

COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 14, 2007

A regular meeting of the Council was held on Monday, May 14, 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 and Mayor Heenan

Also present: Dale Krajniak, City Manager, Jane M. Blahut, Finance Director/Clerk and Dennis Levasseur, Assistant City Attorney

Excused absence: Councilmember Grano

ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST

Mayor Heenan and Pat Deck of the Beautification Commission presented the awards to the winner and runners up for the 24th Annual Arbor Day Poster Contest. The Winner is James Fishback and the runners up are Mary-Kate Lynch and Jenny Moy.

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

Mayor Heenan thanked the Beautification Commission for their thoughts and remembrance of Mrs. Heenan

MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR JAYNE H. HEENAN

Mr. Ramsey of the Beautification Commission presented the plaque honoring Jayne H. Heenan and indicated the plaque would be placed near the memorial tree planted in honor of his late wife.

Mayor Heenan thanked the Beautification Commission for their sincerity.

MINUTES: April 9, April 20, and May 2, 2007

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the minutes of April 9, April 20, and May 2, 2007 be approved as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Theokas to approve the minutes of April 9, April 20, and May 2, 2007 as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Grano

15001 KERCHEVAL – VARIANCE

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the request by Mr. Peter Dow a variance from Section 27-95 paragraph (14), sub-paragraph (c-2) that regulates the number of required parking spaces for commercial properties for property located at 15001 Kercheval.

City Manager indicated the petitioner withdrew his item from the agenda this evening so as to provide additional parking details.

Mayor Heenan inquired with the audience if anyone would like to discuss this issue.

Resident expressed concern of allowing a bar that would remain open until 2:00 a.m. with the noise and lack of parking. There are homes located right next to this location and it would be out of character for this neighborhood.

All residents present regarding the variance for 15001 Kercheval opposed the approval for a bar in their neighborhood.

Resident and owner of Point Hardware indicated there is a significant lack of parking and oppose its approval and indicated the City should address parking issue before allowing this.

Resident inquired with the Council if they were aware of the latest arrest with the employee of the party store.

Deputy Director Schulte indicated there have been arrests made due to a fraudulent check scam and the FBI is investigating.

Residents indicated the patron of the party store cause problems in the area. If the party store was closed, there would be a lot less complaints and would help eliminate blight. The foot traffic of the people supporting this party store also leave behind their litter in the yards that are the closest and the residents are continually cleaning up after them.

City Manager indicated to his knowledge the owner of the party store is not interested in selling. There have been discussions of possibly altering Kercheval Avenue to a one-way out street to increase parking through angle parking and allow for landscape improvements to enhance this area.

Several neighbors recommended building a cul-de-sac on Wayburn and Kercheval which would reduce traffic on their street and improve parking.

Resident indicated the City Manager had informed them that there would be a permanent barrier on Brooks and to date there is none.

City Manager indicated he would review the issue.

Councilmember Denner addressed the resident concerns and indicated the Council is aware of these issues and indicated they are very focused about addressing the issues facing the Northwest sector of the City. It is a process that takes time, but reiterated the concern the Council has of these issues.

City Manager directed to follow up on a traffic study to determine the traffic flow from Wayburn to Alter Road to determine if making Kercheval one-way out would be plausible and if parking would be increased.

15852 JEFFERSON – VARIANCE

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the request by Ms. Kiki Herfert of 15852 Jefferson a variance from Section 27-32, which regulates the use of structures in an R-C Zoning District.

City Manager indicated the applicant wishes to legalize the addition of a basement apartment to an existing two family dwelling. The certificate of occupancy revealed that the property does not include a basement apartment.

Several residents expressed concern of the additional traffic and opposed the variance.

Motion by Councilmember Kennedy, supported by Councilmember Robson to deny the request by Ms. Herfert to legalize a basement apartment.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Grano

758 LAKEPOINTE – VARIANCE

City Manager indicated the variance request for 758 Lakepointe has been withdrawn.

Many residents were present regarding the condition that 758 Lakepointe is currently under. The yard has debris piled in the front and back yard.

Resident indicated there are unprofessional people working on the construction.

City Manager directed the building official to put a stop order on all construction through immediately and code enforcement officer to order the lot to be cleaned up immediately.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2007/08 BUDGET

Mayor Heenan presented to Council the proposed 2007/08 budget with the accompanying resolutions approving the proposed tax rates.

