

City of Grand Blanc City Council  
Minutes of May 11, 2016

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

Staff: Wendy Jean-Buhrer, Bethany Smith, Walter Griffin, Brian Lipe, Matt Wurtz, Dianne Waterworth.

Guests: Paula Schmidt, Connie Lesley, John Freel & Family, Steve Solomon, Jim Bappert, Jay Hoffman, Charlene Matheny, Donna Hedding, John Crawford, Connie Montpas, Pat Martin 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 April 13, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Bills. Motion by Creasey supported by Blondell to approve payment of May invoices in the amount of \$417,932.86. Motion carried.
4. Mayoral Proclamation – in recognition of John Freel for his service on City Council.
5. Public Hearing 2016-17 & 2017-18 Budget Approval, 2016-17 Budget Amendments, Truth in Taxation hearing to set millage rates for 2016.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:07 P.M.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Budget Adoption Resolution 05-1603  
And General Appropriations Act

WHEREAS: In accordance with the provision of Public Acts 621 of 1978, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act for Local Government, it is the responsibility of the Grand Blanc City Council to establish and adopt the annual City Budget; and

WHEREAS: The Finance after due deliberation allocated funds for FY 2017-18 for the Grand Blanc Fire Commission in the amount of \$103,325; Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$120,225 and the McFarlen Library in the amount of \$33,800.

WHEREAS: The Finance Committee received budget requests from all City Departments and has reviewed in detail the City Manager's FY 2015-16 Amended Budget, 2016-17 Amended Budget and FY 2017-18 Original Recommended Budget; and

WHEREAS: The Finance Committee, after due deliberation, has formulated a Recommended Budget total appropriation with available resources for FY 2015-16 at \$8,959,735 FY 2016-17 at \$10,150,610 and for FY 2017-18 at \$8,201,665; and

WHEREAS: The further intent of this resolution is to designate the Chief Administrative Officer and Fiscal Officer and to specify the use of Federal Revenue Sharing FY 2015-16, FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18; and

WHEREAS: The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support general operations will be 11.85 mills and .9 mills for streets.

#### Budget Adoption

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Blanc City Council does hereby adopt the FY 2015-16 Amended Budget, FY 2016-17 Amended Budget and FY 2017-18 Original Budget and General Appropriations Act as recommended by the Finance Committee as advertised and placed in the City Clerk's office for public inspection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby designated the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Grand Blanc and, further, that the City Clerk shall perform the duties of the Fiscal Officer as specified in Public Act 621 of 1978, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act of Local Government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the appropriation accumulated at the summary level of expense for each City Department shall be deemed the maximum authorization to incur expenditures and the Fiscal Officer shall not approve any expenditures beyond that originally approved or amended by the City Council and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Grand Blanc City Fund Balance Policy was adopted on May 11, 2016 and is in compliance for FY 2015-16, FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support general operations will be 11.85 mills and .9 mills for streets.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve the above budget resolution with total appropriations of \$8,959,735 for FY 2015-16, \$10,150,610 for FY 2016-17 and \$8,201,665 for FY 2017-18 and the property tax millage rate of 11.85 mills for general operations and .9 mills for streets.

Roll Call Vote: Blondell; yes, Creasey; yes, Douglas; yes, Gillies; yes, Nas; yes, Nielsen; yes.

#### Post-Employment Contribution

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the \$10,000 General Fund disbursement for other post-employment benefits to the MERS Retirement Health Vehicle Trust Fund and \$30,729 Sewer Fund disbursement for other post-employment benefits to the MERS Retirement Health Vehicle Trust Fund. Motion carried.

Mayor Soderstrom closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting at 7:09 P.M.

#### 6. Public Comment –

Jay Hoffman – 11433 Grand Blvd, requested closing of Grand Blvd to host a private event on June 4, 2016.

Pat Martin – 12828 Via Catherina, discussed her difficulty with low frequency noise from the Kroger store.

John Crawford – 710 Wilkshire, spoke regarding low frequency noise.

#### 7. Communications:

a) M. Alan Robb Thank You Letter. – received and filed.

