



**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, MICHIGAN
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
June 10, 2024, 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney- Dan Kelly, City Manager- Nick Sizeland, City Clerk – Bridgette Bowdler, Public Safety Director – James Bostock.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

24-57

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, to approve the consent agenda for June 10, 2024. The following items are included:

- I. Approval of May 13, 2024, Minutes
- II. Committee & Commissions Report
- III. Approve the FY 2025 Fee Schedule
- IV. Approve FY 2025 Vehicle Purchases
- V. Resolution to adopt City's Financial Depositories
- VI. Approve FY 2024 Budget Amendments
- VII. Ainsworth Maintenance Agreements
- VIII. Approval of Invoices over \$5,000
- IX. Juneteenth Resolution
- X. Pride Month Resolution

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

4 public comments were made.

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

24-58

Moved by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Kolar, to approve the Resolution to approve the Senior Service Millages authorizing a tax levy of up to .35 mills for a period of six (6) years, beginning with the summer 2025 levy, and authorize the City Clerk to certify the Resolution and submit the appropriate ballot language for inclusion on the November 5, 2024, general election ballot.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK

**RESOLUTION TO PLACE THE HELM MILLAGE ON 2024
GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, held in the City Hall on the 10th day of June, 2024 at 7:00 PM, Eastern Time.

Present Members: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

Absent Members: None

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Kolar to adopt the following resolution:

The following Resolution was offered by Councilmember Wiener, and seconded by Councilmember Kolar.

WHEREAS, the Helm Senior Center has approached the City of Grosse Pointe Park City Council requesting that the Council place a millage proposal on the ballot for the 2024 general election.

WHEREAS, the Helm Senior Center has requested that the proposed ballot language request to levy a new millage in the amount of .35 mils.

WHEREAS, the Helm Senior Center has specifically stated that, even if approved by voters, this millage will only be levied if at least four (4) out of the six (6) Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities approve their respective millage requests.

WHEREAS, if approved, the total millage amount to be collected in 2025 would be approximately \$275,590.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Grosse Pointe Park's City Clerk place upon the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot a new Senior Services millage of up to .35 mills for a period of six (6) years for consideration by the electorate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following language for the senior services millage to be submitted to the electorate:

Senior Services Millage

Shall the City of Grosse Pointe Park be authorized to levy a new additional millage of up to .35 mills (\$.35 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for six (6) years beginning in 2025 and ending in 2030 to be disbursed to the Grosse Pointe Active Adult Commission, for the purpose of supporting services to older citizens, including transportation, activities and facilities directed toward improvement of the overall health and welfare of older persons?

Approval of the above proposal would allow the City to levy up to .35 mills as a new millage for the purpose of supporting services to older citizens, including transportation, activities and facilities directed toward improvement of the overall health and welfare of older persons. It is estimated that this proposal would result in an authorization to collect up to \$275,590.00 in the first year if approved and fully levied. By operation of law, a portion of the millage revenue may be dispersed to the City of Grosse Pointe Park's Downtown Development Authority and Tax Increment Financing Authority. If approved, this senior millage will only be levied by the City if at least four (4) of the six (6) Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities approve their respective senior millages.

At a Council meeting held on June 10, 2024, and after discussion, the following roll call vote was taken:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

YEAS: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Dreaver, Mayor Hodges

NAYS: Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, Councilmembers Wiener, McMillan

ABSTENTIONS: None

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan, on June 10, 2024, the original of which is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 10th day of June 2024.

Bridgette Bowdler, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Park

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

NAYS: Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, Councilmembers Wiener, and McMillan.

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

24-59

Moved by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, to approve the sale of the City equipment and vehicles and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement authorizing to proceed with the auctioning of the following items:

- 2004 GMC 5yd dump truck.
- 2002 GMC Vac Truck.
- 1987 10yd Mack Dump Truck.
- 2012 Spalding Asphalt trailer
- 2000 Elgin Street Sweeper.
- 1990 2 Riding Lawn Mowers Hustler and Turf Tiger.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

24-60

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to approve the Resolution to propose an amendment to Charter Section 8.2 Budget Procedure.

**RESOLUTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO
CHARTER SECTION 8.2- BUDGET PROCEDURES**

City of Grosse Pointe Park

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, held in the City Hall on the 10th day of June 2024, at 7:00 PM, Eastern Time.

Present Members: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, Mayor Hodges.

Absent Members: None

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember McMillan to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, MCL 117.21 provides that a legislative body may propose an amendment to its Charter by 3/5 vote of the members elect;

WHEREAS, MCL 117.21 states that "form in which a proposed charter amendment or question shall appear on the ballot, unless provided for in the initiatory petition, shall be determined by resolution of the legislative body";

WHEREAS, notice of this Council meeting was given in the manner prescribed by the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976, as amended;

WHEREAS, Chapter 8, Section 8.2, titled "Budget Procedures" states as follows:

Section 8.2. - Budget procedures.

