

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2023, AT 7:00 PM

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, Relan and McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Councilmember Wiener

ALSO PRESENT: Nick Sizeland, City Manager; Meaghan Bachman, City Clerk; Morgan McAtamney, City Attorney; James Bostock, Director of Public Safety; Patrick Droze, OHM Advisors, City Engineer and John Jackson, City Planner

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:
CLOSED SESSION- MCL 15.268(H) AND MCL 15.243(1)(G)

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to convene into Closed Session for purposes relating to MCL 15.268(h) and MCL 15.234(1)(g). The City Council will move into the role of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

RECONVENE BACK INTO OPEN SESSION:

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to reconvene back into open session.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ZONING ORDINANCE INTERPRETATION (BUILDING
PERMIT ISSUANCE FOR 906 THREE MILE)

The ZBA public hearing was open at 7:39 PM and comments were heard from the appellant, appellee, the City Planner, City Council, and one member of the public.

The hearing was for an appeal over the issuance of a building permit at 906 Three Mile and required interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance. An appeal request requires a public hearing.

The ZBA hearing was closed.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:
REQUEST FOR ZBA CONSIDERATION REGARDING ZONING ORDINANCE
INTERPRETATION (BUILDING PERMIT ISSUANCE FOR 906 THREE MILE)

Motion by Councilmember Brenner, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to deny the Appeal as to the Building Permit issued to 906 Three-Mile Road, Grosse Pointe Park, on the basis that the Zoning Board of Appeals finds that the proposed structure constitutes a rear-yard addition located in the R-A Residential District, which was properly reviewed by the City Building Department pursuant to the standards set forth under Sec. Article X, section 27-81 of the City of Grosse Pointe Park Zoning Ordinance, which applies to structures located in the R-A District and hereby lift the Stop Work Order currently in place on the subject Property.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember Brenner, to approve the consent agenda that includes the following items:

- Approval of June 12, 2023, Minutes
- Approval of June 19, 2023, Special Council Meeting Minutes
- Committee & Commissions Report
- Finance Report
- Purchase of LED Traffic Arrow board
- Resolution to Fix Fee for Salvage Vehicle Inspection

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

One member of the public spoke, the following resolution was made and an additional member of the public spoke.

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher seconded by Councilmember McMillian, to allow comments on non-agenda items.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

CITY MANAGERS' REPORT

City Manager Nick Sizeland presented a brief overview of the following items: Marihuana Proposal, Zoning Ordinance, Union Negotiations, EERV, Pipetek Construction Investment Policy for the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Pre-Audit Meeting, August Primary Election, TIFA Parking Lot and the Schaap Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

APPROVE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

Motion by Councilmember McMillian, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to approve the Purchase Agreement with Pointe Hardware Group LLC and Authorizing the City Manager to sign on behalf of the city.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

The following item was added to the agenda:

To convene into closed session at the end of the City Council Meeting to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Motion by Councilmember Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember Brenner, to approve the request to convene into closed session to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute for union contract negotiations.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:
FY 23/24 GENERAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE

Motion by Councilmember Relan, seconded by Councilmember Brenner, to approve Nickel & Saph Inc. to continue as the city's general liability and property insurance provider for an amount not to exceed \$305,041.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:
APPROVE BID AWARD FOR MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AND ALLEYWAY PROJECT

Motion by Councilmember Relan, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to award the construction bid to Asphalt Specialists LLC for Division 1 in full and Division 2 for the paving of the Maryland/Wayburn and Maryland/Lakepointe alleys in the 1000 block and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract documents.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:
FY 23/24 VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Relan to approve the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the Public Safety Department and the DPW, as presented in the quotes from Berger Chevrolet, Canfield Equipment Service, Wolverine Freightliner, and Versalift Midwest.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:
APPROVE PURCHASE OF PARKING METERS

Motion by Councilmember McMillian, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to approve the purchase of 163 refurbished Guardian meters to replace existing meters at the following locations:

Kercheval: 105

Mack: 29

Jefferson: 29

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:
RESOLUTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO CHARTER SECTION 9.16 -
COLLECTION FEES

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to approve the Resolution to Propose an Amendment to Section 9.16 of the City Charter regarding Collection Fees and to authorize the City Manager to send the summary of the proposed amendment to the Attorney General for approval, and to publish a notice of the proposed Charter Amendment in accordance with State law.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:
RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND CHARTER SECTIONS 3.6 AND 3.10 - NON-PARTISAN
PRIMARY ELECTION & NOMINATIONS

Motion by Councilmember McMillian, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to approve the Resolutions to Propose Amendments to Section 3.10 and 3.6 of the City Charter with regard to Nominations and Non-Partisan Primary Election and to authorize the City Manager to send the summary of the proposed amendment to the Attorney General for approval, and to publish notice of the proposed Charter Amendment in accordance with State Law.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:
COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Relan commented on the following:

He asked about the future plans for the roundabout, if the intersection would be removed when the new buildings are developed.

Mayor Hodges commented on the following:

She congratulated the Lake Front Swimming Association and Team; The Mayor spoke of the success of After Six; She expressed her condolences to the family of Robert Gregory, a Grosse Pointe Park resident; The Mayor referenced an available FEMA grant and noted the City is not eligible to apply for that grant; She spoke of the recent water events; The Mayor noted recent discussions with House Speaker Tate and Senator Hertel regarding developments and noted they also have concerns and desires to solve infrastructure problems and not being eligible for grants. It was noted that funds have been allocated to Fox Creek and EGLE to be used for grants.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

No members of the public spoke.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Councilmember McMillian, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to convene into closed session for labor negotiations.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Councilmember Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember McMillian, to reconvene back to the open session.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Councilmember Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to ratify the tentative agreement between the City of Grosse Pointe Park and the TPOAM Union.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.