stempfle, Thomas, Walsh, Williams, Mayor Tomkowiak

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIES.

PRESENTATION AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION – ESTABLISHING A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

City Manager Dame stated that the City Council approved a moratorium on demolition permits and new dwelling permits in the Estate Residential zoning district (ER-1) to allow time for the City to consider adoption

of a historic district and/or design standards for new construction. The intent of the demolition component of the moratorium was to ensure that existing historic assets in the ER-1 district are preserved while Council explored creation of a historic preservation ordinance in the area.

City Manager Dame introduced Kristine Kidorf of Kidorf Preservation Consulting, who provided an overview on establishing an Estate Historical District under Michigan law. The presentation explained the objectives of establishing such a district, the process for doing so, and how a historical district operates. It was noted that in 2011, Kidorf Preservation Consulting worked with the City to conduct a preliminary historic assessment of buildings in the whole City under the auspices of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. The presentation incorporated the findings of that study in order to help ascertain an appropriate study area for a potential historic district including the ER-1 zoned areas. The Council reviewed the flow chart and proposed boundaries for potential historical district(s). Ms. Kidorf answered Council questions regarding how certain boundaries were determined, how much time it would take to complete the process, conditions for demolition within a historical district and potential tax credits for homes in a district. It was noted that a contiguous district is preferred.

City Manager Dame noted that if the Council is interested in continuing to pursue a local historic district, staff would bring back the required resolution needed to start the process and a professional services agreement to carry out the research and technical assistance needed to support creation of a district preserving the remaining historic estate neighborhoods in the City.

It was the consensus of the City Council that the City proceed with the study of a Historic District and City staff be directed to draft a proposed historic district resolution and a technical services agreement to consider at its next meeting.

PURCHASE – PUBLIC SERVICE UTILITY VEHICLES AND V-PLOW PUSHERS

Public Service Director Randazzo made the following report:

The City of Grosse Pointe Public Services Department is in need of replacing two (2) aging 2008 utility tractors and V plow pushers. The recommendation is to replace the existing John Deere tractors with two (2) new Bobcat Toolcats and two (2) Protech V plow pushers.

The new utility vehicles will have the ability to quickly connect attachments for sidewalk snow plowing, leaf collection, lawn restoration, street patching and other jobs within the department. These vehicles will also be able to utilize the attachments the City currently has such as a pallet fork, utility bucket, straight blade snow plow, and snow broom. The Bobcat Toolcat is the same vehicle the City purchased for the Water and Parking department last year which increases the versatility and options within all departments in the city in the event of breakdowns or maintenance. The vehicles, if approved, would be purchased through MiDeal, the State of Michigan's competitive bidding platform, from:

Clark Equipment Company, dba Bobcat Company, Govt Sales
P.O. Box 6000, 250 E Beaton Dr., West Fargo, ND 58078

The total price for two Bobcat Toolcats is \$103,909.10.

City staff researched new V plow snow pushers to be purchased and mounted on new Bobcat Toolcats. These plows will be used to clear sidewalks throughout the City. The Protech V plow snow pusher is made for municipal use and has been purchased by the City in the past. Staff is pleased with its performance. Other plow manufacturers are heavy for the utility vehicle and more expensive than Protech.

Protech V- plow, Santoro Inc. of Detroit, MI	\$5,500 each
Cat 1524 mm (60 in) V plow, Michigan Cat, Brownstown Twp., MI	\$5,883 each

Virnig V-Snow Blade, Skid Steer Solutions Bellingham, WA

\$5,995 each

Motion by Council Member Stempfle, second by Council Member Thomas, to award the purchase of two Bobcat Toolcat 5600's through the MiDeal contract from Clark Equipment Company, dba Bobcat Company, at a total price of \$103,909.10 and the purchase and fabrication of the Protech V plow pushers from Santoro Inc. of Detroit for \$11,000; with a total price of \$114,909.10.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Juip, Parthum, Stempfle, Thomas, Walsh, Williams, Mayor Tomkowiak
Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIES.

MAIN STREET GROSSE POINTE BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Tomkowiak indicated that as required by the recently approved bylaws for the new Main Street Grosse Pointe/DDA, she received recommendations from the current DDA Board for a slate of eight representatives for the new Main Street Board. According to the bylaws, the Board will consist of 11 members. The eight that are appointed must include seven members who have an interest (business or property) in the district and one resident. The remaining three must include the mayor (or a representative of the mayor), a Wayne County representative and a City Council member. The slate of eight members was unanimously approved by the DDA Board at its regular meeting on August 10, 2020 based on recommendations from a DDA nominating committee.

Mayor Tomkowiak stated although she has the discretion to appoint individuals other than those recommended, she has chosen to appoint the eight people recommended by the DDA Board. In addition, per the bylaws, June Lee will be appointed to continue as the Wayne County representative and Terence Thomas, as the Council representative, will replace Chris Walsh. Chris has been on the DDA since its inception in 2008 and has served three full terms. His service has been exceptional, and he has worked as a strong advocate for development in The Village. During the course of the Main Street process, a number of people expressed interest in serving on the Board and/or Main Street committees. In addition, Board applications were sent to all of the businesses and commercial property owners in the district. The DDA Board has recommended that everyone who expressed interest in serving on the Board or on a Committee be personally contacted to encourage their involvement when the Main Street Board convenes in September.

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Walsh, to approve the slate of candidates recommended by the DDA Board, and appoint those candidates to the Main Street Grosse Pointe Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Juip, Parthum, Stempfle, Walsh, Williams, Mayor Tomkowiak
Nays: None.
Abstain: Thomas

MOTION CARRIES.

BID AWARD – ADA ACCESSIBLE SIDEWALK RAMPS AT ELWORTHY TOT LOT

City Manager Dame made the following report:

Bids were received for an ADA Accessible Sidewalk Ramp at the Elworthy Park Tot Lot. This project will allow installation of ADA accessible parking spots with ramps, complete with tactile surfaces for people with visual disabilities adjacent to the updated Tot Lot. There will be one handicap space on St. Clair and two spots on Waterloo, including a van accessible space, with a concrete landing platform in the right-of-way to allow for

wheelchair loading and unloading. This project is particularly important and needed to accommodate individuals with disabilities arriving by vehicles especially given the new equipment at the Tot Lot is universally accessible. Two companies participated in the RFP and JB Contractors is the low bidder. The City Engineer has reviewed the bidder qualifications and finds the low bidder qualified for the project. This project is budgeted in the Capital Projects Fund and is funded primarily by CDBG grant funds that reimburse the Fund for costs incurred.

Motion by Council Member Parthum, second by Council Member Williams, to approve the recommendation of the City Engineer and award the bid in the amount of \$24,986 to JB Contractors for an ADA Accessible Sidewalk Ramp project at the Elworthy Park Tot Lot.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Juip, Parthum, Stempfle, Thomas, Walsh, Williams, Mayor Tomkowiak

Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIES.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Poloni updated Council on the status of the new Public Safety Building. He noted that a Dedication Ceremony was planned for Saturday, August 29 at 12 noon and all are invited. The event will take place under CDC guidelines for COVID-19.

COUNCIL COMMENT

The City Council commented on the following topics:

- The need to communicate how the Public Safety Department has acquired specialized training equipment through a generous private donation, and how the City is leading and collaborating with other communities to improve training.
- Appreciation was expressed to the City Clerk, and all election workers on conducting a well-run election during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Appreciation was expressed to City staff on the follow up repairs and responses to the DTE project.
- Council continues to work together with civility and respect, and looks forward to a time when the Council can meet again in person.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe