

## **COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 12, 2008**

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following were present: Councilmember Clark, Kennedy, Denner, Robson, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

Also present: Dale Krajniak, City Manager, Jane M. Blahut, Finance Director/Clerk and Herold McC. Deason, City Attorney

### **MINUTES – MARCH 12, 2008 – APRIL 14, 2008**

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the minutes of March 12, and April 14, 2008 be approved as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Kennedy, supported by Councilmember Robson to approve the minutes of March 12 and April 14, 2008 as presented.

AYES: Councilmember Clark, Kennedy, Denner, Robson, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

### **ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST**

Mayor Heenan, Bill Ramsey and Pat Deck of the Beautification Commission presented the awards to the winner and runners up for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Arbor Day Poster Contest. The winner is Keerthy Benny and the runners up are Maxwell t. Portwood, Ila R. Smith and Patrick J. Scotella.

Mayor Heenan and Members of the Council thanked the children for their effort and participation.

### **15120 MACK – VARIANCE**

Mayor Heenan presented to Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals a request by Deloma Stone a hearing for a variance from Section 27-95, Schedule c (2) of the Zoning Ordinance, which requires a minimum of 12 off street parking spaces for a beauty parlor or barber shop.

City Manager indicated the applicant proposes the use of five beauty salon chairs and sinks for service. Currently there are six off street parking spaces that exist for the entire building. This would allow the petitioner two chairs.

Ms. Stone indicated she has obtained permission from Hoyt Spicer to have 4 of the 6 existing spaces. She also indicated and provided a letter from Germaine Milana, owner of Mama Rosa's at 15134 Mack to provide parking spaces on the Lakepointe alley to the north of a residential home they own for her use. Also, the owner and occupant of 15116 Mack has indicated his office hours are different and he is often out of the office and he would be willing to allow her the use of his two parking spaces when he is not using them.

Councilmember Robson inquired of a business owner can utilize parking in a residential neighborhood?

City Attorney indicated he would report back on the same.

Councilmember Robson indicated he lives in the area and parking is always an issue and indicated he is in favor of viable businesses, however not at the expense of the residents or existing businesses.

Councilmember Denner inquired what the proposed hours of operation would be?

Ms. Stone indicated she initially wanted Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. however would be willing to modify the hours of operation.

Owner of 1454 Lakepointe indicated she is a 20 year resident and is opposed due to the lack of parking. If a business is viable and there is an existing shortage of parking spaces, the customers ultimately drive down Lakepointe and park in front of homes which results in the homeowner sometimes having to park a block away.

Mayor Heenan indicated the owner of the building should have been present this evening to answer questions.

Councilmember Grano inquired if reducing the number of chairs and sinks would be acceptable to the petitioner.

Ms. Stone indicated she would be willing to reduce the number of chairs.

Resident of the 1400 block of Wayburn indicated the city demolished a house and nothing has been done to the property in the mean time.

The Council indicated the city would grass seed the area this spring

Councilmember Denner agreed with the Council that approving this variance may cause a parking issue in an area that already has a parking congestion issue, however, indicated he doesn't like to see empty buildings in our community. If the request was reduced to three chairs and sinks, she's only short two spaces.

Councilmember Grano inquired if a variance could be granted with conditions. If the Council approved a variance for 3 chairs up until 5 or 6 p.m.

City Attorney indicated variances can be approved with conditions set upon them.

Councilmember Clark indicated the city would then have to be responsible for enforcing the variance with conditions set upon them.

City Attorney indicated the Council needs more definitive facts before a decision is made.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Grano to table this issue until the Council has more time to evaluate the parking situation and re-schedule the variance request at the next regular meeting.

AYES: Councilmember Clark, Kennedy, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: Councilmembers Denner and Robson

### **BUDGET REVIEW/PUBLIC HEARING**

City Manager presented a brief overview of the 2008/09 budget along with accompanying tax and water rates. He noted the overall taxable value decreased 1.7%.

City Manager provided a list of streets considered for repaving included in the budget.

Councilmember Denner recommended if construction is scheduled to be undertaken on any of the streets for paving, they hold off until all construction is completed.

City Manager indicated D.W.S.D. has passed on a 21% water increase and recommends the water rate be increased from \$2.69 to \$2.98 per unit.

The resolutions are as follows:

### **CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK RESOLUTION NO. 1**

**RESOLVED**, that in accordance with P.A. 5 of 1982, requiring the governing body to establish the millage rate required to balance the 2008-09 fiscal year budget and in accordance with Section 8.4 of the City of Grosse Pointe Park Charter, it is hereby determined that the millage rate for general operating purposes for the fiscal year 2008-09 be \$13.93 or \$13.93 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value (11.47 general operating; 1.72 rubbish disposal; .0806 communication fees; .66 bond issue).

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL  
RESOLUTION NO. 2**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 20.12 of the City of Grosse Pointe Park City Code whereby when any expense shall have been incurred by the City in respect to any single premise and subsequently such expense remain unpaid, and

**WHEREAS**, such premises have been advised that such unpaid bills will be placed as a lien against such property, plus fifteen percent (15%) service charge if not paid by a certain date.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a Special Assessment Roll for delinquent bills for water and miscellaneous items be placed upon the property described in the Exhibits as presented, copies of which are on file in the City Clerk's office and are a part of these minutes, in the respective amounts set forth opposite said properties in said Exhibits, including a service charge of fifteen percent (15%) for placing the bills for water and miscellaneous items on the Special Assessment Roll, and that Special Assessment shall be due and payable at the time 2008 City taxes are next due and payable with respect to such property.