The Public Hearing opened and the resolutions read 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 2007-08 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 2007-08 be \$13.71 or \$13.71 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value (11.47 general operating; 1.72 rubbish disposal; .0806 communication fees; .446 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 2007 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 2007-08, such budgets are hereby adopted in the amounts set forth and purpose intended along with increases in related revenue sources:

GENERAL FUNDS

Estimated Revenue

Property Taxes	\$6,897,528
Licenses	206,950
State Shared Revenues	1,100,000
Charges for Services	648,200
Fines & Forfeits	580,800
Interest & Rents	412,500
Other Revenue	421,600
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Total Estimated Revenues	<u>\$10,267,578</u>

Appropriations

Council/Attorney	\$ 186,100
Judicial	307,500
City Manager	161,600
Public Service	312,800
Elections	89,000
Financial Administration	227,600
City Clerk	154,800
Public Safety	5,413,461
Public Works	651,000
Tree Maintenance	287,300
Garage	88,500
Parks	505,600
Recreation	550,000
Fitness/Activity Center	476,400

Planning & Beautification	19,300
Justice Training Fund	6,700
Transfer to Other Funds	829,800
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Total Appropriations	<u>\$10,267,461</u>
 <u>Major Street Fund</u>	
Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 820,483
Total Appropriations	820,483
 <u>Local Street</u>	
Total Estimated Revenues & Reserves	\$ 615,858
Total Appropriations	615,400
 <u>Garbage & Rubbish Collection</u>	
<i>Total Estimated Revenues</i>	<i>1,240,100</i>
Total Appropriations	1,238,100
 <u>Building Department</u>	
Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 92,400
Total Appropriations	92,400
 <u>Downtown Development Authority Fund</u>	
<i>Total Estimated Revenues</i>	<i>\$ 150,000</i>
Total Appropriations	32,100
 <u>Tax Increment Financing Fund</u>	
Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 871,500
Total Appropriations	866,980
 <u>Drug Law Enforcement Fund</u>	
<i>Total Estimated Revenues</i>	<i>\$ 6,300</i>
Total Appropriations	6,300
 <u>Block Grant Fund</u>	
Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 95,000
Total Appropriations	95,000

Debt Service Fund

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 566,800
Total Appropriations	566,800

Building Authority Debt Fund

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 183,550
Total Appropriations	183,550

Capital Improvement Fund

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 687,200
Total Appropriations	682,400

Water & Sewer Fund

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 4,916,463
Total Appropriations	4,561,569

Marina Fund

Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 261,400
Total Appropriations	256,300

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER – 15128 MACK

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the request for a liquor license transfer of a Class C and SDM license for 15128 Mack.

City Manager indicated the Public Safety Department conducted an investigation into the applicant’s background and future plans. This particular transfer is actually in two stages, commonly referred to as a step process.

The first applicant requesting the transfer is John Carlisle. Mr. Carlisle (GPP Bar LLC) is only seeking approval of the transfer to his name as part of the step process. He was previous owner of the Double Olive and owns the property. Through closures of the previous establishments, Mr. Carlisle, by contractual agreement, retains rights to the license. He has no desire to be in the bar business and this approval would only allow the formal transfer to the new owner. As a result, the Public Safety Department recommends the approval of the transfer to Mr. John Carlisle for step process only.

The second applicant, Kristine Armaly has applied for approval of the license transfer from (GPP Bar LLC), to GP and ME LLC. Ms. Armaly is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms and currently employed in the family business. The new name of the bar will be “Old Pointe”. Applicant plans to attract late twenties and up clientele and operate basically from 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. There are no cooking facilities in the business at this time.

The Public Safety recommends the approval subject to pending normal inspections.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Denner to approve the liquor license transfer from GPP BAR LLC to GP and ME LLC for a Class C and SDM license for 15128 Mack to Kristine Armaly

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Grano

FINANCE REPORT – APRIL, 2007

Councilmember for Finance Theokas presented to Mayor and Council the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of April 2007 be approved as presented. He indicated all invoices are routine monthly bills.

Motion by Councilmember Theokas, supported by Councilmember Clark to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of April, 2007 be approved as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Grano

REPRESENTATIVE KILLEEN

Roman Hammes, representing Representative Killeen presented the City Council with an award acknowledging the 100 Year Anniversary.

Mayor Heenan and Councilmembers thanked Mr. Hammes for the award recognizing the City of Grosse Pointe Park 100 year anniversary.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.