



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, MICHIGAN
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 13, 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.

Swearing in of Council Members

Councilmember Dreaver was given the oath of office.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT MEMBERS: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

ALSO PRESENT: Nick Sizeland, City Manager; Warren Rothe, Assistant City Manager; Bridgette Bowdler, City Clerk; Morgan McAtamney, City Attorney; James Bostock, Public Safety Director.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of the October 16, 2023, Minutes
- Committee and Commissions Report
- Wayne County Annual Maintenance Permit Renewal.

AYES: Council members Kolar, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, McMillan, Dreaver, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

0 public comments were made.

MANAGERS' REPORT:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTION MAYOR PRO-TEM:

The Grosse Pointe Park City Charter Section 4.4 Election of Mayor Pro Tem states "The Council shall at its first meeting following each regular city election, elect one of its members to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for a term expiring at the first Council meeting following the next regular city election." A member of the City Council will need to make a motion and have a second to nominate an individual for the role of Mayor Pro Tem to serve for the next two years.

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to approve Tom Caulfield as Mayor Pro-Tem.

AYES: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

BS&A HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

The City of Grosse Pointe Park City Council previously approved the purchase of the Payroll, Timesheets, and the Employee Self Service Modules from BS&A earlier this year. All these applications will significantly assist the Finance Department and employees of the City. At this time, the Finance Department is requesting to purchase another program: the Human Resources Module. This program offers a user-friendly tool for streamlining the job posting, hiring/onboarding, and continual management of employees. The most important feature of the program is its robust position budgeting features. The City's largest cost is related to personnel and this software will greatly improve our ability to track and *forecast* our personnel costs in a manner that is seamlessly integrated with our existing BS&A General Ledger program.

Motion by Councilmember Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to approve the Proposal for Software and Services from BS&A Human Resource Module.

AYES: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATION - 236

The purpose of Traffic Control Regulation # 236 is to designate enforcement times for parking meters and pay-to-park stations within the City of Grosse Pointe Park from **9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Monday through Saturday City Wide.**

Currently, Grosse Pointe Park has 9 a.m.-6 p.m. parking throughout the city. At our July city council meeting, the city approved adjusting from .25 Cents Per Hour to .50 Cents Per Hour on Mack and Jefferson and .75 Cents Per Hour on Kercheval. This will provide additional revenue to help offset increased costs to sustain a modern parking program. As a result, parking operations have to rely on funds from other sources, or operations and maintenance suffer from insufficient funding.

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Caulfield, to approve Traffic Control Regulation -236, starting January 2, 2024.

AYES: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

GROSSE POINTE ANIMAL ADOPTION SOCIETY – PROPOSED SERVICE AGREEMENT:

The City of Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety and the GPAAS desire to enter into an agreement to provide service for the community, where lost pets, stray and injured animals, can be sheltered and receive veterinary care until they are re-claimed or evaluated and re-homed. GPAAS will seek foster homes and permanent placement for unclaimed pets through our adoption program, and humanely euthanize those that are critically injured, un-treatable or aggressive/un-adoptable.

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to approve the service agreement with Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

AYES: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

COUNCIL COMMENT:

-Councilmember Kolar commented on the following: DTE updates, make sure school and City schedules are together. Tracking of grant applications or awareness.

-Councilmember Gallagher commented on the following: Happy to hear Mayor Hodges commitment to finance public safety and Trombley in particular. Happy to see two members from the school board at the Council Meeting. Feels it is important for this body to show their support to open Trombley Elementary School.

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Dreaver, to approve, ***"This Grosse Pointe Park City Council recommends as a priority, the return of Trombly to its prior status as a Grosse Pointe public School Elementary School. And that the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Ed makes every effort to accomplish this goal."***

AYES: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion occurred on procedures to make motions, adopt resolutions, and amend Council agendas.

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Dreaver, to approve to amend the existing motion to consider the proposed resolution at the next Council meeting.

AYES: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

-Councilmember Wiener commented on the following: He would like to see Trombley School opened as well but feels that it should be put on the agenda and following process.

- Councilmember Caulfield commented on the following: Wants to see Trombley open again also, just doesn't know if passing a resolution will help.

-Councilmember McMillan commented on the following: wanted to acknowledge Council members Brenner and Relan. Also, kudos to the guys who pick up the leaves. They have been doing a great job.

-Mayor Hodges commented on the following: Would like to thank our elections team, community of volunteers, poll-watchers, candidates, DPW team, and Public Safety for a great election and process. Encourages residents to support our local businesses. She also had the honor of officiating her first wedding ceremony. Need to establish a process for them, they are required to establish fees and create a permanent journal. Holding an off-office hours meeting at 6pm at City Hall on Tuesday November 14.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

1 Public Comment was made.

CLOSED DOOR SESSION – PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268 (C):

Moved by Councilmember Wiener, Seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to approve to move to Closed Session at 8:27pm.

AYES: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

OPEN CLOSED DOOR SESSION:

Moved by Councilmember Caulfield, Seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to approve to Open Session at 9:40pm.

AYES: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to approve to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: None

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Bridgette Bowdler - City Clerk
Danielle Caudill- Deputy City Clerk