

# The Regular, Scheduled Meeting of the Council of The Village of Marble Cliff

At 1600 Fernwood Ave.

February 20, 2017

The regular, scheduled meeting of the Council of the Village of Marble Cliff was held Monday, February 20, 2017 in the Village Hall at 1600 Fernwood Ave. at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were: Council Members: Matthew P. Cincione, John F. Kukura, Linda J. Siefkas, Joanne C. Taylor, Kendy A. Troiano, and Dow T. Voelker; Mayor, Kent E. Studebaker; Village Solicitor, Yazan S. Ashrawi; Village Engineer, Joshua Ford; Administrative Assistant, William C. Johannes; and Fiscal Officer, Cynthia A. McKay. No visitors or press were present.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive - Mayor's Court Report, January, 2017
- 2) Receive – Mayor's Court Annual Summary, 2016
- 3) Receive – Police Report, January 2017
- 4) Receive - Fire Dept. Report, January, 2017
- 5) Receive –Building permits issued in January, 2017
- 6) Approval - Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of January 23, 2017
- 7) Approval - Financial Statements for January, 2017
- 8) Receive - Village Income Tax Report – \$98,078.08

**Mr. Voelker moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Troiano seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.**

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Studebaker reported he has had another inquiry regarding redevelopment of 2015 W. Fifth Ave. He agreed to supply a copy of the redevelopment plans submitted to Council by Dan Schmidt. Council had a discussion of the options for the property and concerns about the current conditions of the property.

Mayor Studebaker reported he attended the monthly GH School Superintendent coffee. The most recent event included discussion of school activities and plans for new/renovated facilities.

Mayor Studebaker reported he attended a seminar at Upper Arlington which featured representatives from MORPC seminar to discuss the impact of the new federal administration on cities, villages and townships. Attendees agreed that it is too early to have clear insight into the new administration's plans. Mayor Studebaker reported he will be attending a seminar to discuss the impact of the new administration on employees.

Mayor Studebaker reported he attended another meeting of the group which is investigating the possibility of establishing a circulator bus in the Grandview, Marble Cliff, and Tri-Village area. Mayor Studebaker reviewed changes in COTA bus services to the Marble Cliff and Tri-Village area. There will be a new route (13) through the Village to serve "rush hour," but the existing bus route (19) will be eliminated. During non-rush hours the Village will be served by buses traveling on W. Fifth Ave.

Mayor Studebaker reported he attended an open house hosted by the GH Robotics team. He expressed his pride in the work being done by the communities' high school students.

Council had a brief discussion of a movement in the state legislature to centralize collection of municipal income tax by the state. The state would take a portion of the collections. Ms. McKay encouraged Council members to vocally oppose such a move by the state. The Mayor observed that the Local Government Fund will likely be cut again as part of the new budget.

Mayor Studebaker reviewed the inquiry received from a resident regarding concerns over the presence of coyotes and other wildlife in the Village. He explained that staff has researched the procedures for creating an unwelcoming environment through a practice called "coyote hazing." Council discussed the concerns and concurred with the experts who state that trapping or killing wildlife is not an effective way to control the wildlife population. Displacement of wildlife into urban and suburban communities is a

reality of modern times. Ms. Troiano commented that Columbus and Grandview eliminated 33+ acres of wooded land at the corner of Grandview and Dublin in favor of development. The animals that lived on that acreage have been forced to go somewhere. Council also noted that Upper Arlington, Grandview and Columbus are all experiencing the same issues. Council asked Mayor Studebaker to contact the resident with a follow-up email stating the Village's position.

Mayor Studebaker noted that the Village Hall refurbishing and refreshment is complete.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford reported no change in the status of the construction of the new water line at Dublin Rd. and Cardigan Ave. The construction work is complete. Paving and restoration will be completed in the spring.

Mr. Ford reported 3 bids were received on 1/25/2017 for the W. Fifth Ave. multi-use path. The bid from Strawser for \$678,000 was accepted. The engineer's estimate was \$700,500. The bid requires that work be completed within 90 days of the start date. The contractor may be able to start as early as late March or early April.

Mr. Ford reported Marble Cliff will be grouping with Upper Arlington for the 2017 Street Paving Project. Mr. Ford stated he is finalizing quantities of materials for Marble Cliff streets. The project will be bid in early March. In addition to material costs, the Village engineer will be responsible for inspection of the work completed in the Village.

Mayor Studebaker introduced the first reading of O-2521-17, An Ordinance to codify the 2017 fees for construction permits issued for work in Village rights of way.

Mr. Ford explained he and the Fiscal Officer reviewed the actual expenses incurred by the Village for work in the Village's Rights-of-Way. The new construction permit fee and new Annual Registration Maintenance Fee were determined using the formula as specified in the Comprehensive Right-of-Way portion of Village Code.

**Mr. Voelker moved the rules be suspended. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Voelker moved the adoption of O-2521-17. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Studebaker introduced the first reading of O-2522-17, An Ordinance to codify new Annual Registration Maintenance Fee for occupancy of Village rights of way.

**Mr. Kukura moved the rules be suspended. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Kukura moved the adoption of O-2522-17. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this point.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi reported he has been working with the attorney for the owner of 1600 Dublin Rd. to finalize the easement required for the West Fifth Ave. Shared-Use Path.

Mayor Studebaker introduced the first reading of O-2523-17, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Permanent Easement for Shared-Use Path, Utilities, and Grading between the Village of Marble Cliff and Riverside 10 LLC.

**Ms. Troiano moved the rules be suspended. Ms. Siefkas seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Troiano moved the adoption of O-2523-17. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

Mr. Johannes reviewed proposals for the landscape, irrigation and fountain maintenance from Peabody and EMI. Mr. Johannes recommended that Council approve the proposal from EMI.

**Mr. Voelker moved the Mayor be authorized to execute an agreement with EMI for Village landscape, irrigation and fountain maintenance program for 2017 in the amount of \$24,465.00. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS

**Mr. Cincione moved approval of the February 2017 bills totaling \$176,605.31.**

**Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Kukura moved approval of the amended January 2017 bills totaling \$78,178.00.**

**Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. McKay had no report for Council

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Kukura reported the 2017 Falco Scholarship Application has been completed and sent to Grandview Heights High School as well as the Village office. The press release has been posted on the Village's web site. The committee will be made up of Mayor Studebaker, Mr. Cincione, Mr. Kukura, Mr. Voelker and Ms. Siefkas. Mr. Kukura stated the awards will be announced at the high school awards ceremony on April 18, 2017 at 8:00 pm. The committee will need to make award decisions by March 27, 2017.

Mr. Voelker reported he is serving on the Grandview Heights School Facilities Committee. There will be a public meeting on February 22, 2017. He stated he will bring information to Council as the process moves forward. Mr. Cincione stated that he is serving on the Visioning Committee. Council had a brief discussion of the school needs including significant deferred maintenance that must be addressed. The school does not expect large student population growth; however the population size fluctuates from year to year. The buildings do not support modern technology and modern teaching techniques.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Studebaker reported he will present the State of the Village address to the Tri-Village Chamber Partnership on March 9, 2017.

Mayor Studebaker reported he will be out of town February 24, 2017 through March 4, 2017. He stated Mr. Cincione will be available to address any issues that might arise during his absence.

Ms. Troiano reported she will miss the June regular Council meeting.

ADJOURN

**Ms. Troiano moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Kukura seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Studebaker adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.**

Approved by:

Submitted by:

Matthew P. Cincione  
Council President Pro Tem

Cynthia A. McKay  
Fiscal Officer