



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, MICHIGAN
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 16, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

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, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

ALSO PRESENT: Nick Sizeland, City Manager; Bridgette Bowdler, City Clerk; Morgan McAtamney, City Attorney; and Patrick Droze, OHM Advisors, City Engineer.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to approve the consent agenda that included the following items:

- Approval of September 11, 2023, Minutes
- Approval of the September 27, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes
- Committee & Commissions Report
- Resolution adopting MERS Defined Contribution Retirement Plan
- Resolution Establishing Early Voting Site
- Windmill Pointe Park Playscape Earth Work

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

3 public comments were made.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

City Manager Nick Sizeland presented a brief overview of activities in the city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNAL SERVICE FUND - HEALTHCARE SELF-INSURANCE FUND

The City of Grosse Pointe Park's City Council is being requested to establish an Internal Service Fund by restricting the funding for the sole purpose of paying for active and retiree healthcare insurance under the city's self-insured healthcare plan. Funding shall come from various Fund departments with users of the healthcare plan and be transferred to the Internal Service Fund monthly.

The State of Michigan Chart of Accounts provides for Fund 677 Self-Insurance Fund to appropriate transfers or contributions from other funds to provide insurance coverage to departments of funds within the same unit of government. Motion by Councilmember Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember Weiner, to adopt resolution to establish the Internal Service Fund.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT CARD

Request for approval of Commercial Business Procurement Card (p-card) policy. MCL 129.243 of Act 266 of 1995 provides that a local unit of government shall not be a party to a credit card arrangement unless the governing body of the local unit has adopted by resolution a written policy that provides for: An officer or the employee designated by the credit card policy is responsible for the local unit's credit card issuance, accounting, monitoring, and retrieval and generally for overseeing compliance with the credit card policy.

Motion by Councilmember Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to approve the Commercial Business Procurement Credit Card Policy.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

APPROVE DESIGN ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR 2024 WATER MAIN PROJECT

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to approve the Design Engineering proposal for the 2024 Water Main Project.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

SCHAAP CENTER UPDATE

Jaime Rae Turnbull, the Executive Director of the Schapp Center, presented a brief update on the Schaap Center. The updates included Funds Donated, waiting for Detroit Historic Commission approval, a plan for the Art Center opening in the spring of 2025, and a plan for the theater to open in the fall of 2025. The Schaap Center will host field trips and tours. Monday by appointment, senior and school groups, 2 Saturdays a month, will be open to the public at no cost. Updated that City will not be needed for landscaping, snow revival and public safety support.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

- Councilmember McMillan commented on the following: that he is against the Marijuana proposal. He would love to see better communication and involvement in the city.
- Councilmember Caulfield commented on the following: praised Finance Director Moriarty for her quarterly report and it was very detailed. We need to respect the process of the Planning Commission by McKenna and associates.
- Councilmember Weiner commented on the following: values dependability and good work ethic.
- Councilmember Relan commented on the following: he was inspired to run for office due to lack of communication between local officials and the community, there is an urgent need for infrastructure improvements and updates. Safety for bikers and pedestrians.
- Mayor Hodges commented on the following: Communication is a must.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

15 Public Comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Bridgette Bowdler - City Clerk
Danielle Caudill- Deputy City Clerk