

COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2006

A regular meeting of the Council was held on Monday, December 11, 2006 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 – NOVEMBER 13, 2006

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the minutes of November 13, 2006 be approved as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Kennedy to approve the minutes of November 13, 2006 as presented.

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC SAFETY CIVILIAN COMMENDATIONS

Director of Public Safety Hiller presented to Mayor Heenan and Members of Council an incident that occurred on November 8 at a residence on Lakeview Court. The resident had arrived home and confronted the perpetrator who fled the scene in a white Cadillac. The resident was able to provide the Department with a description which was broadcast over the radios.

Three thirteen year old Pierce students, Alex Bedan, Connor Flaska and Sean Millavec were waiting to be crossed on the corner of Jefferson and Westchester by the Ordinance Officer, they heard the broadcast and then observed a white Cadillac fitting the described vehicle about a block away. They notified the officer who relayed the information to responding officers. The suspect was apprehended and taken into custody.

Mayor Heenan thanked the boys for their alertness and congratulated them on a job well done.

H.T. EWALD FOUNDATION FUN RUN

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration a request by the H.T. Ewald Foundation to host a Fun Run in the spring of 2007 with the proceeds to go to H.T. Ewald

Scholarship Foundation to assist Detroit area youth pursue their dreams through higher education.

Motion by Mayor Heenan, supported by Councilmember Kennedy to approve the Fun Run for the H.T. Ewald Scholarship Foundation in the spring of 2007.

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

NAYS: None

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – 2 YEAR TERM

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the re-appointments to the Beautification Commission for a two year term.

They are as follows:

Robert Ramsey
Barbara Miller
Sue Hanson
Wm. D. G. Balance
Dee Cimini
A Pat Deck
Roger Garrett
Shellie Hansen
Mary Krafutske
Albin Mazur
Robert Nye
Jan Ramsey
Frank Romano

Motion by Mayor Heenan, supported by Councilmember Denner to approve the re-appointments to the Beautification Commission for a two year term.

The Council unanimously voted in favor of the re-appointments.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY – 4 YEAR TERM

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the re-appointments to the Tax Increment Finance Authority for a 4 year term.

They are as follows:

James Odell
Patrick Mann

Peter D'Angelo

Motion by Mayor Heenan, supported by Councilmember Robson to approve of the re-appointments to the TIFA Commission for a 4 year term.

The Council unanimously voted in favor of the re-appointments to the TIFA Commission for a 4 year term.

RECREATION COMMISSION – TERM EXPIRES NOVEMBER 2007

Mayor Heenan presented to the Council Stacey Jarvis be appointed to the Recreation Commission with a term expiring in November of 2007.

Motion by Mayor Heenan, supported by Councilmember Kennedy to approve of the appointment of Stacey Jarvis to the Recreation Commission with a term expiring in November 2007.

The Council unanimously voted in favor of the appointment.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration an inquiry by KiKi Herfert as to the plans the City has to celebrate and recognize the 100 year anniversary of Grosse Pointe Park's incorporation.

Ms. Herfert offered her assistance to plan a centennial celebration recognizing Grosse Pointe Park's 100 year anniversary. She indicated Grosse Pointe Park is a wonderful place to live and this is a great opportunity to advertise all the amenities the City has to offer.

Councilmember Denner offered his assistance as a Council liaison to facilitate in the celebration.

Mayor Heenan thanked Ms. Herfert for her efforts.

SCOUT CAR VIDEO CAMERAS

Director Hiller presented to Mayor Heenan and Members of Council the request for the acquisition of camera for the scout cars. He indicated cameras were purchased in 2002 and have proven to be invaluable to the operation of the department. He indicated the warranty expires in January of 2007.

Director Hiller indicated the cameras have reached their life expectancy. Repair and replacement of the current system is no longer available. As a result the cameras need to be replaced and can be done with newer technology which would eliminate the 8mm tapes, tape player units and a tape degausser.

