

COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 9, 2018
7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park was held on Monday, July 9, 2018, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

MINUTES – JUNE 11, 2018

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of June 11, 2018 meeting for approval.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Clark, to approve the minutes of June 11, 2018 as presented.

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

NAYS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration clarification on the Planning Commission Re-appointments. He stated at the last meeting the re-appointments were tabled until September, 2018, however, it has been determined that the terms do expire on July 1 each year. The Council will be considering re-appointing at the August meeting.

STREET MILLAGE

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the 2018 proposed ballot language for the continuation of the resurfacing of streets. He noted in the millage that was approved in 2014 for a five-year term at 1.75 mills was restricted to include local roads from the existing 1.75 mills. The 2018 millage proposal, which would go into effect December, 2019, would be reduced to 1.00 mill and would include Streets, Alleys and Parking Lot Improvements throughout the community.

City Manager stated the street millage has generated \$4,000,000 to date while this fiscal year there is an additional \$1,900,000 available to allow us to complete the goal of addressing our local streets. The overall street system contains approximately 25 miles of local streets and 11.69 miles of major streets.

City Manager stated the 1.75 mills generated \$980,000 annually, this coupled with our reserve allocation of funds will have totaled \$5,900,000. We now have to determine funding support for addressing our major streets, parking areas and alleys. We have far less miles of major streets than that of local and when taking into account the additional work required on alleys, parking lots along with curb replacement.

The one mill will generate approximately \$600,000 annually. This should allow the resurfacing of major streets over the next 6 to 7 years, raise funds for alleys, parking lots and provide resources for routine street and catch basin repairs.

City Manager stated there are many variables when determining the financial needs for road work, collecting one mill will average a little over \$600,000 per year and should assist greatly in addressing our major street requirements and provide resources for the alleys and parking lots.

Mayor Denner read aloud the ballot language as follows:

PROPOSED 2018 BALLOT LANGUAGE

Ballot Language for Street, Alley and Parking Lot Improvement Millage

Shall the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan be authorized to levy millage on the taxable property within the City not to exceed the annual rate of 1.0 mills (\$1.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of 10 years, beginning with the December 1, 2019 levy and extending through the 2028 levy, inclusive, for the purpose of reconstruction, resurfacing, repairing and otherwise improving major and local streets within the City, alleys, parking lots and related infrastructure? This millage would represent a partial renewal, reduction and expansion of the purpose of the annual levy of 1.75 mills that expires with the December 1, 2018 tax levy which was approved by the electors in 2014 for the purpose of reconstruction, resurfacing, repairing and otherwise improving City streets. The estimated amount of revenue that will be collected in the first year that the millage is authorized and levied is \$590,641.00.

Yes No

Councilmember Clark stated road repair costs are very hard to predict and a ten-year period is a more reasonable request to meet our needs.

Councilmember Read stated as much as the Council does not want to add to the tax burden, tax millage is the only way to generate additional funds for resurfacing.

Councilmember Grano stated he dislikes that the Council has to ask for road millage, however, he dislikes driving down bad roads even more. It is important to maintain our infrastructure. One concern is the millage may be too light for what is needed. Should we ask for 1.25 mills?

City Manager stated the priorities will be more selective and the 1.00 is expected to be adequate.

Councilmember Robson inquired if 100% of the local roads will be completed by July, 2019.

City Manager stated all local roads requiring attention will be completed by fiscal year 2019.

Councilmember Detwiler recommended asking for 1.25 mills and collect 1.00 and have the ability to increase the millage if needed.

Mayor Denner stated he supports the Administration's recommendation for 1.00 mill.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the proposed 2018 ballot language to be placed on the November 6, 2018 ballot for Street, Alley and Parking Lot Improvement Millage.

