



**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, MICHIGAN
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
December 11, 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 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 November 13, 2023, Minutes
- Committee and Commissions Report
- Water Main break Street Repair
- Council Meeting Dates

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:

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Kolar, to approve agenda item number X, the request for extension on the purchase agreement for Alter Rd Properties to be moved to closed session for discussion.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to approve the Agenda for December 11, 2023.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Kolar, to approve resolution "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".

Kolar removed his support for this motion.

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Kolar, to approve to amend resolution as follows: "This Grosse Pointe Park City Council recommends as a priority, to work in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Public School System to effectuate the long-term sustainability of Trombly as a vibrant community asset, preferably as a public elementary school, and to deploy accountability measures, such as those recommended here, to increase the probability of Success. And that the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education makes every effort to accomplish this goal".

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

A RESOLUTION HONORING VIKAS RELAN

WHEREAS, Vikas Relan served on the City Council from 2019-2023, serving a total of 4 year and has been a Grosse Pointe Park resident since 2005;

WHEREAS, Vikas Relan with his wife Wendy Ward Relan, raised their child, Verona Audrey Relan, and volunteered at Defer and Trombly Elementary, Pierce Middle, and Grosse Pointe South High Schools;

WHEREAS, Vikas Relan is being recognized for his passion, vision, and dedication and commitment to Grosse Pointe Park that has contributed to the betterment of the lives of the residents of Grosse Pointe Park, and continuously helping the city to rank (8th or better) in the "Top places to live in Michigan" each year, from numerous rankings;

WHEREAS, Vikas Relan throughout his tenure served on the Beautification Commission, Recreation Commission, Sustainability Committee, Public Safety Committee, Communications Committee, Community Engagement Committee, helped create the Ad Hoc Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee, the City Council Michigan Municipal League Rep and volunteered his time with various other community organizations and groups such as Safe Routes to School, Defer, Trombly and Pierce Parent Teacher Organizations;

WHEREAS, Vikas Relan was instrumental in the first-ever Pride Month Proclamations for Grosse Pointe Park in 2020 and 2021;

WHEREAS, Vikas Relan during the COVID-19 pandemic, Vikas Relan coordinated initiatives with the Grosse Pointe Park Schools and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce to aid students and families in need, as well as secure and distribute personal protective equipment (PPE) to residents.

WHEREAS, Vikas Relan before being elected, Vikas Relan coordinated resident volunteer groups to aid senior citizen residents, through the HELM Senior Center, with various needs around the house, including leaf clean-up and minor repairs.

WHEREAS, Vikas Relan identified past real estate deals occurring in Detroit, requiring explanation and transparency of resident funds, and to help move the city forward;

WHEREAS, Vikas Relan, as part of the Sustainability Committee, was instrumental in achieving Silver Status with the Michigan Green Communities Initiatives, showing dedication to improving sustainability throughout the city.

WHEREAS, Vikas Relan, working with the Parks and Recreation Department, initiated the first Grosse Pointe Park basketball leagues, for men and women, increasing resident offerings and revenue.

WHEREAS, Vikas Relan is most proud of his unwavering advocacy for all residents of Grosse Pointe Park. He was innovative, accessible, dedicated, and helpful throughout his service as a member of the Grosse Pointe Park City Council.

WHEREAS, Vikas Relan continuously pushed to increase resident engagement, continuously requested transparent policies and processes, and continuously demanded the improvement of safety standards for all residents, including pedestrians, bikers, construction projects, crosswalks, and school areas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Hodges and members of Council recognize Vikas Relan for his service as a Councilmember for the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Michele Hodges, Mayor
City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

It was moved by Councilmember Kolar and supported by Councilmember Dreaver to adopt the Resolution.

Members Voting Yes: Kolar, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, McMillan, Dreaver, and Mayor Hodges.

Members Voting No: None

The Resolution was declared adopted by Mayor Hodges and has been recorded in the Resolution Book.

Bridgette Bowdler, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING
BRIAN BRENNER**

WHEREAS, Brian Brenner served on the Grosse Pointe Park City Council from 2021-2023 on Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Park;

WHEREAS, Brian Brenner was appointed by the Grosse Pointe Park City Council on December 13, 2021;

WHEREAS, Brian Brenner has been a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Park, born and raised where he and Valerie, his wife have raised their two children;

WHEREAS, Brian Brenner is recognized for his leadership, can do attitude with City staff and council, team and goal oriented, dedication and commitment to Grosse Pointe Park and was truly honored to serve his fellow citizens for two years;

WHEREAS, Brian Brenner served as Chair of the Personnel Committee and also served on the Infrastructure and Community Engagement Committee where he was proud to bring Earth Day and Pride events to Windmill Pointe, paintings by local artists in Grosse Pointe Park City Hall to celebrate Black history Month and storytelling and food with local African cuisine of Baobab Fare to Windmill Pointe Park;

WHEREAS, Brian Brenner respectfully requested the city in his resolution acknowledge the work and dedication by Resident Charles Brower for his efforts to engage DTE in providing electric reliability to Grosse Pointe Park;

- I. Charles Brower attended City Council meetings, sent emails to City Administration, Council, elected officials of the state and federal government, DTE and the Michigan Public Service Commission.*
- II. Charles provided DTE and the Michigan Public Service Commission prior to a meeting he organized with the MPSC with outage logs, screenshots from the*

DTE Outage Center, number of households affected, supporting news articles, solutions from other energy providers in the United States and economic impact of outages to he and his fellow neighbors.

- III. Charles and his neighbors have experienced eight power outages since January 25, 2023, for a total of 140 hours of outages which is 20 times the national average and is between 10-15 times the state average.*
- IV. Charles commitment, dedication and exceptional research has provided Grosse Pointe Park extra tools in its discussion with our fellow Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities to DTE for electric reliability improvement.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Hodges, and Members of Council recognize Brian Brenner for his two years of dedication and commitment for the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Michele Hodges, Mayor
City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

It was moved by Councilmember McMillan and supported by Councilmember Wiener to adopt the Resolution.

Members Voting Yes: Kolar, Gallagher, Caulfield, Wiener, McMillan, Dreaver, and Mayor Hodges.

Members Voting No: None

The Resolution was declared adopted by Mayor Hodges and has been recorded in the Resolution Book.

Bridgette Bowdler, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

Motion by Councilmember Dreaver, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caulfield, to approve the adoption of Council Rules and Code of Conduct.

Councilmember Dreaver withdrew his motion.

Motion by Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to approve to table the Council Rules and Code of Conduct.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to approve **Recreation Commission- 3 Year Terms**

Mike Bannon- Expiring 2026

Roy Edmonds- Expiring 2026

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to approve.

TIFA Board- 4 Year Terms

Curt Ralstrom- Expiring 2027

Mary Distel- Expiring 2027

Julie Secord- Expiring 2027

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to approve.

Ethics Review Board- 3 Year Term

Anthony Agosta- Expiring 2026

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Mayor Hodges, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to approve Mayor Hodges recommendation of assignments to Councilmembers.

Tom Caulfield: Mayor Pro Tem, Recreation Commission, Ordinance Review Chairperson, Infrastructure and Utilities, Councilmember of Finance, BOE & Trombly Alternate, GPP Foundation.

Brent Dreaver: Beautification, Community Engagement Chairperson, Infrastructure and Utilities.

Christine Gallagher: Ordinance Review, Public Safety, MML.

Tim Kolar: Community Engagement, Public Safety, SEMCOG, Councilmember for Finance.

Marty McMillan: Marina Sub Committee, Ordinance Review, Personnel Chairperson, Public Safety Chairperson.

Max Wiener: Personnel, Infrastructure and Utilities Chairperson, GPP Business Association.

Michele Hodges: Planning Commission, DDA, Community Engagement, Personnel, BOE & Trombly, ECN, JEI, Senior Citizens.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Council Member McMillan, seconded by Council Member Dreaver, to approve motion to have City Attorney work with Helm attorney to potentially add a millage proposal on the ballot for Augusts Election.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by Council Member Wiener, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caulfield, to approve 1211, 1215/1217 Wayburn Conditional Rezoning 1 year Extension request for conditional agreements. The rezoning request will be contingent on securing all required approvals and permits from Detroit to develop the parking lots in a manner that is substantially similar to that shown on the site plans included with the application by December 31, 2024, or as otherwise extended by the Park City Council. After securing all required approvals from Detroit, construction commenced by December 31, 2025, or as otherwise extended by the Park City Council.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Caulfield, seconded by Council Member McMillan, to approve 1155, 1159, 1167 Wayburn Conditional Rezoning 1 year Extension request for conditional agreements. The rezoning request will be contingent on securing all required approvals and permits from Detroit to develop the parking lots in a manner that is substantially similar to that shown on the site plans included with the application by December 31, 2024, or as otherwise extended by the Park City Council. After securing all required approvals from Detroit, construction commenced by December 31, 2025, or as otherwise extended by the Park City Council.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Caulfield, seconded by Council Member Wiener, to adopt new code No. 241

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, MICHIGAN; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

On December 11, 2023, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park enacted an Ordinance to Amend the City Code, to become effective January 1, 2024, which Ordinance provides for amendments to the City Code. Said amendments include but are not limited to the recodification of the City Code into the “Grosse Pointe Park City Code” as published by

CivicPlus through its subsidiary, Municode. Utilizing the current City Code Book and all subsequent ordinance amendments, this amendment completely recodifies the Code into Chapters 1 to 46 in a way that is more conveniently arranged and organized. It also provides for the general penalty for violating the code, a format template for future amendments, and provides that any violations of past code provisions still remain valid.

This Summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(k). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulations, code, or other material adopted in reference in such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopy at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

Bridgette Bowdler
City Clerk

GPN:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Council Member McMillan, seconded by Council Member Wiener, to approve to table the City Attorney Contract with The Kelly Law Firm and to bring it to the Personnel Committee for review, then back to Council by February.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Council Member Wiener, seconded by Council Member Dreaver, to approve resolution to approve Civil Marriage Ceremony Fee effective January 1, 2024, for \$100.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

COUNCIL COMMENT:

-Councilmember Kolar commented on the following: Detroit News article, and email from family on Kensington regarding trash pick-up.

-Councilmember Gallagher commented on the following: Building trust with the community, being open and transparent, we as a board must work harder to due diligence.

-Councilmember Wiener commented on the following: Communication, asking residents to please give feedback, good or bad, also ask questions and give suggestions.

-Mayor Pro tem Caulfield commented on the following: Always call to get the facts. Build residents trust with facts.

-Councilmember McMillan commented on the following: During the holidays, please visit and shop our local businesses.

-Councilmember Dreaver commented on the following: The benefits and drawbacks of the streetlights.

-Mayor Hodges commented on the following: Condolences to families, Congratulations to award winners for Beautification, support small businesses, December 15 workshop.

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 McMillan, to approve to move to Closed Session at 10:38pm.

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 Wiener, to approve to go back into Open Session at 11:20pm.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to approve request to opt out of PA 152.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caulfield, to approve the extension of the Purchase Agreement for the Sale of Real Property located on Alter Road in Detroit and on Wayburn Road in Grosse Pointe Park and authorize the City Manager to execute the same. 90-day extension with nonrefundable money deposit.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caulfield, 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 11:21 p.m.

Bridgette Bowdler - City Clerk
Danielle Caudill- Deputy City Clerk