



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

EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney- Dan Kelly, City Manager- Nick Sizeland, City Clerk- Bridgette Bowdler, Finance Director – Ginger Moriarty, and City Engineer- Patrick Droze.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

25-27

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, to approve the Consent Agenda.

- I. Approval of February 3, 2025, Minutes
- II. Committee & Commissions Report
- III. Approve Switchgear Maintenance Proposals
- IV. Social District Approval
- V. Approval of Invoices over \$5,000
- VI. City Manager/Public Safety Report

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS):

0 public comments were made.

25-28

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, to approve the regular agenda.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

25-29

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to approve to adopt the purchasing policy as presented.

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

NAYS: Councilmember Gallagher

Motion Carries

25-30

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, to approve the proposed amendments to section 2-597 of the Purchasing Procedure Ordinance, Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2, and authorize the City Clerk to publish in accordance with State Law.

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

NAYS: Councilmember Gallagher

Motion Carries

25-31

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, to approve to move on.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Gallagher

Motion Carries

25-32

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, to approve the Resolution to adopt revisions to the Employee benefit manual regarding the Earned Sick Time, effective February 21, 2025, and authorize the City Manager to take necessary steps to execute and the Clerk to file the same.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

25-33

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember Dreaver, to approve to allow Councilmember Kolar to recuse himself from the Farmers Market Agreement because he is on the Board, and it is a conflict of interest.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

25-34

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Dreaver, to approve the agreement for the proposed farmers market as presented for 2025/2026.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

25-35

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, to approve the quote from Irwin Seating not to exceed \$57,000.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

25-36

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield to approve The proposed motion to approve the resolution to amend and adopt the FY2024/2025 repair of the Lavins Center Theater seating.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

25-37

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, to accept the proposals from OHM Advisers as presented accompanying budget resolutions amend motion for \$39,500 2025 Paving program for \$39,500 with construction services not to exceed 15% of the final construction cost.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

25-38

Motion by Councilmember Weiner, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to accept the proposal from OHM for the 2025 Water Main Improvement Project not to exceed \$83,000.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

25-39

Motion by Councilmember Weiner, seconded by Councilmember Kolar, to accept the proposal from OHM advisors for construction engineering services for the Jefferson Separation Construction not to exceed \$127,500.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

25-40

Motion by Councilmember Weiner, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to grant the contract extension to Luigi Ferdinandi & Son and accept the proposal from OHM Advisors for continued engineering services for fiscal year 2026.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

25-41

Motion by Councilmember Dreaver, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, to approve the following appointments to the Beautification Commission:

Appointments

Jim Creighton

Term expiring in 2026

Sharon Pierce
Term expiring in 2028

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

25-42

Motion by Councilmember McMillan, seconded by Councilmember Weiner, to approve the following appointment to the Downtown Development Authority:

Appointments

Richard Ansell
Term expiring in 2028

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

25-43

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to approve the following appointment to the Board of Review:

Appointments

Paul Szmigiel (Alternate)
Incomplete term that expires in 2025
as well as a Full 3-year term

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

Council Comment:

Councilmember Kolar: Kudos to everyone from the top down who helped with the gas leak/smell. It was taken care of right away once it was brought to our attention.

Councilmember Gallagher: Requests for the 4th time that we have the ambulance services brought before the body and make a presentation. Questioned the budget workshop and adoption and would like at least a week to review budget before it goes in front of Mayor and Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield: Personnel Committee, list of goals for City Manager Sizeland. Parks and Recreation master plan, Civic Rec – new technology. Please get facts before you post on social media.

Councilmember Wiener: Infrastructure meeting, April 4, 2025. Happy Birthday to my wife Michelle.

Councilmember Dreaver: Beautifications Adopt-a-garden is March 22 from 9am-Noon at Patterson Park. Arbor Day posters. We need some able hands. If you are interested in joining the Beautification Commission, please fill out an application and apply. We will have snacks.

Councilmember McMillan: Great job Councilmember Dreaver on Community Engagement. Public Safety meeting in 3 weeks or so. Thank you Dr. Schapp for his donation to replace the theater seats.

Mayor Hodges: Thank you to the Community Engagement Committee for doing the hidden figures showing in honor of Black History Month. TIFA and the Sip, Stroll, & Shop. Salute to our Clerk for her achievement of Level 3 Certification training status through the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. Board of Review, City Assessor contact info. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement, please get these turned in.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS):

0 public comments were made.

25-44

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Councilmember McMillan, to approve to go into Closed Session.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

25-45

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to approve to go back into Open Session.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

25-46

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, seconded by Councilmember Wiener, to authorize the City Attorney to negotiate a purchase agreement and authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement for the sale of the properties located at 1264 and 1296 Alter Rd. at a purchase price of \$9,000 but not less than \$8,000 and an earnest money deposit in the amount of \$3,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the same and also to require that closing occur within 30 days of all contingencies of the purchase agreement being met.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carries Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Wiener, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Caulfield, to approve to adjourn the meeting.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Bridgette Bowdler - City Clerk

Danielle Caudill- Deputy City Clerk