

COUNCIL MEETING-MARCH 12, 2007

A regular meeting of the Council was held on March 12, 2007 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 Herald Mac Deason, City Attorney

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 12, 2007

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the minutes of February 12, 2007 be approved as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Mayor Heenan to approve the minutes of February 12, 2007 as presented.

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

NAYS: None

CITIZEN AWARD

Mayor Heenan and Director Hiller presented awards to Sara Mather and Brett Read for their quick response to issues as citizens who assisted and made a difference in providing a safe community.

The Council expressed appreciation to Sara Mather and Brett Read for their assistance.

GROSSE POINTE PARK PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT

Director Hiller presented to the Council the Public Safety Annual Report for 2006. The overall index and non-index crimes were reduced by 3.1% from the prior year. Robberies actually dropped from 24 for the prior year to 12 in total.

Director Hiller indicated car thefts have risen from the prior year and indicated an Action Task Force has been implemented to patrol the area. Grosse Pointe Park has joined forces with the Wayne County Sheriffs Office in “Arresting Car Thieves in Our Neighborhood (ACTION) along with the other Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Councilmember Grano inquired as to the clearance rate for burglaries.

Director Hiller indicated it's considered closed if a case can be cleared to a certain individual, not necessarily charged, but responsible for the crime.

Councilmember Robson commended the Director on a successful year.

Councilmember Denner also commended the Director for the commitment to training.

Councilmember Theokas inquired if Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety has considered consolidating services other than ambulance/911 calls.

Director Hiller indicated Grosse Pointe Park is willing to consider consolidating services.

Councilmember Clark indicated safety and security of our residents is the most valuable of public services. Training is productive and the results are apparent within the department.

FINANCE REPORT

Councilmember for Finance Theokas presented to Mayor Heenan and Members of Council the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the months of January and February 2007. He indicated the invoices are routine and recommended their approval.

Motion by Councilmember Theokas, supported by Councilmember Denner to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the months of January and February 2007 as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

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

NAYS: None

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SESSION

Mayor Heenan requested that an Executive Committee Session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to land acquisition.

Motion by Councilmember Kennedy, supported by Councilmember Clark that an Executive Committee Session be held immediately following the regular meeting to discuss acquisition of real estate.

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

NAYS: None

With no further business, the meeting adjourned to closed door session.

The meeting reconvened to open door session.

LAND ACQUISITION – 1482 WAYBURN

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the land acquisition of 1482 Wayburn, lot #16 for \$141,000.00.

Motion by Councilmember Denner, supported by Kennedy to authorize the Administration to acquire 1482 Wayburn for \$141,000. In addition, the Administration is authorized to actively proceed in the sale of the Mack/Alter property for \$1,200,000.00.

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

NAYS: Councilmember Clark

JAZZ BAR

City Manager indicated Peter Dow will be returning to Council requesting approval for a jazz bar.

Councilmember Robson indicated he is extremely opposed to the matter.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.