

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hodges and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The meeting convened at the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan 48230.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT MEMBERS: Councilmembers Brenner, Gallagher, Caulfield, and McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

LATE: Wiener (excused - arrived at 8:57 p.m.) and Relan (excused - arrived at 7:07 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Nick Sizeland, City Manager; Meaghan Bachman, City Clerk; Morgan McAtamney, City Attorney; Bryan Jarrell, Director of Public Safety; Patrick Droze, OHM Advisors, City Engineer; and Warren Rothe, Assistant City Manager.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Brenner, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the April 6, 2023, special council meeting minutes, committee & commissions report, finance report, proposed bylaws for Zoning Board of Appeals, introduction of resolution to vacate alleyway.

AYES: Councilmembers Brenner, Gallagher, Caulfield, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

ABSENT AT VOTE: Wiener and Relan

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

One member of the public spoke.

MANAGERS' REPORT/PUBLIC SAFETY

City Manager Nick Sizeland presented a brief overview of the following items: St. Clare Montefalco parking lot project and watermain update; Trombley School working group meeting update; DDA meeting update - The City was awarded the SEMCOG Green Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$54,000 and funds will be used for a rain garden at City Hall; The City is currently soliciting RFPs for an auditor firm; a Public Hearing for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund will take place at the next City Council meeting; Fiscal year 23/24 Budget will be presented at the next City Council meeting; Update on the Schaap Center; EERV Bid Award update; DTE will be conducting work and a temporary power outage will take place on April 26, 2023 in the areas of Jefferson to Fairfax and Westchester to Balfour.

Public Safety Director Jarrell did not speak during this time as he was presenting the Public Safety Report under New Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Councilmember Relan, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to approve the City Council minutes of March 13, 2023, with an amendment to include a prepared statement from Councilmember Gallagher.

After the vote the Council discussed how the minutes should be recorded. A Motion was made by Councilmember Gallagher and Supported by Councilmember Relan to include or not include Council comment; there was no vote on this Motion. This Motion was ultimately withdrawn and, therefore, no action was taken. It was further discussed that training will take place and held during a special meeting or session to discuss the concerns.

AYES: Councilmembers Brenner, Gallagher, and Relan

NAYS: Councilmembers Caulfield and McMillan, and Mayor Hodges

ABSENT AT VOTE: Councilmember Wiener

MOTION FAILED 3-3

NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION FOR THE MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE DAY

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Relan, to approve the resolution to proclaim March 8, 2023, as the Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day in Grosse Pointe Park.

WHEREAS, The monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, Both the western and eastern monarch populations have seen significant declines with less than one percent of the western monarch population remaining, while the eastern population has fallen by as much as ninety percent; and

WHEREAS, Each individual and community, working as a whole, have the ability to create necessary habitat corridors for monarchs and pollinators through the extent of their native ranges to ensure their survival; and

WHEREAS, Municipalities have the opportunity to play a critical role in the restoration of monarch habitat and the implementation of educational outreach to educate the community, and Grosse Pointe Park is striving to become a leader; and

WHEREAS, Grosse Pointe Park recognizes that human health ultimately depends on well-functioning ecosystems and that biodiverse regions can better support food production, healthy soil and air quality and can foster healthy connections between humans and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Grosse Pointe Park has committed to taking meaningful action to protect the monarch butterfly under the umbrella of its newly formed sustainability committee, including adding and maintaining native milkweed and nectar producing plants in community gardens,

hosting native plant and seed swaps, supporting community science efforts, providing resources for residents and community groups; and

WHEREAS, On March 8, 2023 I, Michele Hodges, signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge and have officially re-committed to taking meaningful action to protect the monarch butterfly in Grosse Pointe Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHELE HODGES, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Grosse Pointe Park, do hereby proclaim March 8, 2023 as:

Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day in Grosse Pointe Park to shine a spotlight on the pledge and to raise awareness about the importance of native plants and monarch butterfly conservation.

AYES: Councilmembers Brenner, Gallagher, Relan, Caulfield, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

ABSENT AT VOTE: Councilmember Wiener

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to approve the National Police Chief Resolution.

WHEREAS, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and;

WHEREAS, There are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the approximately 17,000 full-time uniformed police officers in Michigan, and;

WHEREAS, Members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation and respect of the people of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan for the merit, dignity, bravery, and reliability they exhibit each and every day. We must also honor the sacrifices made by families of police officers, as each day they must face constant fear as their loved one works to protect us, and;

WHEREAS, In 2022 alone, 245 law enforcement officers were killed and many, many more assaulted in the line of duty across the country. The names of these dedicated public servants who made the ultimate sacrifice are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and;

WHEREAS, Michigan's fallen officers will never be forgotten, nor will their service to their respective communities. By choosing to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in jeopardy. We commend them for recognizing service as a noble career, and protecting the public safety; and also all of those who are serving without incident to date, and;

WHEREAS, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan and all Michigan citizens have turned to members of law enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress, whether they are coping with a personal crisis, or struggling through civil disorder or a natural disaster. Our communities rely on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of our local and state police. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this state; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the City of Grosse Pointe Park join to declare May 14-20, 2023 as Police Week, and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community as well as those of our state and nation and honor police who place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their communities.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

AYES: Councilmembers Brenner, Gallagher, Relan, Caulfield, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

ABSENT AT VOTE: Councilmember Wiener

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS

Public Safety Director Jarrell presented Dispatcher Kelly with a Department Citation Award and Public Safety Officers Lafriniere, Gamicchia, and Lockwood with Life Saving Awards for their professionalism and teamwork in saving a life on February 27, 2023.

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Relan, to approve the 2022 Public Safety Annual Report as presented to City Council with corrections to pages 18 and 19 of the report.

AYES: Councilmembers Brenner, Gallagher, Relan, Caulfield, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

ABSENT AT VOTE: Councilmember Wiener

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR DISPATCH SERVICES WITH

GROSSE POINTE CITY

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield to approve the 2nd Amendment Consolidated Dispatch Contract between the City of Grosse Pointe Park and the City of Grosse Pointe and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement.

Details regarding the agreement are as follows: In 2013 the City of Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe entered into an agreement to consolidate dispatch operations. Grosse Pointe Park has managed all 911 calls since 2013. This agreement has saved funds for both the cities of Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe with operating a consolidated dispatch center instead of

one for each community. Grosse Pointe City Council at its April 17, 2023, City Council meeting approved of the agreement. Currently Grosse Pointe Woods operates a dispatch center and contracts with Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Farms has a standalone dispatch.

The original agreement was for three years and renewed for another three in 2017 with an automatic annual renewal unless cancelled. Discussions have been ongoing with Grosse Pointe City to amend the rates due to rising costs with operations, wages/fringes, and technology upgrades. Seeing the benefit of the savings to Grosse Pointe and the service provided by Grosse Pointe Park the two parties agreed to amending the annual contribution by Grosse Pointe City was necessary for a fair contribution.

Grosse Pointe Park and City have agreed to increase the base annual amount to \$130,605 as of July 1, 2023, with a three percent increase each year thereafter. The extension is for a two-year period and will automatically be renewed unless both parties renegotiate a new agreement or one-part cancels. All the other provisions remain the same as the previous agreement. Without an adjustment in the contract Grosse Pointe Park would have only received \$118,943.

AYES: Councilmembers Brenner, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, Relan, and McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

ABSENT AT VOTE: Councilmember Wiener

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

THE HELM SENIOR SERVICES PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION

The Helm, an organization that consists of a group of visionary citizens of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods that assist older citizens with maintaining a quality of life, spoke to the City Council. The Helm is interested in forming a Work Group for Older Citizen Services, in collaboration with the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, to develop a comprehensive plan that will ensure support services are available for all older citizens. The Helm would like to enter into an inter-local agreement with the communities and propose a Senior Millage on the ballot. The Helm will revisit this proposal soon. The presentation was given by Prudence Cole, Helm Board President, and Mary Sue Jones, member of the Helm and a GPP resident.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC HEARING: ON A PROPOSED CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT PLAN

The Public Hearing was open at 8:45 PM.

City Manager Sizeland noted the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) offers low-interest loans for sanitary and storm sewer projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF). In an effort to take advantage of this funding opportunity, OHM has prepared a CWSRF Project Plan that identifies \$2 million in sewer main rehabilitation (replacement or lining) and manhole structure and cover replacements. Project plans must be submitted to EGLE by May 1, 2023.

Patrick Droze OHM presented the Public Hearing and opened the floor to public comment. The following residents spoke during public comment:

- o Resident Elvis Torres - 875 Trombley
- o Resident Brent Dreaver - 1402 Knottingham

The Public Hearing closed at 9:01 PM.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CLEAN WATER REVOLVING FUND FINAL PROJECT PLAN

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to approve the resolution adopting a Clean Water Revolving Fund final project plan.

WHEREAS, the City of Grosse Pointe Park recognizes the need to make improvements to the city sanitary sewer collection system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grosse Pointe Park authorized Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. to prepare the 2023 SRF Project Planning Document, which recommends implementing an Asset Management to address structural rated pipes and sewers based on the 2021-2022 televising by lining or reconstruction of assets.

WHEREAS, the Asset Management Program planning level costs of projects recommended for implementation is \$2,000,000 and include an Asset Management Plan to address the PACP and MACP structural defects greater than or equal to 4; and

WHEREAS, said Project Plan will be presented at a Public Hearing to be held on or before April 24, 2023 and all public comments will be considered and addressed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grosse Pointe Park formally adopts said Project Planning Document and agrees to implement the Asset Management Program in the estimated amount of \$2,000,000 as described in said Project Planning Document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, a position currently held by Nick Sizeland, is designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project referenced above, including the submittal of said Project Planning Document as the first step in applying to the State of Michigan for revolving fund loans to assist in the implementation of the Asset Management Program

AYES: Councilmembers Brenner, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, Relan and McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVE CADIEUX ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT CONTRIBUTION WITH

GROSSE POINTE CITY

Motion by Councilmember Brenner, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to approve the expenditure of \$47,000 for Cadieux Resurfacing in the Major Street Fund for FY 23-24.

The City of Grosse Pointe at its April 17th Council Meeting approved a \$614,000 Transportation Improvement Program Grant from the Wayne County Federal Aid Committee for the resurfacing of Cadieux Rd from Jefferson to Kercheval. The Michigan Department of Transportation in its bid opening on April 5th provided the contractor costs for the project. The City of Grosse Pointe is required to approve an intergovernmental agreement for this project with MDOT which it approved at its April 17th Meeting City Council Meeting to secure the Federal Funds.

Of the 3088 Lineal Ft of Cadieux Rd the City of Grosse Pointe Park collects Act 51 revenue for the northern 500 ft., Grosse Pointe Park will help support the project as Grosse Pointe City provided for Grosse Pointe Park in 2020 when Cadieux from Kercheval to Mack was resurfaced and a signed letter of our intent. Grosse Pointe Park will provide \$47,000 based on Grosse Pointe Parks Act 51 Portion of Cadieux being resurfaced. The project includes milling of the existing asphalt, placement of 3.5 inches of new asphalt, base, and curb repairs as well as drainage improvements.

AYES: Councilmembers Brenner, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, Relan and McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

BAKER TILLY WATER/SEWER PRESENTATION

Baker Tilly provided the City Council with a review of cash flow for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year and the upcoming 2023-2024 Fiscal Year in the Water and Sewer Fund. The presentation included a schedule of Capital Improvements in Sewer and Water through Fiscal Year 2030/31.

No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Wiener commented on the following: CWRP presentation and noted he did not mean to misrepresent.

Councilmember Relan commented on the following: he apologized for missing the two prior meetings due to COVID related matters and for being late. He spoke of many concerns regarding the arts center project; He noted concerns about sewer, marina, parks, staffing and budgetary, and infrastructure problems throughout the City. Councilmember Relan commented on Record Store Day at Ripe Records and noted it was a nice community event.

Mayor Hodges commented on the following: The Mayor also commented on the Record Store Day event at Ripe Records and sent her congratulations to the business owners for achieving 5 years. She noted the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is May 4th; The Phoenix Prom is May 5th; The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education event is honoring GPP residents.

Councilmember Caulfield commented on the following: He directed a question to the City Attorney asking if confidential information training could be added to the upcoming training session.

Councilmember Brenner commented on the following: He reminded the public of the upcoming Trombly School listening session.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

One member of the public spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Relan, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Councilmembers Brenner, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, Relan and McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 PM.

Presiding Member: _____

Michele Hodges, Mayor

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Meaghan Bachman, City Clerk