

COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 13, 2016

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park was held on Monday, June 13, 2016, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following were present: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner.

Also present: Dale Krajniak, City Manager, Stephen Poloni, Director of Public Safety, Dennis J. Levasseur, City Attorney, and Jane M. Blahut, Finance Director/Clerk

MINUTES – MAY 23, 2016

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of the May 23, 2016, meeting for approval as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Chouinard, to approve the minutes of May 23, 2016, for approval as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION

HONORING

SUSAN THOMAS

2016 STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration a resolution honoring Susan Thomas, the court administrator for receiving the Court Administrator of the Year Award.

The resolution read as follows:

WHEREAS, Susan Thomas, Court Administrator for the City of Grosse Pointe Park has faithfully undertaken her duties since September 2003 on behalf of the community, and

WHEREAS, Susan Thomas has performed her duties in an exemplary manner with commitment, knowledge, dedication, and experience, and

WHEREAS, Susan Thomas has been recognized by her peers throughout the State of Michigan from each branch of the State of Michigan courts including, all district courts, circuit courts, court of appeals, and Michigan State Supreme Court as the 2016 Court Administrator of the Year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Mayor Denner and Members of the Grosse Pointe Park City Council hereby congratulate and express their deepest appreciation to Susan Thomas for all her efforts and deserved recognition.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to adopt the resolution honoring Susan Thomas, Grosse Pointe Park Court Administrator in recognition of achieving the court administrator of the year award.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Judge Jarboe offered his gratitude and appreciation of the fine job Susan Thomas has done for Grosse Pointe Park. He also recognized Meghan East and Jamie Ferszt in the court office for their efforts.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION 2015-16

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration a budget amendment for fiscal year 2015/16.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 8.2 of the City Charter of the City of Grosse Pointe Park the City Manager has submitted to the Council a budget for estimated revenues and appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 and

WHEREAS, additional costs not included within the original 2015-16 appropriations have arisen,

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

Finance Director Blahut presented the budget amendment costs as follows and funded in part through surplus appropriations.

GENERAL FUND

	<u>Original 2015-16</u>	<u>Revised 2015-16</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Financial (GASB 45)	\$ 0	\$ 10,506	\$ 10,506
Transfer Out (401)	<u>474,000</u>	<u>705,000</u>	<u>231,000</u>
	\$ 474,000	\$715,506	\$ 241,506

MAJOR STREET FUND

Expenditures

Transfer Out – Roads	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 245,369</u>	<u>\$ 245,369</u>
	\$ 0	\$ 245,369	\$ 245,369

LOCAL STREET FUND

Revenues

Transfer In – Roads	<u>\$ 981,826</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (981,826)</u>
	\$ 981,826	\$ 0	\$ (981,826)

Expenditures

Local Street Improvements	\$ 981,000	\$ 0	\$ (981,000)
Transfer Out – Roads	<u>0</u>	<u>1,148,559</u>	<u>1,148,559</u>
	\$ 981,000	\$1,148,559	\$1,148,559

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Expenditures

Grounds – S. Gardener	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 25,600</u>	<u>\$25,600</u>
	\$ 0	\$ 25,600	\$25,600

TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Expenditures

Grounds – S. Gardener	<u>\$ 25,600</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$(25,600)</u>
	\$ 25,600	\$ 0	\$(25,600)

ROADS

Revenues

Transfer In	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$1,393,928</u>	<u>\$1,393,928</u>
	\$ 0	\$1,393,928	\$1,393,928

Expenditures

Road Resurfacing	\$ 0	\$1,983,461	\$1,983,461
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Revenues

Transfer In General	<u>\$ 474,000</u>	<u>\$705,000</u>	<u>\$231,000</u>
	\$ 474,000	\$705,000	\$231,000

Expenditures

Pool Marsiting	\$ 0	\$ 40,435	\$ 40,435
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Tompkins Roof Repair	0	15,775	15,775
Public Safety Vehicle	55,000	68,911	13,911
Parking Improvements	<u>0</u>	<u>191,933</u>	<u>191,933</u>
	\$55,000	\$317,054	\$262,054

MARINA FUND

Revenues

Surplus Appropriations	<u>\$36,206</u>	<u>\$72,665</u>	<u>\$36,459</u>
	\$36,206	\$72,665	\$36,459

