

City of Grand Blanc City Council
Minutes of December 9, 2015

Present: Mayor Soderstrom Paula Nas Julie Nielsen Lisa Blondell
John Creasey Pamela Gillies Chris Douglas

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Bethany Smith, Chris Rhind, Walter Griffin, Matt Wurtz, Dianne Waterworth, Dave Servetter, Steve Hill.

Guests: Paula Schmidt, Geric Rose, Andrew Barbas, Aimee Raintree, Jerome Facchinello, Frank Roye, Kristina Feller, Connie Lesley, Richard Whallon and others.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Soderstrom at 7:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Nielsen supported by Blondell to approve the minutes of November 18, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to approve payment of December invoices in the amount of \$247,089.46 Motion carried.
4. Public Hearing Zoning Board of Appeals – Sunset Plaza Apartments.
Mayor Soderstrom opened the public hearing at 7:04 P.M.
There was no public comment.

Andrew Barbas, Owner of Sunset Plaza Apartments presented the request to replace a legal non- conforming fence in the front yard of the property at 12063 S. Saginaw St.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the public hearing at 7:08 P.M.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the variance request and allow replacement of the existing legal non-conforming fence in the front yard. Rationale: The variance requested is a reduction of a current non-conforming legal use of fencing in the front yard. Allowing this variance will reduce the height of the current non-conforming fence and front yard fencing in a multiple tenant property along a major street reduces headlight interference on the roadway. Roll call vote: Blondell; yes, Nielsen; yes, Gillies; yes, Creasey; yes, Nas; yes, Douglas; yes. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment
Frank Roye, purchaser of 11410 S. Saginaw Street. Mr. Roy addressed the Council regarding the timeline from the initial purchase agreement in September of 2011 and today.

City Attorney Griffin gave the Council two options for disposition of the property. Either amend the purchase agreement and give Mr. Roy a set time to construct a building on the property or void the purchase agreement. His recommendation was to amend the purchase agreement and allow Mr. Roy a reasonable amount of time to construct his building on the property.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to direct Attorney Griffin to negotiate an amended purchase agreement with Mr. Roy for the one story building that was originally proposed. Motion carried.

6. Communications:
 - a) Comcast – price changes – received and filed.
7. New Business.
 - a. 2016 Meeting Calendar and Appointments.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the proposed 2016 meeting calendar as submitted. Motion carried.

- b. Fire Commission 2016 Budget.
Chief Servetter and Fire Commission Treasurer Karl Haiser presented the proposed budget for 2016.

Motion by Gillies supported by Blondell to approve the Fire Commission's proposed budget for 2016. Motion carried.

- c. Resolution 1512-01 CDBG Allocation for 2016.
BE IT RESOLVED; that the City Council for the City of Grand Blanc approves the allocation of the of the Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$6,763 (15%) for Senior Services, \$2,200 (4%) for Senior Center Downspouts, and \$36,123(81%) for barrier free curb ramps in the City.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

Motion by Gillies supported by Blondell to approve Resolution #1512-01 as presented. Motion carried.

11. Other Business

- a. Police Department – report received and filed, Old Newsboys will be collecting on the street on Friday.
- b. DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c. Building Inspector's Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Servetter – nothing to report.
- e. City Attorney Griffin – nothing to report.
- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – On behalf of the staff, thank you to Mayor Soderstrom for the holiday luncheon she provided.
- g. City Managers Report.

- 1. **Michigan Energy Office Grand for LED Street Lighting.**

- The required match has changed from \$30,000 which was approved in November to \$37,600. A motion is requested for the additional matching funds.

- Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve the LED Streetlight Grand revised matching amount to a maximum of \$37,600 with source of funds from Major Streets.
Motion carried.

- 2. **Grand Blanc Fire Department Quarterly Contribution.**

- Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve the Grand Blanc Fire Department quarterly contribution in the amount of \$26,233.75. Motion carried.

- i. Members of Council – wished everyone Happy Holidays!

- Councilman Creasey – Mentioned that the Grand Blanc Community Foundation is a great place to make your end of the year charitable contributions.

- j. Mayor Soderstrom - The ribbon cutting for the Grand Blanc Community Arches will be scheduled sometime in January.
Happy Holidays to all!

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk