

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 12, 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, Wiener, Relan and McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

ALSO PRESENT: Nick Sizeland, City Manager; Warren Rothe, Assistant City Manager; Meaghan Bachman, City Clerk; Dan Kelly, City Attorney; James Bostock, Director of Public Safety; and Ginger Moriarty, Finance Director.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to approve the consent agenda that includes the following items:

- Approval of May 8, 2023 Minutes
- Finance Report
- Committee & Commissions Report
- Fire Hall Apparatus Door Replacement - Public Safety
- Juneteenth Resolution
- Pride Month Resolution
- FY 2023-2024 Industrial Waste Control (IWC) Charges
- Approve Purchase of Parking Enforcement Equipment
- Purchase Training Ammunition - Public Safety
- GFL Recycling Extension

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

One member of the public spoke.

**PRESENTATION
GROSSE POINTE PARK LIBRARY PRESENTATION**

The Grosse Pointe Library presented the council with updates that included, new staff members, meeting the community needs, summer reading program, capital improvement projects and their financial results.

MANAGERS' REPORT/PUBLIC SAFETY

City Manager Nick Sizeland presented a brief overview of the following items:

- The City will propose a charter amendments for the November, 2023 election;
- He spoke of training by the City Attorney regarding the OMA, Meeting Decorum and Minutes followed by a closed door session regarding Labor Union Negotiations;
- Manager Sizeland spoke of the EERV
- He updated Council regarding the Kercheval resurfacing project between Pierce and Defer schools and noted Clare of Montefalco has a construction start date within the next 2-3 weeks to resurface the St Clare Parking Lot and replace an old city water main;
- An update was given regarding the Trombly School meeting - approximately 75 people attended. Comments and questions were presented to the committee to bring back to the working group of GPPSS and City of Grosse Pointe Park;
- Manager Sizeland noted the city applied for the Michigan pension grant and should receive award information within the next couple months;
- He spoke of a meeting JP Morgan, the city's investment policy;
- Parking meters and rates were discussed and administration will present a proposal to City Council to install new meter heads on Kercheval and discuss rate increases;
- Manager Sizeland spoke of The Sail of Two Cities sculpture and noted because it has been impacted by vehicles (several times), the structure will have a temporary location on City Hall grounds;
- He announced Jim Bostock will be sworn in as Director of Public Safety on Friday June 16th at 2:00pm in the apparatus fire bay;
- After 6 on Kercheval will take place on June 24, July 22 and August 26th;
- Manager Sizeland noted the City was forced to close the children's pool for repair of the lower wall and the fountain feature of the pool will not be in use this season;
- An update was given on the Schaap Center.

James Bostock, Director of Public Safety, presented a brief overview of the following items:

- Chief Bostock reminded drivers to take extra caution when approaching crosswalks and to watch out for pedestrians;
- Director Bostock advised residents to lock up their valuables, vehicles and garages; He noted HB4250 enhances Michigan Drivers Law for hands free driving and will be implemented on July 30, 2023.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:
RESOLUTION TO DECLARE BRIAN FRASER DAY IN GROSSE POINTE PARK

Motion by Councilmember McMillian, seconded by Councilmember Brenner, to approve the resolution to declare Brian Fraser Day in Grosse Pointe Park as follows:

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the Mayor and City Council's highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, mayors and City Council and law enforcement officers – in partnership with local violence intervention resources – know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see an increase in firearm homicides, and nonfatal shootings across the country; and

WHEREAS, On February 13th, 2023 two students from the Grosse Pointe communities were victims of gun violence, Brian Fraser and Arielle Diamond Anderson attended Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North and the third victim, Alexandria Verner, attended Clawson High School and whose mother worked at Grosse Pointe North; and

WHEREAS, Brian Fraser was a Park resident since birth and lived with his family on Harvard Road in Grosse Pointe Park. Brian graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2021. He was an athlete in many sports, including lacrosse, swimming, hockey, basketball, soccer and baseball and in college was the President of Michigan State University's Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Brian dearly loved his family, friends and the community.; and

WHEREAS, On May 27th 2023 at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park, the Beautification Commission met with Brian's family including his mother, father and sister as well as many friends to plant a magnolia tree in memory of Brian Fraser. The family has a large magnolia tree in their front yard and hope the tree will add beauty to the park so that future generations of families and friends visiting Patterson Park will make wonderful memories as Brian once did.; and

WHEREAS, To honor Brian a fundraiser to donate funds has been set up to plant trees in Grosse Pointe City, Farms and Park and the trees will serve as a long-lasting legacy in memory of Brian. To Donate Text "Brian Fraser" to 202-858-1233 or givebutter.com/GoGreenforBrian Fraser and funds are being handled through the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation and tree planting coordinated by the Park/City and Farms Arborist Brian Colter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Mayor Michele Hodges of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan do hereby proclaim June 2, 2023 as Brian Fraser Day in the City of Grosse Pointe Park and urge all residents in our community to honor and remember all victims of gun violence and to declare that we as a nation must do more to end this crisis.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS:
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR AUDIT FIRM**

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to award the Professional Auditing Services to Yeo & Yeo CPA Advisors for a five- year contract term.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS:
FISCAL YEAR 22-23 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember Weiner to approve the Fiscal Year 22-23 Budget Amendments, authorizing the Finance Director to recognize 2023 General Fund revenue of \$109,046 and to appropriate fund balance amending 2023 in the amount of \$61,546 and to recognize 2023 Building Inspection revenue in the amount of \$211,100 and to appropriate \$82,500 of its restricted fund balance.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS:
RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZATION OF SECTION 9.16 OF THE CITY CHARTER**

Motion by Councilmember Weiner, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to approve the resolution for collection of fees and penalties and to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 44 of the General Property Tax Act, Act 206 of 1893, MCL 211.44(7), as amended, a Resolution is required to authorize certain provisions of Section 9.16 – Collection fees, of the City's Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council does hereby, pursuant to MCL 211.44(7), authorize the provisions of Section 9.16 of the City Charter concerning the collection of fees and penalties.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS:
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to approve the contract between the City of Grosse Pointe Park and Jim Bostock to act as the Public Safety Director.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS:
APPROVAL OF MEDSTAR CONTRACT**

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contractual services agreement with Medstar for a three-year term and to authorize the Finance Director to appropriate from fund balance amending the FY2023-2024 General Fund Public Safety budget 101-300-801.100 Professional & Contract Service account in the amount of \$49,000 for the first-year services.

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

NAYS: Councilmember Gallagher

Motion Carried 6-1

**NEW BUSINESS:
ADOPTION OF ACT 88**

Motion by Councilmember Weiner, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to approve the Resolution to opt-in to the Reciprocal Retirement Act (Act 88) that will allow the City Manager to opt Grosse Pointe Park in as a reciprocal unit of government for the purpose of meeting pension eligibility requirements and authorize the City Clerk to certify and file the same.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:
FY2023-2024 MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS CONTRACT AWARD & BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to approve the five-year installment purchase agreement with Motorola Solutions for Public Safety Cameras and maintenance agreement and amend the FY2024 budget as presented.

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

FY2023-2024 REVENUE & EXPENDITURE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR GROSSE POINTE PARK FOUNDATION DONATION

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Revenue & Expenditure Budget Amendment for the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation Donation.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:
WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOM AND SHOWER UPGRADE -GROSSE POINTE PARK FOUNDATION

Motion by Councilmember Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to approve and recognize the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation's donation in the amount of \$23,765 towards the upgrade of the women's locker room and shower within the Public Safety Department.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:
ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECTS

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Relan, to approve The Engineering Services Proposals as presented for the Fiscal Year 2024 projects. The adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2024 includes a number of infrastructure projects that will require the services of the City Engineer, OHM Advisors. OHM has prepared proposals for the following projects.

- EERV Construction Engineering
- Kercheval Paving Construction Engineering
- Municipal Parking Lot and Alleyway Paving Design Engineering
- Sewer Asset Management Plan

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS:
AWARD FOR WINDOW REPLACEMENT AT JEFFERSON SANITARY PUMP STATION**

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Relan, to approve and award the bid proposal from Commercial Glass of Novi, for the window replacement at the Jefferson Sanitary Pump Station, in the amount of \$111,985.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS:
DTE ENERGY LED LIGHT CONVERSION PROPOSAL**

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield to approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into the Master Agreement for Municipal Street Lighting with DTE Energy to convert outdated street lights to LED.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS:
COUNCIL COMMENT**

Motion by Wiener, seconded by Caulfield, resolved to add public comment prior to future closed sessions.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Councilmember Relan wished everyone a Happy Pride Month and spoke of the Motor City Pride event. He spoke of the adopted resolution for Pride Month in the City of Grosse Pointe Park and read a portion of the resolution. Councilmember Relan also mentioned Juneteenth and read a

portion of the adopted resolution acknowledging Juneteenth in Grosse Pointe Park. With school summer break beginning, he reminded residents to take extra caution while driving.

Councilmember McMillan welcomed and congratulated the newly appointed Director of Public Safety, James Bostock. He further thanked Chief Jarrell for his service to the community. He reminded everyone to shop locally and support Grosse Pointe Park businesses. Councilmember McMillan noted his excitement for Medstar to begin working in Grosse Pointe Park.

Councilmember Gallagher spoke in regards to MedStar and voiced her concerns about Medstar beginning to work in Grosse Pointe Park.

Mayor Hodges noted her positive experience with The Beauty Parlor, a local business in town. Michael B's hosted a fundraising gala to support the non-profit cafe for those with special needs; she encouraged all to continue supporting businesses and special events. The Mayor gave an honorable mention to Park residents, Bob and Mary Anne Bury as they were recognized at the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education Event Gala, for all their dedicated work in the community. The Mayor spoke of the blessing of the fleet. The Mayor expressed her pride for the team at the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

No additional members of the public spoke.

NEW BUSINESS: CLOSED DOOR- PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(H) AND MCL 15.243(1)(G)

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to convene into Closed Door Session at 9:47 PM to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) and MCL 15.243(1)(g).

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Relan, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to adjourn the city council meeting.

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

NAYS: None

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 PM.