

COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 8, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Park was held on Monday, April 8, 2019, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

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

MINUTES – MARCH 11, 2019

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of March 11, 2019, for approval.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Read, to approve the minutes as presented for approval.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

2018 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMENDATIONS

Mayor Denner and Director Poloni presented awards to the public safety personnel for their exceptional performance while on duty.

Department Commendation:

Scott Gilchrist
Detective Sergeant Michael Narduzzi
Steven Thiel
Kevin Remus (2)
Paul Pionk (2)
Brady Baetens
Erik Davis
Sergeant Michael Miller
Aristides Reyes (2)

Life Saving Award:

Steven Thiel
Public Safety Chief Dispatcher Jill Mazzara
Adam Bremer

Unit Life Saving Award:

Sergeant Michael Miller
Sergeant Anthony Blain
Kevin Remus
Paul Pionk
Steven Thiel
Christopher Jones

Civilian Civic Life Saving Award:

Dr. David Lawrence
Dr. Ashley Nusic
Combat Medic Sarah Jetter

Mayor Denner stated the public safety officers provided many life saving acts that provided exceptional service to our residents.

The Council expressed their gratitude for the exceptional service the officers provide to our community.

TROMBLY – FOURTH GRADE STUDENT PROJECT

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the placement of a “free little library” at Patterson Park.

Parent Sponsors Renee Jakubowski, Mo Francis Krieter and Trombly Elementary 4th grade students presented to the Council a free little library to be donated and placed at Patterson Park. The library was built by the 4th grade Destination Imagination Team of Trombly as part of a Stem project. The team presented a brief play.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Detwiler, to accept the gift from the 4th grade students of Trombly Elementary Destination Imagination Team to be placed at Patterson Park.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

STATE OF MICHIGAN – BENEFITS PLAN PA 202

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the application Waiver and Plan for the unfunded status of the OPEB (other post-employment benefits) for retiree health care provided to employees prior to 4-1-14.

City Manager stated the City of Grosse Pointe Park has always been a “pay as you go” program and continues to do so. He also noted there have been significant changes to the plan design including eliminating health care for retirees at retirement for anyone hired after 4-1-14. Currently there are 68 full time employees, of those, 26 employees will not be eligible for health care benefits upon retirement and an additional 12 employees who will receive it until age 65.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the application Waiver and Plan for the unfunded status of the OPEB.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

BOARD OF REVIEW RE-APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the re-appointments to the Board of Review for a three-year term.

Allene Carlile
Jay Hackleman

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Grano, to re-appoint Allene Carlile and Jay Hackleman for a three-year term.

Councilmember Read stated she reviewed the city charter and it states terms should be staggered over a three-year term.

Mayor Denner made a motion to amend his original motion, supported by Councilmember Grano, to re-appoint Jay Hackleman for a two-year term and Allene Carlile for a three-year term.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

AFTER 6 ON KERCHEVAL

Mayor Denner presented to Council a request for renewal of the annual license requirement for the Kercheval After 6 events.

Director Poloni stated this license is for temporary events serving beer and wine.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Read, to approve of the temporary license required for the After 6 on Kercheval events scheduled for June 22, July 27, and August 24, which allows the sale of beer and wine.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

RECOGNITION OF ARBOR WEEK

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration recognition of Arbor Week. He noted that Grosse Pointe Park has achieved Tree City USA for thirty-five consecutive years.

Mayor Denner presented the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, Mayor Denner, City Council and Members of the Beautification Commission have established the day of April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day, and

WHEREAS, the Beautification Commission in recognition of Arbor Day has established an Arbor Day Poster Contest for area fourth grade students, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the awards is to promote community awareness and involvement in Arbor Day by the students as well as an appreciation of the many benefits of trees, now, therefore, be it so

RESOLVED, that Mayor Denner, City Council, and Members of the Beautification Commission hereby recognize the day of April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Read, to adopt the resolution recognizing Arbor Week.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

FINANCE REPORT – MARCH, 2019

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented to Mayor and Council the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of March, 2019, for approval as presented.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Bodman, PLC	Pros. Atty. & retainer fee	\$ 10,000
Build Safe Inspection	Building Inspector – February	9,600
OHM Advisors	Sewer Resiliency	11,912
GP Clinton Refuse	Refuse disposal – January	8,347
Great Lakes Water	Waste water – February	150,100
Green for Life	Rubbish for March	36,189

Cascade Engineering	Toters for residents	9,950
Great Lakes Water	Water usage – January	101,325
Green for Life	Recycling for March	11,139
Macomb Powersports	(2) 2019 Kawasaki Mules	22,347

Motion by Councilmember Detwiler, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the months of March, 2019, as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Denner stated there were no committee reports since the Council last met.

CLOSED DOOR – LABOR

Mayor Denner requested that a closed-door session be held immediately following the regular meeting to discuss contracts.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Detwiler, that a closed-door session be held immediately following the regular meeting to discuss contracts.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Public Safety:

The Council expressed their gratitude to the Public Safety Department for their work ethics and professionalism.

Incinerator:

Councilmember Grano stated the incinerator closed and inquired if prices are anticipated to increase.

City Manager stated Waste Management is taking over the accounts and will hold them constant for seven years.

Proposed Fiat Chrysler assembly plant:

Councilmember Read stated a public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, at Southeastern High School, 3030 Fairview, Detroit, with an informational session from the MDEQ at 5:30 p.m. to answer questions relating to emissions by the plant.

DPW BUILDING:

Resident stated the DPW building is in bad shape and requested it be maintained.

PANDA Program: Resident of 1024 Nottingham expressed dissatisfaction with the PANDA Program, a program that includes public safety officers to visit the inside of the schools. She stated it scares the children.

Resident of 872 Pemberton also expressed dissatisfaction with the program and recommended the parents be involved in the planning. Public safety officers should be trained to deal with a crisis at school, they need to dial it back.

Residents of Grayton spoke in favor of the PANDA program.

Director Poloni stated the department is mandated five times a year for different programs to be taken when there are not bad things going on. To make it clear, the department was invited by the schools for the start up of this program.

Resident of Pemberton inquired again regarding traffic safety around schools.

PROPOSED FIAT CHRYSLER PLANT:

Resident Kathy Johnson stated she has reviewed the consequences of the proposed plant and it appears that it will negatively affect the Grosse Pointe's and St. Clair Shores. She inquired if the City has an employee who is knowledgeable in this field.

Mayor Denner stated the City does not have an employee capable of this task.

TRAFFIC CONCERN:

Resident of Kensington stated there are two traffic lights on Mack that drivers try to avoid and make a right hand turn on Kensington and speed. There are many children in the neighborhood and the vehicles speed.

Director Poloni stated he would review the matter.

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

The meeting reconvened to open door session.

LABOR CONTRACTS

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Robson, to authorize the City Manager to pursue labor negotiations as discussed in closed door session.

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

NAYS: None

Excused: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.