COUNCIL  
08-16-99 - 466


The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Mayor Novitke.

Roll Call: Mayor Novitke
Council members: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Steiner
Absent: Chylinski

Also Present: City Attorney Catlin
City Clerk Warnke
Director of Public Safety Makowski
Asst. Director of Public Services Ahee
City Engineer Lockwood
Assistant to City Administrator Donnan
Deputy City Clerk Hathaway

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Granger, that BE EXCUSED from attendance at tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

The following Commission members were in attendance:

Leland Allcut, Historical Commission/Board of Canvassers
Linda Farmer, Citizens Recreation Commission
Joseph Sucher, Planning Commission
Philip Patanis, Planning Commission

Motion by Steiner, supported by Dansbury, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, taken in order of appearance.
Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

Motion by Granger, supported by Fahrner, that the City Council voice NO OBJECTION to the adoption of a proclamation expressing congratulations of the City and its residents to the staff and members of the **1999 Girls Grosse Pointe Varsity Lacrosse Team** for a their successful season, and that such be presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

Hearing no objection, the following individual was heard regarding Starbucks Coffee:

Rick Lower, Construction Manager
Chicago, IL

Motion by Granger, supported by Fahrner, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in their Minutes dated August 10, 1999, regarding **Starbucks Coffee, 19727 Mack Avenue**, and grant conditional approval of the Site Plan dated June 18, 1999, contingent upon the following conditions:

1. A certified set of site plans be placed on file with the Building Department;
2. The state-required handicap parking sign be placed next to existing guard rail;
3. Variance will be required for the length of the eight-foot masonry wall. Proper variance notification required and cannot be processed until the September 13, 1999, City Council meeting;
4. Terrace low luminous lighting 12-18” high, placed around perimeter every four feet;
5. Parking lot light fixtures will be the same as the City uses;
6. Identification signage to be approved at a later date and not included in this site plan recommendation;
7. Remove existing guard rail and replace with bollards (six feet apart) from the property line at Mack Avenue to the end of the adjacent building. To be painted a colonial color other than white;
8. Place stop sign before sidewalk at Allard exit, along with Right Turn Only sign;
9. Place stop sign and pedestrian warning sign before sidewalk at Mack Avenue egress;
10. One-way arrow sign placed at median across from the Mack Avenue driveway;
11. Traffic signage to be approved by Public Safety once it is in place and before business is open to the public;
12. Engineering approval prior to submitting building permit;
13. City Attorney to draft an easement agreement to be signed and agreed upon by all parties involved (i.e. City, property owner, and petitioner. City Engineer to describe the easement location; to be resolved before building permit is granted;
14. Mutton bars to be placed on windows with size approved by City Engineer;
15. Terrace outdoor furniture, green in color, approved as submitted;
16. Terrace table umbrellas, green in color, approved as submitted;
17. The proposed signage and brick wall requires approval by the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:56 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR THE APPLICATION OF ROBERT RUSSO, 961 MOORLAND, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A 6’ VINYL PRIVACY FENCE ALONG THE REAR LOT LINE OF THE PROPERTY AT 961 MOORLAND.

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Fahrner, that for purposes of the public hearing the following items be received and placed on file:

1. Ltr 7/21/99 – R. Russo
2. Memo 8/5/99 – Assistant to the City Administrator
3. Fence Style
5. Affidavit of Property Owners Notified
6. Notice of Hearing
7. Ltr 8/2/99 – Mr. & Mrs. Shulman
Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

The Chair declared a recess at 8:00 p.m., and reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in favor of the proposed request. The following individuals wished to be heard:

Robert Russo
961 Moorland Dr.

Mrs. Donald Johnson
977 Moorland Dr.

Harold Shannon
940 Moorland Dr.

Mark Decker
1006 Moorland Dr.

Emmett Baratta
838 Canterbury

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition to the proposed request. The following individuals were heard:

Richard Albricht
Representing the Shulmans
958 Woods Lane

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Granger, that the public hearing BE CLOSED at 8:25 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Steiner, supported by Dansbury, regarding Public Hearing FENCE VARIANCE - Robert Russo, 961 Moorland Drive, that the City Council GRANT the request to install a privacy fence composed of vinyl along the side yards.
Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 8:42 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR THE APPLICATION OF ALISON WOLFSON, 1341 LOCHMOOR, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A 4’ VINYL PICKET FENCE ON THE REAR SIDE YARD PROPERTY LINES, A 4.2’ VINYL PICKET GATE, AND A 6’ CEDAR PRIVACY FENCE ON THE SECTIONS CONNECTING THE SIDE OF THE HOUSE TO THE SIDE YARD FENCES OF THE PROPERTY AT 1341 LOCHMOOR.

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Steiner, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

Motion by Granger, supported by Dansbury, regarding Public Hearing: FENCE VARIANCE – Alison Wolfson, 1341 Lochmoor, on various fence variances, that the matter BE TABLED at the Petitioner’s request to the Council Meeting of September 13, 1999.

The following individuals wished to be heard:

Mark Grech
1341 Lochmoor

Ron Mack
1363 Lochmoor
Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

The Chair declared a recess at 8:50 p.m. The City Council reconvened at 9:06 p.m.

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 9:07 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR THE APPLICATION OF **EMMET BARATTA, 838 CANTERBURY**, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A 5’ VINYL PRIVACY FENCE ALONG THE REAR SIDE AND REAR YARD PROPERTY LINES OF 838 CANTERBURY.

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Granger, that for purposes of the public hearing the following items be received and placed on file:

1. Fence Permit
2. Memo 8/5/99 – Assistant to the City Administrator
3. Fence Proposal & Style – Kimberly Fence
5. Affidavit of Property Owners Notified
6. Notice of Hearing

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in favor of the proposed request. The following individual was heard:

Emmett Baratta
838 Canterbury

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition to the proposed request. No one wished to be heard.

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Dickinson, that the public hearing BE CLOSED at 9:07 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Motion by Dickinson, supported by Dansbury, regarding Public Hearing: FENCE VARIANCE - Emmet Baratta, 838 Canterbury, that the City Council GRANT the request to install a 5’ vinyl fence on the rear side and rear yard property lines.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 9:10 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR THE APPLICATION OF ST. JOHN HOSPITAL, 22101 MOROSS ROAD, DETROIT, MI, FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A 5’ BLACK METAL PICKET STYLE FENCE AT 19269 MACK AVENUE.

Motion by Granger, supported by Steiner, that for purposes of the public hearing the following items be received and placed on file:

1. Fence Permit – 8/4/99
2. Memo 8/4/99 – Assistant to the City Administrator
3. Fence Style
4. Affidavit of Property Owners Notified
5. Notice of Hearing

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in favor of the proposed request. The following individual wished to be heard:

Dimitris Bitzarakis
Director of Design, St. John Hospital
The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition to the proposed request. No one wished to be heard.

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Fahrner, that the public hearing BE CLOSED at 9:15 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Steiner, supported by Dansbury, regarding Public Hearing: FENCE VARIANCE - St. John Hospital, 19269 Mack Avenue, that the City Council GRANT the request to install a 5’ (no greater than 5.2’) steel-picket fence.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

City Administrator Bidigare arrived at the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 9:18 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR THE APPLICATION OF JOHN AND CHRISTINE MRSAN, 791 SHOREHAM, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A 6’ WOOD STOCKADE STYLE PRIVACY FENCE ALONG THE REAR SIDE AND REAR YARD PROPERTY LINES AT 791 SHOREHAM.

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Granger, that for purposes of the public hearing the following items be received and placed on file:

1. Ltr 8/5/99 – John & Christine Mrsan
2. Memo 8/9/99 – Assistant to the City Administrator
3. Building Permit 5/20/99
5. Affidavit of Proper Owners Notified
6. Notice of Hearing

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski
The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in favor of the proposed request. The following individuals were heard:

John and Christine Mrsan  
791 Shoreham

James Carty  
20145 Wedgewood

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition to the proposed request. No one wished to be heard.

