

COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2019

7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park was held on Monday, January 14, 2019, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Excused: Councilmember Grano

Also present: Dale Krajniak, City Manager, Holly Piche, Secretary, and Dennis J. Levasseur, City Attorney

MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 2018

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of December 10, 2018, for approval.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Read, to approve the minutes of December 10, 2018, as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmember Grano

COMMISSIONER TIM KILLEEN

Wayne County Commissioner Killeen present a brief overview of the results of the recent audit conducted for the Community Development Block Grant (C.D.B.G.) program along with possible changes to the program.

He noted several concerns by both HUD and the auditor general regarding the administration of the program. Some of which are:

- Not enough money that is distributed is being spent.
- County does not have enough people administering the program
- Money not being spent on low to moderate income areas as intended

Commissioner Killeen stated currently funding is based on population, however, going forward, it is possible that will change after the new proposal is released. His main concern noted is to get the guidelines and the process of the program running properly and worry about allocation changes after the program is up and running correctly.

Mayor Denner inquired what the timeline for the program is going forward.

Commissioner Killeen stated the hope was to have the proposal by late March early April.

Councilmember Robson inquired if the executive or commission is leaning towards the Harris County model going forward for the C.D.B.G. program.

Commission Killeen indicated the Harris County model is a good example however, there are several other communities doing a good job with the program as well. We really won't know anything until the proposal is released.

Councilmember Clark inquired if the program is to go with the RFP process should we consider pooling our funds with other communities going forward.

Commissioner Killeen indicated it is too soon to tell and could not answer that until after the proposal has been released. He stated as soon as the proposal is released, he will be in contact with the communities for recommendations and input.

Mayor Denner thanked Commissioner Killeen for his update.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Denner presented to Council the committee reports for the meetings since the Council last met.

##### Planning

Councilmember Clark summarized the meeting held on January 9, as follows:

- The Master Plan focus of meeting
- Planning Commission members meeting with other commission representatives to receive feedback regarding master plan input which is to be reported back to subcommittee Chair, David Gaskin by March 15
- Timeline for Planning Commission master plan was established
- 3 dates set up for master plan public input
- Community interests, solicit feedback from standing committees, open meetings, contribute their ideas and provide a forum for public impact

##### Beautification

Councilmember Read summarized the meeting that was held on January 9, as follows:

- The commission transitioned into the new year by setting the 2019 calendar of events and timeline of beautification awards. Discussed possibly moving awards to October from November.
- Commission Dan Convery resigned. Discussed adding 1 new commissioner. Chair will pursue this with the mayor as he makes the appointments.
- Holiday awards are pending and will be published in the Park Spring Communicator, which will be distributed on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Winners will be notified by mail and receive a certificate.
- City forester reported that the city lost the lowest number of ash trees (11) since 2002. Although, the ash population was significantly decimated, city forester reported we have more trees in Grosse Pointe Park than we ever have.
- Pat Deck attended the BCSEM winter meeting and shared some renewable energy information presented by the Detroit Incinerator and their use of steam generated by the incinerator as an energy source for downtown buildings. The next BCSEM meeting will be combined with Keep Michigan Beautiful (KMB) on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Gazebo in Warren.

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2019 at 7:30 PM in council chambers.

Communication

Councilmember Detwiler stated a meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and has been posted on the website.

FINANCE REPORT – DECEMBER, 2018

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Build Safe Inspection	Building Inspector – Dec	\$ 9,222
Bodman, PLC	Pros. Atty. & retainer fee	10,000
Galls LLC	Night vision goggles	7,558
OHM Advisors	Paving Kercheval-Mack	8,069
Audio Imaging	Headsets & receivers	5,134
Great Lakes Water	Waste Water- October	150,100
Ray Wiegand's	Holiday decorations	7,571
Cadillac Asphalt	Concrete resurfacing	853,495
Great Lakes Water	Water usage – October	105,394
Marine City Nursery	City trees	6,545
Green for Life	Recycling – December	11,564
Green for Life	Rubbish – December	36,189
J & W Tree	Leaf hauling	52,000

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Chouinard, to accept the invoices for \$5,000 and over for the month of December, 2018, as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the charter.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmember Grano

CLOSED DOOR SESSION

Mayor Denner requested that a closed-door session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to Labor Contracts.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, that a closed-door session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to Labor Contracts.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmember Grano

#### NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Denner stated immediately following the meeting Council will be attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly completed indoor pickle ball courts in the gymnasium at the Lavins Center and invited all audience members to attend.

Councilmember Robson thanked the City Manager on the quick response to Wayburn/Mack area and getting it cleaned up so quickly.

Councilmember Detwiler commended the City Manager for all his efforts with FEMA and getting the flood plain changed.

Mayor Denner agreed and explained the efforts of the City Manager working with FEMA to remove approximately 1000 homes south of Jefferson from the flood plain thus saving them thousands of dollars in flood insurance.

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

The meeting reconvened to open door session.

#### PERSONNEL REVIEW

Personnel Chairman Clark presented a 2% increase for the City Manager for 2019 and other benefits to remain consistent with the prior year as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Mayor Denner, to approve of the 2% wage increase and other benefits to remain consistent with the prior year for the City Manager as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmember Grano

Personnel Chairman Clark presented a 2% increase for the Finance Director/Clerk for 2019 and all benefits and allowances to remain consistent with the prior year as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve of the 2% wage increase and all benefits and allowances to remain consistent with the prior year for the Finance Director/Clerk as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmember Grano

#### ORDINANCE No. 210

Councilmember Clark presented to Council for consideration Ordinance No. 210 which establishes the Judge's compensation.

Councilmember Clark indicated the Personnel Committee met and used comparables from Judge's in the Pointes along with case load and types of cases. The salary the Committee is recommending to Council the salary be set at \$25,000 for 2019.

Ordinance No. 210 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Section 15.4(a) of the City Charter for the City of Grosse Pointe Park was amended to provide that the limitation on the compensation of the Municipal Judge was to be not less than Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollars per year and no more than Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars per year.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park has determined that the salary of the Municipal Judge (most recently set in 2017 at \$23,000.00) should be updated to provide that such salary shall be Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars per year effective January 1, 2019 until such time as amended by the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 1, 2019 that:

"The presiding officer of the Court shall receive annual compensation of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars per year until such time as amended by the City Council."

This Ordinance is adopted as of January 14, 2019.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Chouinard, to adopt Ordinance No. 210 establishing the Municipal Court Judge's salary at \$25,000 for 2019.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmember Grano

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.