The City Manager shall prepare and submit to the Council, on or before the first (1st) regular meeting in April of each year; a recommended budget

covering the next fiscal year, and shall include therein at least the following information:

- 1) Detailed estimates with supporting explanations of all proposed expenditures for each department and office of the city, including those for the Retirement System, and for the Court, showing the expenditures for corresponding items for the last preceding fiscal year in full, and for the current fiscal year to March one (1) and estimated expenditures for the balance of the current fiscal year;
- 2) Statements of the bonded and other indebtedness of the city, showing the debt redemption and interest requirements, the debt authorized and unissued, and the condition of sinking funds, if any;
- 3) Detailed estimates of all anticipated revenues of the city from sources other than taxes with a comparative statement of the amounts received by the city from each of the same or similar sources for the last preceding fiscal year in full, and for the current fiscal year to March one (1), and estimated revenues for the balance of the current fiscal year;
- 4) A statement of the estimated balance or deficit for the end of the current fiscal year;
- 5) An estimate of the amount of money to be raised from current and delinquent taxes and the amount to be raised from bond issues which, together with any available un-appropriated surplus and any revenues from other sources, will be necessary to meet the proposed expenditures;
- 6) Such other supporting information as the Council may request.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

The members-elect of the legislative body of the City of Grosse Pointe Park propose that the following amendment to the City Charter shall appear on the ballot at the next regular election:

Section 8.2. - Budget procedures.

The City Manager shall prepare and submit to the Council, on or before the first (1st) regular meeting in May of each year; a recommended budget covering the next fiscal year, and shall include therein at least the following information:

- 1) Detailed estimates with supporting explanations of all proposed expenditures for each department and office of the city, including those for the Retirement System, and for the Court, showing the expenditures for corresponding items for the last preceding fiscal year in full, and for the current fiscal year to March one (**1**) and estimated expenditures for the balance of the current fiscal year;
- 2) Statements of the bonded and other indebtedness of the city, showing the

debt redemption and interest requirements, the debt authorized and unissued, and the condition of sinking funds, if any;

- 3) Detailed estimates of all anticipated revenues of the city from sources other than taxes with a comparative statement of the amounts received by the city from each of the same or similar sources for the last preceding fiscal year in full, and for the current fiscal year to March one (1), and estimated revenues for the balance of the current fiscal year;
- 4) A statement of the estimated balance or deficit for the end of the current fiscal year;
- 5) An estimate of the amount of money to be raised from current and delinquent taxes and the amount to be raised from bond issues which, together with any available un-appropriated surplus and any revenues from other sources, will be necessary to meet the proposed expenditures;
- 6) Such other supporting information as the Council may request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other sections in Chapter 8, Section 8.2, not otherwise amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Charter Proposition shall be submitted to the voters for approval shall be as follows:

PROPOSAL 1:

A proposed amendment to Section 8.2 of the City of Grosse Pointe Park City Charter

Currently, Section 8.2 of the City Charter requires that the City Manager prepare and submit a recommended budget to the City Council on or before the first regular meeting of April each year. The proposed amendment to Section 8.2 would require the City Manager to prepare and submit a recommended budget to the City Council on or before the first regular meeting of May each year.

Should this proposed amendment be adopted?

☐ Yes

☐ No

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan for approval of the proposed amendment and a copy of this resolution to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for approval of proposed ballot language for the proposed amendment, as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Charter Amendment be submitted to the electors of the City of Grosse Pointe Park for a vote of approval at the election to be held on November 5, 2024; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Park is hereby authorized and directed to cause the notice of submission of said Charter Amendment proposition to be posted and published as a part of the notice of said election in the manner required by law.

At a Council meeting held on June 10, 2024, and after discussion, the following roll call vote was taken:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

YEAS: Councilmembers Kolar, Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, Mayor Hodges

NAYS: Gallagher

ABSTENTIONS: None

CERTIFICATION

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 10th

day of June 2024.

Bridgette Bowdler, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Park

AYES: Councilmembers Kolar, Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: Councilmember Gallagher

Motion Carried

24-61

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Dreaver, to approve the Resolution to propose an amendment to Charter Section 8.4 Adoption of Budget.

**RESOLUTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO CHARTER SECTION 8.4 –
ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

City of Grosse Pointe Park

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, held in the City Hall on the 10th day of June, 2024 at 7:00 PM, Eastern Time.

Present Members: Councilmembers Kolar, Gallagher, Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan.

Absent Members: None

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Dreaver to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, MCL 117.21 provides that a legislative body may propose an amendment to its Charter by 3/5 vote of the members elect;

WHEREAS, MCL 117.21 states that “form in which a proposed charter amendment or question shall appear on the ballot, unless provided for in the initiatory petition, shall be determined by resolution of the legislative body”;

WHEREAS, notice of this Council meeting was given in the manner prescribed by the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976, as amended;

WHEREAS, Chapter 8, Section 8.4, titled "Adoption of Budget" states as follows:

Section 8.4. - Adoption of budget.

Not before April fifteenth (15th) nor later than the third (3rd) Monday in May in each year, the Council shall by resolution adopt a budget for the next fiscal year, shall appropriate the money needed for municipal purposes during the next fiscal year of the city and shall provide for a levy of the amount necessary to be raised by taxes upon real and personal property for municipal purposes subject to the limitations contained in Section 9.1.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

The members-elect of the legislative body of the City of Grosse Pointe Park propose that the following amendment to the City Charter shall appear on the ballot at the next regular election:

Section 8.4. - Adoption of budget.

No later than the third (3rd) Monday in June in each year, the Council shall by resolution adopt a budget for the next fiscal year, shall appropriate the money needed for municipal purposes during the next fiscal year of the city and shall provide for a levy of the amount necessary to be raised by taxes upon real and personal property for municipal purposes subject to the limitations contained in Section 9.1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other sections in Chapter 8, Section 8.2, not otherwise amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Charter Proposition shall be submitted to the voters for approval shall be as follows:

PROPOSAL 2:

A proposed amendment to Section 8.4 of the City of Grosse Pointe Park City Charter

Currently, Section 8.4 of the City Charter requires that the City adopt the budget annually between April 15th and the third Monday in May. The proposed amendment to

Section 8.4 would allow the City to adopt the budget any time before the third Monday in June each year.

Should this proposed amendment be adopted?

☐ Yes

☐ No

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan for approval of the proposed amendment and a copy of this resolution to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for approval of proposed ballot language for the proposed amendment, as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Charter Amendment be submitted to the electors of the City of Grosse Pointe Park for a vote of approval at the election to be held on November 5, 2024; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Park is hereby authorized and directed to cause the notice of submission of said Charter Amendment proposition to be posted and published as a part of the notice of said election in the manner required by law.

At a Council meeting held on June 10, 2024, and after discussion, the following roll call vote was taken:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

YEAS: Councilmembers Kolar, Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver,
McMillan and Mayor Hodges

NAYS: Councilmember Gallagher

ABSTENTIONS: None

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Bridgette Bowdler, City Clerk
City of Grosse Pointe Park

AYES: Councilmembers Kolar, Mayor Pro- Tem Caulfield, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan and Mayor Hodges.

NAYS: Councilmember Gallagher

Motion Carried

COUNCIL COMMENT:

-Councilmember Kolar commented on the following: Patterson Park playscape, they are still open for volunteers for anyone who would like to be a part of that. Last week of school for Grosse Pointe Schools.

-Councilmember Gallagher commented on the following: Hello to Mary Waters who sits on Detroit's City Council. I have a request for the Consent Agenda, sometimes I cannot access my email, historically I have always received a hard copy at home and that is no longer being done. If you could please send a hard copy to my home on Monday as had been done previously, that would be helpful. There is an issue with housing/hotels in the area, there's nothing available in the area. My recommendation and opinion is that since it affects our community, that the residents affected by potential Airbnb's should have a say and it should be brought to a vote for community members.

-Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield commented on the following: The process of moving a consent agenda item to an agenda item. We have a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2024, in the Council Chambers. Thank you to those at Patterson Park that have fully power-washed and began sanding the entire playscape. Hats off to them.

-Councilmember Wiener commented on the following: There is tentatively an Infrastructure meeting scheduled for July 1, 2024, at 4pm. We have a number of construction projects that are going to be under way this summer so we want to make sure we're getting the information out there.

-Councilmember Dreaver commented on the following: Beautification Commission is not meeting anymore this summer until fall. There is going to be an adopt a garden at Patterson Park, June 22 from 9am to 12pm. Everyone is welcome to come check it out and help make Patterson Park gardens beautiful. Also currently scoping out houses for beautification awards. Would like to in the future give explanations to residents of the new fee schedules and why the prices are rising.

-Councilmember McMillan commented on the following: Now that Chief is back, I will be contacting Councilmembers Kolar and Gallagher to get a meeting together in July for

Public Safety. All of us should attend the Farmers Market and tell all family and friends to come. It really makes our city shine when someone comes down there any buys produce or vegetables, they are going to see all the other places and say "Wow, I didn't even know that place was here." Just like our After 6 on Kercheval. I think this will be good for all our businesses.

-Mayor Hodges commented on the following: Condolences to Councilmember McMillan on the loss of his brother. Thank you, Brent, for all of your work with the Beautification Commission. I would also like to thank the Chair of the Ethics Review Board along with fellow members, we recently heard from them this past month. Reminder to everyone that we are going to do the State of the City at our July Council Meeting. I welcome any input. Thank you to Shri Thanedar for the funding of the EERV

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

2 Public Comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Bridgette Bowdler - City Clerk
Danielle Caudill- Deputy City Clerk