



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, MICHIGAN
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
January 13, 2025, 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, Wiener, Dreaver, McMillan, and Mayor Hodges.

EXCUSED: Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney- Dan Kelly, City Manager- Nick Sizeland, Assistant City Manager – Warren Rothe.

25-01

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Dreaver, to appoint Mr. Rothe City Clerk for this evening's City Council meeting.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

25-02

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to approve to go into Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

ZBA PUBLIC HEARING:

1 public comment was made

25-03

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to grant the requested variance at 15450 Windmill Pointe Drive from Section 3.05(A) of the Zoning ordinance authorizing the construction of an inground pool in the side yard of the property based upon the following findings of fact:

1. The strategic placement of the proposed inground pool outside of the existing Flood Zone is considered a best practice, to minimize future impacts and obstructions (ex: limit the potential for breaking or flooding and the pool debris impacting the primary structure, adjacent homes, etc.).
2. An inground pool is an established common use of the property in this area and zoning district; it is reasonable that the subject property owner should be able to install and enjoy such a use.
3. The proposed inground pool does not impair the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance. As designed, the pool complies with all other required standards of Section 3.05: Swimming Pools (excluding the rear yard requirement) and even exceeds a number of those minimum requirements.
4. With the proposed increased setbacks, and as the subject property is a wider lot than some others, it is not anticipated that the proposed variance will negatively impact the public health, safety, and welfare of the community.
5. The proposed location of the pool in the side yard does not negatively impact either of the two Master Plan goals for neighborhoods and sustainability. As the location is proposed outside of the FEMA Flood Zone, the design appears to support future flooding mitigation.
6. While the subject property contains new construction, the location of the FEMA Flood Zone AE is outside of the control of the applicant and practically limits the use of the property, in the interest of ensuring future safety for the property and adjacent homes.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

25-04

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Kolar, to move out of Zoning Board of Appeals and back into our regular City Council Meeting.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

25-05

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Kolar, to approve the consent agenda.

- I. Approval of December 9, 2024, Minutes
- II. Committee & Commissions Report
- III. Pump Station Maintenance Items
- IV. Short-Term Disability Insurance Proposal
- V. City Manager/Public Safety Report
- VI. Invoices over \$5,000

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

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NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS):

0 public comments were made.

25-06

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Wiener to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

25-07

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Kolar, to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Financial Statements.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS:

25-08

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Kolar, to approve the following recommendation of the appointment of Denzel Faulken to the Planning Commission to fill the seat of former member Kristin Taylor who submitted her resignation effective January 1st, 2025. Denzel will complete the term ending September 30th, 2025.

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

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NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

25-09

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, to approve the following reappointments to the Board of Review:

3-Year Terms Ending in 2028

Re-appointments

Andrew Harr

Marissa Cavaliere

Jody Bruce - Alternate

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

COUNCIL COMMENT:

-Councilmember Gallagher commented on the following: a good idea if we had a review from our outsourced EMS folks, I think it's important we keep track of how they are performing, making sure that they are hitting the few minute marks that they have committed to.

-Councilmember Wiener commented on the following: Quarterly Infrastructure Meetings. Wants to commend Councilmember McMillan, he has been working very hard and diligently. I appreciate him and am impressed working with him.

-Councilmember Dreaver commented on the following: Conversations about Public Safety and break-ins and things that have been going on in the city, wants to give props to City Manager Sizeland and Chief Bostock, there has been no resistance on working on these issues. I've been really impressed. Also, Chili Fest, February 1st I hope to see everyone there.

-Mayor Hodges commented on the following: Wish everyone a Happy New Year, looking forward to working together in 2025. Coming back into town on Saturday it was so nice to be welcomed by the holiday light displays and to just be reminded of what a great community this is. The plows were out as well, which showed me that this staff team is working hard and making sure our service levels remain high as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

1 Public Comment was made.

25-10

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to approve to go into closed door session

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

Return to Open Council Meeting

25-11

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to approve and authorize the \$12,000 increase to base pay for the City Manager based on the research that was completed in tandem with an increase from 5 to 10% of the retirement 457 match for the City Manager.

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

NAYS: Councilmember Gallagher

Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Bridgette Bowdler - City Clerk
Danielle Caudill- Deputy City Clerk