The proposed system includes the following:

Mobile Vision Flashback Digital Video System	9	\$5,295	\$47,655
Infrared Backseat Camera	2	395	790
Basic Viewer Software	1	350	350
Access Point Antenna	2	660	1,320
External USB Flashcard reader	1	50	50
LaCie 2 TB Ethernet Disk Server	2	1,384	2,768
LaCie d2 DVD-RW drive	1	130	130
APC Smart-UPS (battery backup)	1	419	419
Dell desktop workstation	1	750	750
Credit from 9 old Decatur systems	9	-500	-4,500
TOTAL			\$49,732

The City Manager indicated that formal sealed bids were not obtained due to the uniqueness of the equipment and advised that he had recommended in writing filed with the City Clerk that no advantage to the city would result from competitive bidding.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Denner to approve of the acquisition for 9 Mobile Vision Flashback Digital Video Cameras for the scout cars in the amount of \$49,732.00 and to determine that no advantage to the city would result from competitive bidding and the obtaining of formal sealed bids for such purchase.

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

NAYS: None

C.D.B.G. FUNDING ALLOCATION

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the allocation of the 2007 C.D.B.G. funding allocation is as follows:

Street Enhancement/utility	\$50,500
Services for older citizens S.O.C.	
Minor Home Repair	10,000
Case Coordination	1,500
Information/Referral Service	1,000
Meals on Wheels	8,000

Chris Reimel, Director of Public Service indicated a street designation is required by resolution of the Council to allow for C.D.B.G. funding to assist in sewer repair costs. The requested streets are Mack to Jefferson and Wayburn to Beaconsfield.

Mayor Heenan inquired if there were questions regarding the designation of streets and the allocation of 2007 funding.

Hearing no objections, the meeting continued.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Mayor Heenan to designate Mack to Jefferson and Wayburn to Beaconsfield as the area in which C.D.B.G. funds may be utilized to assist in sewer repair costs along with acceptance of the proposed 2007 allocation.

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

NAYS: None

Director of Public Service Reimel indicated a revision in the allocation of funding should be \$45,000 for sewer separation and \$5,500 for street enhancement and all else to remain the same.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Mayor Heenan to accept the revision of \$45,000 be allocated for sewer separation and repair costs and \$5,500 for street enhancement and all else to remain the same.

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

NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION HONORING
MAJOR JOSEPH TRANE MC CLOUD**

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration adopting a resolution honoring Major Joseph Trane McCloud who died in Iraq on December 3 in a helicopter accident serving our Country.

Mayor Heenan indicated Major McCloud grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and recommended honoring his service in the Military serving our Country.

Mayor Heenan indicated the Flag has been at half mass honoring Major McCloud.

Motion by Mayor Heenan, supported by Councilmember Robson that a resolution be prepared for the family of Major McCloud recognizing his dedication in serving our County.

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

NAYS: None

FENCE ORDINANCE

Councilmember Theokas indicated he spoke to the resident who came before the Council several months ago regarding the fence ordinance. Her property was twice the size of the properties behind her. One of the homeowners behind her constructed a 6' privacy fence, while the other neighbor had a 4' cyclone fence. She inquired if the Ordinance Review Committee has made any changes to the existing ordinance.

Councilmember Clark recommended the homeowner with the larger lot could revolve it by construction a 6' privacy fence along the entire parameter of the property.

City Attorney Deason indicated the Building Codes prohibit two fences to be constructed parallel with each other and indicated the Ordinance Review Committee will meet in January to discuss this matter.

Councilmember Theokas indicated he would be in favor of consistency and inquired what the other cities ordinance reflects.

Councilmember Clark indicated it's a difficult resolution.

1415-17 Wayburn

Councilmember Robson recommended the Ordinance Review Committee review whether the City could perform exterior work on properties in need of repair that are vacant and place a lien on their property.

SEMI-TRUCK COMPLAINT

Resident indicated she apprised the Council several months ago of the semi-trucks speeding down the residential roads and inquired if anything has been done.

Director Hiller indicated the City cannot prevent a truck from traveling down a residential road, however indicated he can monitor the speeding.

Resident inquired if there were status reports available regarding the funding for the conversion program.

Councilmember Theokas indicated the funding from the bond would not be used for the conversion program as made clear before. He noted the TIFA would be providing the funding for the conversion program as well as the loan program.

Councilmember Clark indicated the TIFA has provided loans in the past and it has improved the northwest sector of the City immensely and that improves the property values and the quality of life for everyone within that area. To use government funding to improve the quality of life for the residents is a proper use of spending.

Resident inquired if funding would be made available for business owners within the TIFA for expansion or improvements.

City Manager indicated currently funding is available for awnings for business owners.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.