

COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 13, 2006

A regular meeting of the Council was held on Monday, November 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

Excused Absence: Councilmember Denner

MINUTES 10-9-06 & 10-23-06

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the minutes of October 9 & 23, 2006 be approved as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Kennedy, supported by Councilmember Grano to approve the minutes of 10-9-06 & 10-23-06 as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Denner

COUNCIL RECOGNITION RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS

Mayor Heenan and Members of the Council expressed their gratitude to Fred Olds, Dave Gaskin and Robert Buhl for their efforts in providing the education necessary to the residents of the community for the bond issue that was on the November 7th ballot.

Mayor Heenan also genuinely thanked the volunteers of the community who donated their time and effort going door to door informing the residents of the community for the need of the bond issue.

1021 BISHOP – VARIANCE

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, the request by Mr. Jeff Clark of 1021 Bishop a variance from Section 27-23 paragraph (a) (6) sub-paragraph c of the Zoning Ordinance that placement of swimming pools on residential properties.

Building Official Carmona indicated the applicant wishes to install an 8' x 15' swimming pool directly adjacent to the attached garage. The pool would be put in partially in ground and would stand 30" above ground. The ordinance requires that a distance of not less than 4' be maintained between the outside wall of the pool and any building located on the lot. This structure would encroach into that required setback. There have been no objections received.

Councilmember Clark indicated he is not opposed to the variance because it will actually be closer to his home than the side yard setback.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Robson that the Council sitting as Board of Zoning Appeals grant the variance allowing the construction of an 8' x 15' swimming pool adjacent to garage as described in plans and specification filed with the department of public service on the basis that the Council sitting as Board of Zoning Appeals find that because the size of the pool and practical location of the pool, the strict application of zoning regulations would result in peculiar or exception practical difficulties to, or exceptional undue hardship upon the owner of such property in that the pool could not otherwise be practically installed and that the variance sought by Petitioner can be granted in form and subject to the conditions as determined by the Council sitting as Board of Zoning Appeals without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purpose of the Grosse Pointe Park zoning ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Denner

FINANCE REPORT – OCTOBER 2006

Mayor Pro-tem Theokas presented to Council for consideration the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of October 2006 as presented. He indicated all invoices are routine and recommended approval.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Theokas, supported by Councilmember Clark to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of October 2006 as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Denner

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

FUND RAISER – WOLVERINE HUMAN SERVICES

Jeff Lee of Sierra Station requested the Council consider approving a 501 C license through the Michigan Lottery Bureau which would allow a fund raiser on behalf of the Wolverine Human Services.

Motion by Councilmember Kennedy, supported by Councilmember Clark to approve of the fund raiser for the Wolverine Human Services.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Denner

With no further business the meeting adjourned.