Expenditures

Project costs	<u>\$ 3,914</u>	<u>\$40,373</u>	<u>\$36,459</u>
	\$ 3,914	\$40,373	\$36,459

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the 2015-16 supplemental budget amendments as provided.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

BALLOT LANGUAGE CHARTER PROVISIONS

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the ballot language for various charter provisions as follows:

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park has determined that the Charter provisions with respect to the “Merit System; Department of Personnel” should be removed from the Charter because they are obsolete due to collective bargaining laws;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposition (Proposition No. 1) be placed before the duly qualified electors of the City of Grosse Pointe Park in the November 8 general estate election:

“Shall Section 5.14 of the Charter of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, entitled ‘Merit System; Department of Personnel,’ be removed from the Charter as it is obsolete due to collective bargaining laws?”

This resolution is adopted as of June 13, 2016.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to adopt Resolution No. 1 as presented and such proposition to be placed before the electors of the City of Grosse Pointe Park in the November 8, 2016, General Election.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park has determined that the Charter provisions with respect to the regular meetings of the City Council should be amended to change the number of regular monthly meetings from two to one;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposition (Proposition No. 2) be placed before the duly qualified electors of the City of Grosse Pointe Park in the November 8 general estate election:

“Shall Section 6.1 of the Charter of the City of Grosse Pointe Park be amended to change the number of regular monthly meetings from two to one?”

Proposition No. 2 shall amend the following Section of the City Charter as follows:

“**Section 6.1 Regular Meetings.** The Council shall provide by resolution for the time and place of its regular meetings and shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. A regular meeting shall be held on the Monday following each regular city election.”

This resolution is adopted as of June 13, 2016.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to adopt Resolution No. 2 as presented and such proposition be placed before the electors of the City of Grosse Pointe Park at the November 8, 2016, General Election.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park has determined that the Charter provisions with respect to “Supervisors” should be removed from the Charter (and the remainder of the Charter be renumbered) as it is obsolete because it relates to representation on the County Board of Supervisors and there is no longer a County Board of Supervisors;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposition (Proposition No. 3) be placed before the duly qualified electors of the City of Grosse Pointe Park in the November 8 general estate election:

“Shall Chapter 4 of the Charter of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, entitled ‘Supervisors,’ be removed (and the remainder of the Charter(s) be renumbered) as it is obsolete because it relates to representation on the County Board of Supervisors and there is no longer a County Board of Supervisors?”

This resolution is adopted as of June 13, 2016.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to adopt Resolution No. 3 as presented and such proposition be placed before the electors of the City of Grosse Pointe Park at the November 8, 2016, General Election.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

PROPOSITION NO. 4

Shall Section 15.4(a) of the Charter of the City of Grosse Pointe Park be amended to change the existing limitation on the compensation of the Municipal Judge to a Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollar minimum and a Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollar maximum from the existing Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollar a year minimum and Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollar a year maximum which was adopted in 1988?

Yes

No

Section 15.4 Compensation of presiding officer.

(a) The presiding officer of the Court shall receive such annual compensation as fixed by ordinance, but not less than Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars nor more than Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars per year. The annual compensation of the officer may be increased but shall not be decreased during a term of office except and to the extent of a general salary reduction applicable to all salaried officers of the City. Until otherwise provided by ordinance, the salary of the office shall be Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars per year.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park has determined that the Charter provisions (adopted in 1988) with respect to the salary of the Municipal Judge should be updated and amended to provide that such salary be set by ordinance adopted by the City Council, with a Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollar minimum and a Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollar maximum from the existing Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollar a year minimum and Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollar a year maximum;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposition be placed before the duly qualified electors of the City of Grosse Pointe Park in the November 8 general state election:

“Shall Section 15.4(a) of the Charter of the City of Grosse Pointe Park be amended to change the existing limitation on the compensation of the Municipal Judge to a Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollar minimum and a Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollar maximum from the existing Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollar a year minimum and Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars a year maximum which was adopted in 1988?”

Proposition No. 4 shall amend the foregoing Section of the City Charter as follows:

“Section 15.4(a) Compensation of Presiding Officer:

“The presiding officer of the Court shall receive such annual compensation as shall be fixed by ordinance, but not less than Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars nor more than Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars per year. The annual compensation of the office may be increased but shall not be decreased during a term of office except and to the extent of a general salary reduction applicable to all salaried officers of the City. Until otherwise provided by ordinance, the salary of the office shall be Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars per year.”

This resolution is adopted as of June 13, 2016.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Robson, to adopt Resolution No. 4 and such proposition be placed before the electors of the City of Grosse Pointe Park at the November 8, 2016, General Election.

Councilmember Arora inquired if the minimum charter salary language should be maintained at the existing \$6,000 to provide greater flexibility for the City.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Arora to amend the motion by including the minimum salary language be maintained at its existing \$6,000 to provide greater flexibility for the City.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: Councilmember Chouinard

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Robson, to adopt Resolution No. 4 and such proposition be placed before the electors of the City of Grosse Pointe Park at the November 8, 2016, General Election.

Councilmember Grano stated he is a proponent for having a district court, rather than a municipal court, stating it would benefit all the Pointes to become a district court. The Grosse Pointe communities are the only cities in the State of Michigan to maintain a municipal court.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Chouinard, Robson, and Detwiler, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: Councilmember Grano

Mayor Denner inquired what would be required to pursue a district court.

Councilmember Grano stated the City of Grosse Pointe Park could pursue it or present it to the electors of the City.

RE-APPOINTMENT CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Denner requested this issue be tabled until July 11, 2016.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to table this issue until July 25, 2016.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

FINANCE REPORT – MAY, 2016

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented to Mayor and Council for consideration the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of May, 2016, for approval as presented.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Great Lakes Water Authority	March/April waste water	\$ 248,800
Rizzo Service	Refuse collection – April	33,883
Rizzo Service	Recycling for April	11,298
PMI Inspection Service	Building Inspections – April	13,027

Bodman PLC	Retainer monthly	5,833
Great Lakes Water Authority	Water service for Mach	96,377
Grosse Pointe Clinton Refuse	Refuse disposal-Feb, March, April	32,211

Motion by Councilmember for Finance, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of May, 2016, for approval as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

CLOSED DOOR

Mayor Denner requested that a closed door session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to acquisition of real estate and litigation.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, that a closed door session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to real estate acquisition and litigation.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification:

Councilmember Chouinard presented a brief overview of the June 8, 2016, Beautification Commission meeting. He noted plaques were ordered and trees planted for former commissioner Al Mazur, serving 32 years on the commission along with former commissioner Frank Romano, who served for 37 years. A tree was planted honoring former chairperson Bob Ramsey.

Councilmember Chouinard stated the Beautification Award nomination process is underway and members are nominating homes and business for the annual beautification awards.

Councilmember Chouinard stated the perennial exchange was a big success this year.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Robson presented a brief overview of the May 25, 2016, Public Safety committee meeting. He noted the Nixle operations were discussed and Chief Poloni is developing a policy. All in attendance agreed it needs to be more active.

Councilmember Robson stated a discussion on more community outreach including security surveys for businesses, DPS open house, more frequent bike patrols, and CPR classes for citizens.

Councilmember Robson stated Chief Poloni has indicated moral is up. Upgrades in radio technologies and body cams are underway and a formalized training program.

Discussion on the status of the Auto Theft Task Force has been productive. Other Grosse Pointe Communities were asked to contribute but was met without success. The Chief is also reviewing the overall costs for the ambulance service. Service comparisons are being undertaken to determine if to determine if MedStar is a viable option for the city.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Landlord/tenant issue:

Linda Solterisch, resident of Grosse Pointe Woods is representing her daughter who is a renter at 914 Nottingham in Grosse Pointe Park. She stated the landlord/tenant of the house she rents does not have a valid certificate of occupancy and requested the Council override the policy so her daughter and three children can go to the park.

City Manager stated there are rules in place to encourage landlords to maintain their properties to code and the owner of this particular property is in violation. He stated he would review the matter.

Councilmember Robson stated Mrs. Miller presented him with an autographed baseball from her grandson, who was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 19th round.

The Council congratulated Mrs. Miller on behalf of her grandson.

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

The meeting reconvened to open door session.

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Detwiler, to direct the City Attorney and City Manager to proceed as directed in closed door session.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Chouinard, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

With no further business the meeting adjourned.