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

NAYS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ordinance Review Committee:

Councilmember Clark summarized the issues that were discussed at the Ordinance Review Committee that was held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

Drones:

Councilmember Clark stated drones are a concern for the City, specifically usage and safety. He stated Dave Baxter was present at the meeting and noted drones are considered aviation and must comply with the Federal guide lines, including strict operational rules. The drone must be registered with the FAA, a background check of the operator, registration filed with the drone and the registration number must be imprinted on the actual drone. Drones can only be operated on a sunny day and you cannot fly over a vehicle, people, and must be operated at least 400 feet above any building. Drone operators must be at least 16 years of age. Failure to register your drone with the Government can include a \$27,000 fine and up to three years in prison. The most significant rule the Federal Government has is that it cannot be operated over people and within a certain radius of airports.

Milk Weed Plants:

Councilmember Clark noted to preserve the Monarch Butterfly, Milk Weed plants should be removed from our list of restricted plantings in the community.

Air Bed and Breakfasts:

Regarding Air Bed and Breakfasts, there are several homes that operate as Air Bed & Breakfasts, the majority reside in the two-family district of the Northwest sector of the City. The concerns are parking, disrupting neighbors, tenants renting and homeowners not abiding by the Rental Business Regulations.

City Attorney will prepare an ordinance for the regulation of Air Bed and Breakfasts.

Shuttle Buses:

Regarding shuttle business, there are several businesses that rent shuttle buses for a fee and take people out of the community to different venues, while relying on district parking. It was discussed that a special permit would be granted for a nominal fee to allow parking at Pierce or Defer, if allowed by the school, then it would avoid taking parking for other businesses.

RECREATION COMMISSION:

Councilmember Chouinard summarized the progress at the parks including:

- The Atrium is now completed, and contractors are currently working on the landscaping.
- Electrical in the Marina has been completed along with the sea wall repairs

- The Pool is open and in full swing and pickle ball lines will be added on the tennis court project this July.

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FINANCE REPORT – JUNE, 2018

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of June, 2018, for approval as presented.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Great Lakes Water Authority	Waste water – April	\$145,000
Grosse Pointe Clinton Refuse	Refuse disposal – Feb & March	22,603
Greencorner	Umbrellas for Park	11,160
Bodman, PLC	Pros. Atty. & retainer fee	10,000
J & W Tree Artisans	Tree trimming and removal	15,625
De Roche Construction	Replace city sidewalk	14,090
CTI	Engineering	6,000
Jos. Kutchey & Sons	Circle planters	5,955
Dean Marina & Excavating	Repair outer beak wall at WPP	48,919
Green for Life	Recycling for June	11,470
Green for Life	Rubbish for June	35,577

Motion by Councilmember Detwiler, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of June, 2018, as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

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

NAYS: None

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

DTE Meters:

Resident suggested the Council contact DTE to request that the meters be maintained in the house rather than in the front of the property and by declaring the community A Historical District.

Mayor Denner stated if a property is declared historical it restricts a homeowner from doing home improvements without approval from the State.

Meeting information:

Councilmember Read suggested placing the Council packet on the website.

Mayor Denner stated he would review with the Administration.

Park Communicator:

Councilmember Clark stated the deadline for the communicator is July 13th and recommended articles regarding the drones and street millage be included.

Truck Traffic Concern:

Resident of the 1300 block of Lakepointe stated it appears that there is heavier traffic with delivery trucks to the businesses on Lakepointe and requested restrictions to limit the truck traffic.

Community Art Project – Detroit:

Resident of Grand Marais commended Councilmember Read for her efforts with the Community Art Project.

Road Concern:

Resident of the 1100 block of Nottingham stated the intersection at Cadieux and Mack has been leveled down, however it has not been refilled and it is damaging to cars.

Pemberton Stop Sign:

Resident requested consideration for a four way stop sign be placed at Pemberton and Essex, and Fairfax and Westchester.

City Manager stated the Director of Public Safety will review the matter.

Jefferson Buses:

Resident inquired as to the status of the progress with the bus turn-around on Jefferson.

City Manager stated the Administration is reviewing the plan to push the curbs back along Jefferson.

Movie Theater:

Resident of Bishop stated he loves living in the Park, loves the amenities that are offered and inquired if the City has considered purchasing movie tickets online. He noted he has gone several times and tickets are sold out.

Mayor Denner stated Councilmember Chouinard will bring it up to the Recreation Commission at the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.