COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 9, 2013

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, December 9, 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

MINUTES – November 12, 2013

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the minutes of November 12, 2013 for approval, as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Councilmember Denner, to approve the minutes of November 12, 2013, as presented.

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

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF DETROIT
MAY 3 – 18, 2014

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration a request by Ann Baxter, General Chair, of the Junior League of Detroit.

Mrs. Baxter stated the Junior League of Detroit has selected 1007 Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park for the 2014 Show House. She met with the homeowners of the 1000 block of Bishop to address any concerns. Some of the issues discussed were:
- No Show House parking on that block of Bishop during the actual show house (May 3-18)
- Shuttles will be used to bring guests from a designated parking lot to the house and back
- The May 2 Opening Night Preview Party will have valet parking service
- Construction parking from February 1 – May 2. Parking will be on one side of the street only and the League will encourage them to use the home’s back driveway whenever possible
- The League will work with the Public Safety Department for appropriate parking signage
- No parking will be allowed at all in cul de sac (construction or Show House)

Motion by Councilmember Theokas, supported by Councilmember Clark, to approve the request by the Junior League of Detroit to host the 2014 Show House at 1007 Bishop.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Denner, Robson, Theokas, and Grano, and Mayor Heenan
NAYS: None
Representatives of the Grosse Pointe Public School System apprised the Council of the proposed upcoming Special Election to be held on February 25, 2014, for the voters to decide on a millage to support technology and infrastructure.

Councilmember Arora inquired what type of technology do other school systems offer their students.

Grosse Pointe School representative stated Grosse Pointe is behind the times and other communities offer some type of I-pad, or laptop computer. Also our Grosse Pointe Schools do not have the ability to have all classes on the internet at one time.

Councilmember Denner stated a good portion of the $50 million goes to infrastructure; however most technology is obsolete in three years. Did a study on the useful life for the technology being considered.

Grosse Pointe School representative stated there will be two draws on the funds. The initial will be approximately $35 million and the second draw will be approximately three years later to update the obsolete technology. The school system will budget in the general fund to account for future reoccurring technology upgrades.

Councilmember Grano inquired why the Grosse Pointe School Foundation is not doing more to assist.

Grosse Pointe School representative stated the Foundation has raised $1.7 million which was used for the research for this proposal.

Councilmember Robson inquired if the school board considered assessing families for this cost. Also what type of security is under consideration.

Grosse Pointe School representative stated the school cannot assess fees relative to costs for equipment.

Councilmember Theokas inquired as to how many computers will be purchased and how much will they cost.

Grosse Pointe School representative stated the computers will be purchased by level of school and will cost approximately $17 million and approximately $500 each.

Councilmember Theokas inquired if the school board considered purchasing computers for families who cannot afford to purchase one for their child.

Grosse Pointe School representative stated if all the students have the same computer, it evens the playing field for the students as well as making it easier for a teacher with only one type of computer.

Resident stated children under age 12 should not spend more than 1 hour per day on a device relative to their health and has that been considered.

Grosse Pointe School representative stated they are aware of health issues regarding technology. The children will not be on a device all day long. There will still be books in use in all classrooms.
Resident also inquired how are inappropriate sites going to be blocked out so students are prevented from using them.

Grosse Pointe School representative stated there would be a firewall that would prevent such sites.

Mayor Heenan thanked the Grosse Pointe School representatives for their presentation.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 203

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the proposed Ordinance No. 203 relating to rental properties.

City Manager stated currently there are no licensing requirements for rental properties assessed to the landlords. Effective January 1, 2014, licenses must be obtained by landlords within 60 days of adoption of Ordinance No. 203. Registration of tenants will be required when the park passes are mailed out in the fall. Also under consideration is a nominal fee of $10 per year for the license. This fee will assist in the cost to administer the new program. Forms will be mailed and available on line. All landlords will be required to update information and apply for licensing.

City Manager noted a Certificate of Use and Occupancy currently are valid for three years and costs $150.00 for a single family home. The new program will be revenue neutral and will require mandated inspection every two years at a cost of $100.00 for a single family. Two family units and four family units will also be revenue neutral.

