

COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 13, 2007

A meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday, June 13, 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, 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 Theokas

MINUTES – MAY 14, 2007 & JUNE 11, 2007

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the approval of the minutes of May 14th and June 11th 2007 be approved as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Kennedy, supported by Councilmember Denner to approve the minutes of May 14th & June 11th 2007 as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Theokas

15001 KERCHEVAL – VARIANCE

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, the request by Mr. John Hunter 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.

Mr. Hunter indicated he wishes to use the property at 15001 Kercheval as a jazz café with live entertainment and liquor license. He noted there would be live music until 11:30, a new store front and an outdoor seating area with all new décor.

Area residents opposed to the variance expressed the major concern is the lack of parking in a residential area along with loud music late into the evening.

Resident inquired if there is an economic plan for the commercial district of the city?

City Manager indicated there is not an economic plan as this review would be undertaken with the Liquor License review.

Councilmember Clark indicated this type of establishment is not the appropriate use in this specific area of the city. There is a concern with the already existing lack of parking. He noted he will protect the interest of the existing businesses and the interests of the neighboring residents and noted he will not support this request.

Councilmember Robson concurred noting this type of business would not be appropriate for a residential community.

Councilmember Grano thanked Mr. Hunter for his willingness to invest in the community and noted Mack or Charlevoix would be a better location for this type of establishment.

Councilmember Denner also thanked Mr. Hunter for his interest in Grosse Pointe Park and noted he's very sensitive to the surrounding neighbors. He stated the Council has yet to successfully address all the parking issues. He wished Mr. Hunter well.

Mayor Heenan indicated the City needs a little life in this community, noting a cafe would be an enhancement.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Robson to deny the variance request for a jazz café.

AYES: Councilmember Clark, Kennedy, Denner, Robson and Grano

NAYS: Mayor Heenan

Absent: Councilmember Theokas

STREET RESURFACING

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the bids received in response to a request for the 2007 resurfacing program.

The bids received are as follows:

Florence Concrete & Asphalt	\$1,035,364.00
Ajax Paving Industries	986,069.00
Cadillac Asphalt	811,985.95

The administration recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Cadillac Asphalt in the amount of \$811,985.95

Motion by Councilmember Kennedy, supported by Councilmember Clark to award the bid to the low bidder, Cadillac Asphalt in the amount of \$811,985.95 for the 2007 street resurfacing program.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Theokas

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the re-appointment of David Gaskin to the Planning Commission for a three year term expiring July 1, 2010.

Motion by Mayor Heenan, supported by Councilmember Clark to re-appoint David Gaskin to the Planning Commission for a three year term.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Theokas

BOND ISSUE SUMMARY

City Attorney indicated the bond closing is scheduled for June 28th at which time the City will receive the funds approved by the voters in November of 2006.

The bond proceeds will allow the City to continue and expand efforts to enhance our residential and commercial districts.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Grano to approve the expenses with the bond proceeds dealing specifically with capitol project improvements.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Theokas

BOND PROCEEDS TRUST ACCOUNT

City Attorney indicated the City is required to hold the bond proceeds in a separate bank account and noted a new account would need to be established.

Motion by Councilmember Denner, supported by Mayor Heenan to authorize the Finance Director to establish a new bank account in which the bond proceeds would be held.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Theokas

BUDGET AMENDMENT F/Y 2006/07

Finance Director Blahut presented to Mayor Heenan and Council a budget amendment for fiscal year 2006/07 be approved as presented.

The budget amendment is as follows:

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK
RESOLUTION NO. 5**

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 8.2 of the City Charter of the City of Grosse Pointe Park the City Manager has submitted to Council a budget for estimated revenues and appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 and

WHEREAS, additional costs not included within the original 2006-07 appropriations have arisen,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following funds budgets be amended as follows:

General Fund

	<u>Original 2006-07</u>	<u>Revised 2006-07</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	<u>\$ 941,300</u>	<u>\$9,691,300</u>	<u>(\$250,000)</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Tree Maintenance	\$ 242,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 58,000
Parks	435,200	475,000	39,800
	<u>\$ 677,200</u>	<u>\$ 775,000</u>	<u>\$ 97,800</u>

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

	<u>Original 2006-07</u>	<u>Revised 2006-07</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
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<u>Revenues</u>	\$ 123,800	\$ 65,000	(\$58,800)
<u>Expenses Bldg.</u>	123,800	160,000	36,200
	<u>\$ 247,600</u>	<u>\$ 225,000</u>	<u>(\$22,600)</u>

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

	<u>Original 2006-07</u>	<u>Revised 2006-07</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Parking Lot	\$ 0	\$100,000	\$100,000
	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

Motion by Councilmember Kennedy, supported by Councilmember Clark to approve the budget amendment for fiscal year 2006/07 as presented.

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

Absent: Councilmember Theokas

PARK & RECREATION RULES

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the Manager's Park & Recreation Rules recommended by the Recreation Commission for approval.

CITY MANAGER RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CONDUCT AND USE OF PARKS.

1. No person shall possess, operate, or use any ball-throwing machine or similar mechanical device of any kind on any tennis court or otherwise in any City park except as permitted by the Director of Recreation.
2. No person may occupy or use any one or more of the tennis courts in any City park for more than two hours on any calendar day except as permitted by the Director of Recreation.
3. No person shall give or receive or participate in private instructions or classes of any kind in any City park except as permitted by the Director of Recreation.
4. No person shall engage in the solicitation of any business, trade or occupation in any City park unless authorized by franchise, license, permit, or other authority

issued by the City. This includes conducting class instruction for a fee, commercial gain, or any other remuneration and the taking of photographs and/or videos for commercial use.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Clark to approve the Park & Recreation Rules made by the City Manager pursuant to Section 17.1 of the City Code.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Theokas

FINANCE REPORT – MAY 2007

City Attorney presented to Mayor Heenan and Council the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of May 2007 as presented.

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

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Theokas

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SESSION

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

Motion by Mayor Heenan, supported by Councilmember Clark that an Executive Committee Session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to contract negotiations.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Theokas

CITIZEN COMMENT

City Manager indicated an independent firm has been hired to do all inspections throughout the community. This firm is aggressive in writing up violations and overall should improve the program.

Director Hiller presented to Council for review the consideration of a temporary order making Kercheval one-way out from Beaconsfield to Wayburn which will be studied.

Councilmember Grano recommended notices be sent to all immediate neighbors prior to establishing this temporary order.

Mr. Mueller indicated he is opposed to making Kercheval one-way out from Beaconsfield to Wayburn.

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

The meeting re-convened to open door session.

DISPATCH CONTRACT

City Manager presented to Council for consideration the agreement that has been reached with the Public Safety Dispatchers for a 3% pay increase for a 3 year period.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Mayor Heenan to accept the proposal for the Dispatchers Contract effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

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

NAYS: None

Absent: Councilmember Theokas

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.