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Dickinson, that the public hearing BE CLOSED at 9:22 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Steiner, regarding Public Hearing: FENCE VARIANCE - John and Christine Mrsan, 791 Shoreham, that the City Council GRANT the request to install a 6’ wood stockade style fence on the rear side and rear yard property lines.

Motion failed by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Novitke, Steiner  
No: Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger  
Absent: Chylinski

Motion by Dickinson, supported by Granger, regarding Public Hearing: FENCE VARIANCE - John and Christine Mrsan, 791 Shoreham, that the City Council GRANT the requested 6’ height variance only.

Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner  
No: None  
Absent: Chylinski

Motion by Steiner, supported by Dansbury, regarding Public Hearing: FENCE VARIANCE - John and Christine Mrsan, 791 Shoreham, that the City Council adjourn the style of the fence to the September 13, 1999, City Council meeting.
SUBSTITUTE MOTION by Granger, supported by Dansbury, regarding Public Hearing: FENCE VARIANCE - John and Christine Mrsan, 791 Shoreham, that the City Council GRANT the request to install a 6’ wood stockade style fence on the rear side and rear yard property lines, that the City Council approve the wood stockade style fence.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: Dickinson
Absent: Chylinski

Motion by Steiner, supported by Dansbury, that the financial section of the Monthly Report of the City Administrator for the month of July 1999, BE REFERRED to the Finance Committee for review.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Dickinson, regarding relocation of an existing single family two (2) story dwelling currently located at 433 Moross in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, to the vacant lot described as Lot 805, Grosse Pointe Country Club Woods Subdivision No. 2 as recorded in Liber 67, Page 95 of Plats, Wayne County Records, located at southeast corner of Stanhope and Eastborne, that the City Council grant this request.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

Motion by Granger, supported by Dickinson, regarding bids for 1999 Pavement Resurfacing Program, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the City Administrator, the City Engineer, and the Director of Public Services and AWARD a contract to:
Century Cement Co.
12600 Sibley Road
Riverview, MI

in the amount of $136,288.80, and to include engineering, inspection, contingency, and
testing in the amount of $40,886.64, in an amount not to exceed $177,175.44, their bid
being in the best interest of the City; and to charge such to the following account: 202-451-975.100/203-451-975.100.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Steiner, that the City Council voice NO OBJECTION to
the adoption of a proclamation proclaiming October 23, 1999, as Make a Difference
Day in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, and urging fellow citizens to observe this day by
joining with friends, fellow employees and relatives, with religious, school, and civic
groups to engage in projects benefiting their community.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Steiner, that the City Council voice NO OBJECTION to
the adoption of a proclamation proclaiming October 2-3, 1999, as University Liggett
School Antiques Days in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, and wishing
success to the school in raising money for its technology fund from the proceeds of sales
of antiques.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski
Motion by Steiner, supported by Dansbury, that the Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-131, of the City Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods of 1997, Employee Benefits, be considered as a "first reading";

And that such Ordinance be published by title in The Grosse Pointe News, the official newspaper of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, and placed on the agenda of the Council meeting scheduled for September 13, 1999, as a "second reading" and for final adoption.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

Under new business, and hearing no objection, the following individual was heard regarding fence variances:

Nancy Velick
28000 Dequindre
Warren, MI

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Steiner, that the City Council voice NO OBJECTION to the following mayoral Committee appointment:

COMMITTEE: Fireworks
Member: City Administrator Bidigare

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Fahrner, that the City Council voice NO OBJECTION to the following mayoral Committee appointments:

COMMITTEE: Grosse Pointe Woods 50th Anniversary and Millenium Celebration
Chair: Council Member Dickinson
Members: Council Members Granger and Chylinski
Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

Motion by Dansbury, supported by Steiner, regarding the **Fireworks 2000 Fundraiser**, that the City Council approve a golf outing fundraiser event in an amount not to exceed $2,500, to be held October 4, 1999, at the Lochmoor Club, with a rain date of October 11, 1999;

And, that the City Clerk reschedule the regular City Council Meeting of October 4, 1999, to October 25, 1999.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner
No: None
Absent: Chylinski

Upon proper motion, meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.