Councilmember Theokas inquired if this proposed ordinance supersedes anything in the existing ordinance.

City Attorney Levasseur stated the only thing that changes is the Certificate of Use and Occupancy timing, changing it from three years to two years.

Councilmember Robson inquired what assurances does the City have that the landlords completed background investigations.

Councilmember Denner stated the background investigation is mandatory. If there are routine problems at the home, the landlord will be asked for proof of the investigation. Penalties will be assessed if background investigations were not completed.

Motion by Councilmember Clark, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve Ordinance No. 203 with the modification provided by the City Attorney to add additional provisions regarding on-line sources for mandatory tenant background checks.

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

Resident of Whittier recommended the proposed ordinance include OTIS, Offender Tracking Information System. He stated you include name and it comes up within 30 seconds. It is also user friendly. He recommended the investigation be made available to residents.
Councilmember Theokas inquired what penalty is assessed for non-compliance.

City Attorney stated any person who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, and/or refuses to comply with or resists the enforcement of this Article IV shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as provided in Public Act 231 of 1961, as amended, under Section 1-12 of the City’s Code. The first violation of this Article IV shall be a civil infraction with a maximum penalty of a $150.00, in addition to cost assessments, expenses, and/or damages assessed under the law. Increased civil fines may be imposed for repeated violations, which means a second or subsequent municipal civil infraction violation committed by a person within any 12-month period and for which a person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. Penalties for a repeat violation of this Article IV shall be as follows:

a. The fine for any office which is a first repeat offense shall be $250.00, in addition to cost assessments, expenses and/or damages assessed under the law;

b. The fine for any offence which is a second repeat offense or any subsequent repeat offense shall be a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of a $500.00 fine in addition to cost assessments, expenses, and/or damages assessed under the law, and/or 90 days in jail;

c. The fines described above shall be in addition to cost assessments, expenses and/or damages assessed under the law, including any unpaid registration fees as described in Section 13-46 of this Code;

d. Every week that a violation of this Article IV continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense;

e. Fines assessed under this Section shall be recoverable from the Owner and shall be a lien on the subject Rental Property; and

f. The suspension and/or revocation of Landlord Business License or Rental Unit Registration as provided for in Section 13-54 of this Article IV.

Motion by Councilmember Denner, supported by Councilmember Clark, to approve of the $10 annual license fee and such application for the license to be mailed to Landlords each year.

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

GROSSE POINTE CLINTON DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the amended contract for refuse disposal with the Grosse Pointe Clinton Disposal Authority (“Authority”) through May of 2024.

The role of the Authority is to collectively dispose of waste and manage the former 90 acre incinerator site which previously functioned as both the community’s landfill and incineration.

City Manager stated the amendment extends the current refuse agreement for an additional ten years. The communities will direct their waste through the Authority and the volume of flow will be approximately 30,000 tons.

Councilmember Arora stated Clinton Township is not participating in the Authority and has made arrangements with their hauler. Will the tipping fees increase due to the reduction of waste as a result of Clinton Township not participating in the Authority.
City Manager stated Clinton Township hauler does not own a disposal site and any pricing they offer is simply a pass on from the disposal site provided. Also it was noted the term of their agreement is limited.

Councilmember Grano stated the original Authority members are exposed to significant liability of the old landfill site and to protect our interests, we should definitely retain membership.

City Manager stated that it is in the City’s best interest to remain in the Authority.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Denner, to approve of the ten year extension for Grosse Pointe Park contract with the Grosse Pointe Clinton Disposal Authority for an additional ten year period, expiring March of 2024.

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

BOARD OF REVIEW – RE-APPOINTMENT

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the re-appointment of Margot Parker to the Board of Review for a three year term.

Motion by Mayor Heenan, supported by Councilmember Clark, to re-appoint Margot Parker to the Board of Review for a three year term.

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

FINANCE REPORT – NOVEMBER, 2013

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

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Motion by Councilmember Theokas, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the invoices exceeding $5,000 for the month of November, 2013, for approval 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

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.