COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 27, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, September 22, 2014, 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 M. Krajniak, City Manager, Jane M. Blahut, Finance Director/Clerk, and David Hiller, Director of Public Safety, and Dennis J. Levasseur, City Attorney

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

Mayor Pro-tem Theokas presented to Mayor and Council the minutes of September 22, 2014 for approval, as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Robson, supported by Mayor Heenan, to approve the minutes of September 22, 2014, as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Denner, Robson, Mayor Heenan, and Grano, and Mayor Pro-tem Theokas.

NAYS: None

FULL CIRCLE FOUNDATION 50/50 RAFFLE

Mayor Pro-tem Theokas presented to Council for consideration the recognition of Full Circle Foundation as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses.

Mr. Kratz, representing Full Circle Foundation, stated the charitable gaming division required the Council to recognize Full Circle Foundation as a non-profit organization to allow fund raisers for the purpose of raising funds for their cause.

Motion by Councilmember Theokas, supported by Councilmember Denner to recognize Full Circle Foundation of 17006 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, as a non-profit organization.

AYES: Councilmembers Arora, Denner, Robson, Mayor Heenan, Grano, and Mayor Pro-tem Theokas, and Councilmember Clark

NAYS: None

PUBLIC WORKS UTILITY VEHICLE

Mayor Pro-tem Theokas presented to Council for consideration the acquisition of a Bobcat Toolcat 5600 series.
City Manager stated the Bobcat Toolcat 5600 series would be utilized for the purpose of sidewalk snow removal, sewer repairs, alley cleaning, parking lot cleaning, and water repairs. The DPW currently has several vehicles they use for sidewalk snow removal and one is in need of replacement.

Director of Public Works recommended acquiring a Bobcat Toolcat as it could be utilized for more than just water sewer repairs.

City Manager stated the Bobcat Toolcat could be obtained for a discounted rate through the Michigan State Purchasing Program in the amount of $53,964. Funds are available within the current year budget.

Motion by Councilmember Denner, supported by Councilmember Arora to approve the acquisition of a Bobcat Toolcat 5600 series in the amount of $53,964.

AYES: Councilmember Denner, Robson, Mayor Heenan, Councilmember Grano, Mayor Pro-tem Theokas, and Councilmembers Clark, and Arora

NAYS: None

PANCREATIC CANCER MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Pro-tem Theokas presented to Mayor Heenan and Council a proclamation in recognition of Pancreatic Cancer Month.

The proclamation is as follows:

WHEREAS in 2014, an estimated 46,420 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 39,590 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is currently the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is projected to become the second by 2020;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent;

WHEREAS when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally late stage, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;

WHEREAS approximately 1,650 deaths will occur in Michigan in 2014;

WHEREAS the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act was signed into law in 2012, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific frameworks, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

WHEREAS Federal funding for medical research is critical to job protection and creation in Michigan; and

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Grosse Pointe Park and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy,
research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments
and a cure for pancreatic cancer;

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Grosse Pointe Park support those patients
currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to
nothing less than a cure;

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of Grosse Pointe Park are enhanced as a direct result of
increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;
therefore be it

RESOLVED that Mayor Palmer T. Heenan designate the month of November 2014 as “Pancreatic Awareness
Month” in the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Theokas, supported by Councilmember Robson to adopt such proclamation
designating the month of November as Pancreatic Awareness Month.

AYES: Councilmember Robson, Mayor Heenan, Councilmember Grano, Mayor Pro-tem Theokas,
Councilmembers Clark, and Arora, and Denner

NAYS: None

FINANCE REPORT – SEPTEMBER, 2014

Mayor Pro-tem Theokas presented to Mayor Heenan and Council the invoices exceeding $5,000 for the
month of September, 2014, for approval as presented.

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Motion by Mayor Pro-tem Theokas, supported by Councilmember Clark to approve the invoices exceeding $5,000 for the month of September, 2014, as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

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

NAYS: None
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SESSION

Mayor Pro-tem Theokas requested that an Executive Committee Session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to Contract Negotiations.

Motion by Mayor Heenan, supported by Councilmember Theokas that an Executive Committee Session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to Contract Negotiations.

AYES:  Councilmember Grano, Mayor Pro-tem Theokas, Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Denner, and Robson, and Mayor Heenan
NAYS:  None

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Mr. John Miller:
Mayor Pro-tem Theokas expressed his condolences to Mrs. Miller on Mr. Miller’s passing. He was an asset to the community and will be missed.

Councilmember Robson stated the meetings will not be the same without Mr. Miller’s presence.

Mayor Heenan stated Mr. Miller was a good example of citizen participation in civic affairs by his attendance at all the meeting. He was helpful in a positive way and he will be missed.

Councilmember Grano stated he echoes what was said. His commitment to civic values is a legacy.

Councilmembers Clark and Arora stated they expressed their condolences privately and expressed again their sympathy.

Councilmember Denner stated Mr. Miller will certainly be missed.

Metro Times:
Resident presented Mayor Heenan and Council a proposed ordinance for review regarding the Metro Times paper.

City Attorney Levasseur stated the Metro Times has the right to Freedom of Speech and he would not advise the Council to address this. The City would be buying into a lawsuit. It’s a public battle to ban a public newspaper. There is not any justification to pursue this matter.

Mayor Heenan stated he is very sympathetic to her stand, it’s right and noble and important to have issues like this presented to Council.

Kercheval Development:
Mayor Pro-tem Theokas stated there is a variety of issues address in the tentative agreement between Grosse Pointe Park and Detroit. He noted the City of Detroit is well represented. There are abandoned and blighted including the Deck Bar that Detroit prevented from demolition. Negotiations are in progress and many of the developments will connect both cities in a positive way.

Lakepointe Resident inquired when access would be completed.
Mayor Pro-tem Theokas stated several items are in negotiation with the Attorney.

Lakepointe Resident inquired of the dilapidated buildings, how many are owned by Grosse Pointe Park.

City Manager stated there are two properties owned by Grosse Pointe Park. The Deck Bar and the adjoining party store. These were slated for demolition in 2008 after acquiring the proper permit from Detroit, and prior to the scheduled demolition; Detroit revoked the permit and subsequently declared the structure as a historical building. It’s an eyesore and needs to be demolished.

Mayor Pro-tem Theokas stated Grosse Pointe Park is working closely with Detroit to address all of the items agreed on at its prior negotiations.

City Manager stated the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet Friday, October 31 and will review committee report.

Kercheval business owner, Pointe Hardware stated they are in favor of what has been done. His business has flourished and people walking around feel safer. It also prevents cars from speeding down Kercheval.

Balfour resident expressed his gratitude to the Council for the street closure.

Berkshire resident stated that Kercheval has not been as it is now in 25 years. He grew up in Detroit and his family moved to Grosse Pointe Park so they would not have to be surrounded by blight. He recommended to the residents who are not satisfied with what is taking place, they are not forced to live here.

Lakepointe resident stated he thinks closing Kercheval has encouraged more residents and non-residents to patron the restaurants and businesses and it has been positive. He disagrees with the opposed residents who state that the majority of residents want the closure opened. He stated he has discussed this issue with many residents who are in favor of the closure. To state the “majority” of residents are opposed is not a true statement. It appears it’s the same few people present who are opposed to the idea. If all of the residents who were in favor of the closure were present, it would far exceed those opposed.

Director Hiller stated the three signs that are in place for construction workers will be removed.

City Manager noted the paving of the lots is scheduled with the upcoming resurfacing program and will be paved this fall.

Mayor Pro-tem Theokas stated the more successful the businesses become, the less parking there will be and the innovative plan of a trolley has provided relief to the parking needs. City Manager stated two families contributed the necessary funds to make the trolley possible and noted it has had as many as 600 riders per night.

Lakepointe resident inquired if it is possible to install lights and signs that would limit the parking to residents only.

Director Hiller stated lights could be considered, however enforcing residential parking is not possible.
Resident inquired the status of Kercheval progress.

City Manager stated the Planning Commission has the Kercheval issue on the agenda for over a decade; it has been discussed at twenty meetings. The conceptual plan is a positive one for both communities.

Mayor Pro-tem Theokas stated the City of Detroit does not have the resources to contribute to the project. The funds will be derived from investors and Grosse Pointe Park.

Pemberton resident inquired if the City has a professional to perform the concept of the plans.

City Manager stated Stantec Engineering was hired to review plans and drawings.

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

The meeting reconvened and with no further business, the meeting adjourned.