COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, September 23, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following were present: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Denner, Robson, Theokas, and Grano, and Mayor Heenan

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

MINUTES – AUGUST 26, 2013

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the minutes of August 26, 2013, for approval as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the minutes of August 26, 2013, as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Denner, Robson, Theokas, and Grano, and Mayor Heenan
NAYS: None

CADIEUX FARM HOUSE

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the relocation of the Cadieux farm house to 16641 E. Jefferson. This issue was tabled at the last meeting and is brought to Council for consideration.

City Attorney Levasseur provided a summary brief regarding the issues relating to the relocation of the farm house to 16641 E. Jefferson. The Council would need to approve the relocation of the home to 16641 E. Jefferson, prior to other considerations which would include variances to setbacks and a possible lot split.

City Attorney noted the more problematic issue is relocating the farm house in an area zoned RA, which is intended for single family homes. By relocating this structure to the front yard area of 16641 E. Jefferson, it would not comply with the single family home zoning requirements. Also, if the structure was relocated to 16641 E. Jefferson, side yard, front yard and rear yard variances would be required.

City Attorney stated an accessory structure could include a garage, a shed, a pool house and possibly a large play scape. The farm house is a single family residence and would not be categorized as an accessory structure.

Councilmember Theokas inquired if the existing lot were split to accommodate the RA zoning, would the property be assessed taxes.

City Attorney stated if the property was split, each lot would have individual assessments.

Members of the Historical Society expressed concern of the need to relocate the farm house.
Representative of Beaumont Hospital stated they are interested this evening only in obtaining approval to move the farm house. They have several options and are pursuing each.

Mr. Gaskin of Bishop Road, stated his property abuts 16641 E. Jefferson and is opposed to this request. He encouraged the Council to consider the negative impact this would cause to the homeowners of the existing homes. He inquired what the use of this property would be. He stated he spoke to the owner of 16641 E. Jefferson who indicated he is going to rent the property out or possibly sell it. He also stated he plans on bricking the farm house to coincide with the existing brick on his home and add a garage. He stated Mr. Thiel is a well-intentioned young man, however, expressed the opinion that this location is not appropriate for the farm house.

Councilmember Clark stated Beaumont’s interest is clear that it would like to preserve this historical home, however noted that it is currently utilized as a private residence and will remain a private residence. He stated his duty is to the residents of Grosse Pointe Park and to look after the interests of the existing neighbors who oppose such a request. He noted he also is in favor of preserving the farm house, however, does not think this property is suitable to accommodate this request.

Councilmember Grano stated he agrees with Councilmember Clark and also would like to see the farm house preserved, however, does not feel 16641 E. Jefferson is appropriate. Councilmember Grano also stated it is the Council’s responsibility to consider the neighbors views and Mr. Gaskin is present opposing this request.

Planning Commissioner Fred Olds stated the Commission held a meeting and the Commission was opposed to relocating the farm house to 16641 E. Jefferson.

Councilmember Arora stated she is not opposed to this location, however, has concerns of constructing a garage.

Councilmember Denner stated he has concerns with this location based on zoning and neighborhoods, and stated it raises more issues than solutions.

Councilmember Theokas stated Beaumont could preserve the farm house in its current location and maintain the property. He noted it doesn’t make this issue Grosse Ponte Park’s problem.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Clark to refer this issue to the Real Estate Committee for review.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Denner, Robson, Theokas, and Grano, and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

FINANCE REPORT – AUGUST, 2013

Councilmember for Finance Theokas presented to Council for consideration the invoices exceeding $5,000 for the month of August, 2013, be approved as presented.

The invoices are as follows:
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Motion by Councilmember Theokas, supported by Councilmember Robson to approve the invoices exceeding $5,000 for the month of August, as presented, in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Denner, Robson, Theokas, and Grano, and Mayor Heenan
NAYS: None

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SESSION

Mayor Heenan requested that an Executive Committee Session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to acquisition of real estate.

Motion by Mayor Heenan, supported by Councilmember Denner, that an Executive Committee Session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to Acquisition of Real Estate.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Denner, Robson, Theokas, and Grano, and Mayor Heenan
NAYS: None

CITIZEN COMMENT

Resident requested that signs be posted on the pier at the marina mandating boaters remain at a 250’ distance from the pier to protect the fisherman.

The Council agreed to place signage at the marina.

Councilmember Grano inquired if Grosse Pointe Farms would allow Park residents to utilize their dog park.

City Manager stated he will inquire with the Farms.

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