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3**

**RESOLVED**, that having published proper notices and held a public hearing for the budgets of the following funds for the fiscal year 2008-09, such budgets are hereby adopted in the amounts set forth and purpose intended along with increases in related revenue sources:

**GENERAL FUND**

**Estimated Revenue**

Property Taxes	\$6,805,669
Licenses	217,200
State Shared Revenues	1,130,000
Charges for Services	689,300
Fines & Forfeits	581,700
Interest & Rents	398,900
Other Revenue	676,100

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Total Estimated Revenues	<u>\$10,498,869</u>
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Appropriations

City Council	\$ 84,600
Judicial	312,300
City Manager	167,200
Public Service	310,000
Elections	93,700
Financial Administration	351,300
City Clerk	160,900
Public Safety	5,585,765
Public Works	634,300
Tree Maintenance	262,800
Garage	91,600
Parks	525,600
Recreation	565,400
Fitness/Activity Center	513,900
Planning & Beautification	20,000
Justice Training Fund	12,900
Transfer to Other Funds	806,125

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Total Appropriations	<u>\$10,498,390</u>
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**Major Street Fund**

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 823,300
Total Appropriations	823,300

**Local Street**

Total Estimated Revenues & Reserves	\$ 553,500
Total Appropriations	541,900

**Garbage & Rubbish Collection**

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 1,192,208
Total Appropriations	1,147,600

**Building Department**

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 135,500
Total Appropriations	135,000

Downtown Development Authority Fund

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 174,382
Total Appropriations	170,086

**Tax Increment Financing Fund**

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 861,000
Total Appropriations	810,295

**Drug Law Enforcement Fund**

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 6,500
Total Appropriations	6,500

**Block Grant Fund**

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 95,000
Total Appropriations	95,000

**Debt Service Fund**

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 577,325
Total Appropriations	577,325

**Building Authority Debt Fund**

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 190,000
Total Appropriations	190,000

**Capital Improvement Fund**

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 635,000
Total Appropriations	635,000

**Water & Sewer Fund**

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 5,109,080
Total Appropriations	4,461,400

**Marina Fund**

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 270,500
Total Appropriations	263,800

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK  
RESOLUTION NO. 4  
WATER & SEWER RATES**

WHEREAS, the Detroit Water and Sewer Department has passed on a 21.5% water increase and 6% sewer rate increase. With having published proper notices and held a Public Hearing for water/sewer rate increases,

RESOLVED, that the following water rate be established at \$2.98 per hundred cubic feet of water and \$59.00 for sanitary sewerage fees bi-monthly, effective July 1, 2008.

Motion by Councilmember Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark to adopt Resolutions No. 1, 2, 3 & 4 approving the 2008/09 budget, tax rates, special assessments and water sewer rates.

AYES: Councilmember Clark, Kennedy, Denner, Robson, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

**DEMOLITION BID – 1011 MARYLAND, JEFFERSON ART CENTER**

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the bids received in response to a request for such bid for the demolition of 1011 Maryland and the Jefferson Art Center.

The bids received are as follows:

Adamo Demolition Co.	\$ 123,000
Den-Man Contractors	89,270
Upright Wrecking Co.	125,500

The Administration recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder Den-Man Contractors in the amount of \$89,270 for the demolition of 1011 Maryland and the Jefferson Art Center. Funds will be derived from the bond proceeds.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Grano to approve the demolition bid for 1011 Maryland and the Jefferson Art Center to Den-Man Contractors in the amount of \$89,270.

AYES: Councilmember Clark, Kennedy, Denner, Robson, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

### **LAWN MOWER PURCHASE**

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the bids received in response to a request for such bids for the replacement of two lawn mowers for the park department.

The bids received are as follows:

All Seasons Outdoor Equipment	\$	18,570.80
Hellebuyck's Power Equipment		18,976.00

City Administration recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder, All Seasons in the amount of \$18,570.80.

Motion by Councilmember Denner, supported by Councilmember Kennedy that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, All Seasons Outdoor Equipment in the amount of \$18,570.80 for two lawn mowers for the park department.

AYES: Councilmember Clark, Kennedy, Denner, Robson, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF MONEY MARKET FUND**

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the establishment of a money market account at Citizens Bank.

City Manager indicated the products Citizens Bank offers are excellent and recommended the establishment of such account.

Motion by Councilmember Denner, supported by Mayor Heenan to authorize the establishment of a money market account at Citizens Bank.

AYES: Councilmember Clark, Kennedy, Denner, Robson, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

### **FINANCE REPORT – APRIL 2008**

Councilmember for Finance Theokas presented to Mayor Heenan and Council the invoices exceeding \$5,000 and over for the month of April 2008.

Motion by Councilmember Theokas, supported by Councilmember Clark to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of April 2008 in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

AYES: Councilmember Clark, Kennedy, Denner, Robson, Theokas, Grano and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

1352 Grayton:

Resident of 1352 Grayton expressed concern over the lack of respect of his personal property by the handbill distributors.

He noted they carelessly walk across his flower beds and have destroyed them.

He inquired if the City is able to do anything to remedy his problem.

City Attorney indicated he would review the existing ordinance regarding permits and handbill distribution and noted it would be a topic of discussion at the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.