8. New Business.

a) Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce – 1-69 NMDC Dues  
Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to approve the dues in the amount of \$3,000. Motion carried.

b) Resolution 0516-01 – MDOT Contract for Saginaw St Safety Grant  
City of Grand Blanc Resolution  
0516-01

WHEREAS, The City Council for the City of Grand Blanc approves the contract #16-5194 with the State of Michigan Department of Transportation for Part A Grand Blanc High School driveway relocation along Saginaw Street between Perry and Holly Roads; including box span layout traffic signal upgrade, countdown pedestrian signal, and concrete sidewalk and ramp work; and all together with necessary related work.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Blanc hereby authorizes the City Manager Wendy Jean Buhner and the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Bethany J. Smith of the City of Grand Blanc to sign the contract.

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to approve Resolution 0516-01. Motion carried.

c) Resolution – 0516-02 MDOT Contract for Bella Vista Dr  
City of Grand Blanc Resolution  
0516-02

WHEREAS, The City Council for the City of Grand Blanc approves the contract #16-5193 with the State of Michigan Department of Transportation for road reconstruction work along Bella Vista Drive from Via Catherina Drive northeasterly to Bella Vista Court (north limits of the City of Grand Blanc); including pavement removal, hot mix asphalt surfacing, machine grading, drainage improvement, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk and ramp work; and all together with necessary related work.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Blanc hereby authorizes the City Manager Wendy Jean Buhner and the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Bethany J. Smith of the City of Grand Blanc to sign the contract.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to approve Resolution 0516-02. Motion carried

d) Committee Reports.

Finance

Motion by Blondell supported by Creasey to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve Resolution 0516-03 authorizing an inter-fund loan from General Fund to Local Street Fund for FY 2016-17 Local Street projects to include a 1% fee. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the \$10,000 reimbursement from Tax Fund to General Fund in repayment of startup cash as the beginning of the FY 2015-16. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to accept the recommendation from Finance and approve the \$10,000 payment from General Fund to Tax Fund for startup cash at the beginning of FY 216-17. Motion carried.

Motion by Blondell supported by Nielsen to accept the recommendation from Finance to select Fifth Third Bank as the underwriter for the MERS Pension Bond Issuance. Motion carried.

### Public Works

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Public Works and contract with Fleis and Vandenbrink for the Bella Vista Drive Reconstruction, choosing option 3 – inspection services will be shared between F&V and the City with F&V providing administration and staking. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Public Works and contract with M&M Pavement Marking to restripe the City's roads and on street parking stalls not to exceed \$7,278. Motion carried.

Motion by Nas supported by Blondell to accept the recommendation from Public Works to replace the Water Plant #7 gate operator not to exceed \$4,640. Motion carried.

### Public Safety

Motion by Blondell supported by Gillies to accept the recommendation from Public Safety to deny the request from Mr. Hoffman to close Grand Blvd for a private event. Roll call vote: Blondell; yes, Gillies; no, Creasey; no, Nas; yes, Douglas; no, Nielsen; no. Motion fails 4-2.

Motion by Gillies supported by Creasey to approve the request from Mr. Hoffman to close Grand Blvd on Saturday June 4 from 11:00AM to 5:00PM for a private event. There are to be no alcoholic beverages served and this will not be a precedent setting approval. Rationale: The special circumstances are that he is the only property owner on the street and for the health and safety of the event attendees. Roll call vote: Gillies; yes, Creasey; yes, Nas; no, Blondell; no, Douglas; yes, Nielsen; yes. Motion carried 4-2.

### 8. Other Business

- a. Police Department – Monthly report received and filed.
- b. DPW Director – nothing to report.
- c. Building Inspector's Report – received and filed.
- d. Fire Chief Servetter – not in attendance. Report received and filed.
- e. City Attorney Griffin – will be meeting with Grand Oaks regarding PUD.
- f. City Clerk/Assistant City Manager – nothing to report.
- g. City Managers Report – received and filed.
- i. Members of Council  
Councilwoman Nielsen – Asked questions of Mrs. Martin about her complaint.

Councilwoman Blondell – The issue of Mr. Hoffman losing access to his parking lot on Sunday needs to be addressed.

- j. Mayor Soderstrom - requested a June meeting change from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Creasey supported by Douglas to move the June meeting to the 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion fails.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany J. Smith, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk