

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

At 1600 Fernwood Ave.

June 19, 2017

The regular, scheduled meeting of the Council of the Village of Marble Cliff was held Monday, June 19, 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, 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. Visitors were present. No representatives of the press were present.

Ms. Siefkas moved Ms. Troiano be excused. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

VARIANCES

Mayor Studebaker introduced a request for sign variances from DaNite Sign for a wall sign at 2079 W. Fifth Ave. DaNite's request for refacing the existing ground sign was approved at the May Council meeting. The request for a wall sign was tabled to the June Council meeting

Ms. McKay reported she has made several attempts to contact DaNite Sign Company regarding the variance request and the failure to pay the variance application fee.

Ms. McKay reported she has not contacted the property owner regarding the unpermitted wall sign currently installed at the property advertising Allvera which is located in the building.

Mr. Cincione moved to table the request for a wall sign for the property at 2079 W. Fifth Ave. until the next, regular Council meeting scheduled for July 17, 2017. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council requested staff notify the sign company, the property owner and the business owner in writing regarding the variance request and the unpermitted sign.

Thomas Miller expressed his opinion that the requested wall sign should not be approved and the existing wall sign at 2079 W. Fifth Ave. be removed.

VISITORS

Marble Cliff resident Eric Bode (1594 Cambridge Blvd.) introduced himself to Council and announced that he is running for a position on the Grandview Heights Board of Education. Mr. Bode is currently serving on the Facilities Taskforce.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive - Mayor's Court Report, May, 2017
- 2) Receive - Police Report, May 2017
- 3) Receive - Building permits issued in May, 2017
- 4) Approval - Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of May 17, 2017
- 5) Approval - Financial Statements for June, 2017
- 6) Receive - Village Income Tax Report - \$101,836,.03
- 7) Receive - Scholarship thank you notes - Bechtel, Varner and Fishpaw

Mr. Voelker moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Kukura seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Studebaker reported he has had discussions with potential buyers for 2015 W. Fifth Ave. He stated that a proposal for redevelopment may come to Council as early as the July Council meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford reported the West Fifth Ave. Multiuse Path and Road project is underway and progressing on schedule. Mr. Ford reported that the work has exposed the need for additional curb repair on W. Fifth Ave. between at Dublin Rd. and the west entrance to 1600 Dublin Rd. Mr. Ford reported the contractor (Strawser Paving) has agreed to do the work at \$30 per lineal foot which is the same cost quoted in the contract.

Mr. Voelker moved approval of additional curb replacement by Strawser Paving between the intersection of Dublin Rd. and W. Fifth Ave. and the west entrance to

1600 Dublin Rd. not to exceed \$16,000 as an addition to the project cost previously approved. Ms. Siefkas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ford reported Strawser Paving is prepared to begin the street project replacing asphalt on Cardigan Ave. west of Arlington Ave., Roxbury Rd north of Cardigan Ave., Cambridge Blvd south of W. First Ave., Village Court and W. Third Ave. west of Arlington Ave. Mr. Ford stated the contractor will notify impacted residents. The work should be completed in two to three weeks

Mr. Ford reported he has identified approximately 770 linear feet of street curb at various locations throughout the Village that needs to be replaced. Strawser Paving has provided a quote of \$40.00 per lineal foot. Last year the quote for curb replacement from Legg and Davis as part of the Village's sidewalk repair and replacement was \$65.00 per lineal foot. Ms. McKay reported curbs will be completed this year. Next year a full inventory of the Village's sidewalks and aprons will be taken and a new two to three year plan for sidewalk and apron repair/replacement will be developed and brought to Council for approval.

Mayor Studebaker introduced the first reading of O-2536-17, An Ordinance accepting a Proposal to replace approximately 770 lineal feet of curbing throughout the Village of Marble Cliff.

Ms. Siefkas moved the rules be suspended. Mr. Kukura seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Siefkas moved the adoption of O-2536-17. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ford explained that there was an error in the amount of asphalt specified in the bid specs for the 2017 Street Project. The previously approved cost for the project is lower than the corrected cost determined after the mistake was found. The error was in the bid specifications not in the bidders' estimates. All bidders made their bids based on the specifications. Therefore the identification and correction of the error does not change the actual "lowest and best" bid. The difference in the bid cost is an increase of \$132,312 to a total cost of \$260,464.55. Mr. Ford said the new amount is still approximately \$140,000 below the engineers estimate for the project.

Council asked staff to bring legislation for approval by Council to the July meeting to document the error and specify the new amount for the contract.

Mayor Studebaker introduced the first reading of O-2534-17, An Ordinance accepting a reduction in cost submitted by Elite Excavation Co. of Ohio, Inc. for the Dublin Road and Cardigan Avenue Waterline Improvements Project and authorizing final payment.

Mr. Ford explained the reduction in total cost is related to the project being completed with a lower volume of materials than originally estimated.

Mr. Voelker moved the rules be suspended. Mr. Kukura seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Voelker moved the adoption of O-2534-17. Mr. Kukura seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kukura suggested Village consider painting W. Third Ave. between Cambridge Blvd. and Arlington Ave. and Arlington Ave. between W. Third Ave. and W. Fifth Ave. to match the painting of the bike lane on Cambridge Blvd.

Ms. McKay said she will get an estimate on the cost of repainting.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this point.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi presented the Community Recreation Project – Pass through Grant Agreement which is necessary to facilitate the payment of the grant to Upper Arlington from the Ohio Capital Budget for the W. Fifth Ave. Multipurpose Trail. He explained that the original document named Upper Arlington only. The revised document names both Upper Arlington and Marble Cliff.

Mayor Studebaker introduced the first reading of O-2535-17, An Ordinance authorizing the Fiscal Officer and Village Solicitor to execute the Community Recreation Project – Pass through Grant Agreement from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources

for the Shared-Use Path Expansion Project.

Mr. Kukura moved the rules be suspended. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Kukura moved the adoption of O-2535-17. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

Mr. Johannes explained he is working with Burgess & Niple to review the Village's traffic signs and posts to determine which signs need to be replaced, eliminated or moved. Mr. Johannes stated he plans to have a proposal for Council at the July Council meeting.

Mr. Johannes reported he is working with EMI to develop a landscaping plan for the Duffy Larson Gardens on Cambridge Island.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Kukura moved approval of the June 2017 bills totaling \$155,679.84. Mr. Cincione seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Voelker moved approval of the amended May 2017 bills totaling \$77,769.74. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. McKay had no report for Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Taylor reported the Grandview Heights pool is open and the new facility has been very well received by the public

Mayor Studebaker reported he participated in the Blue Star Mothers Memorial Day event. He noted that plans for the reflecting pool in the Memorial Park are moving forward.

Mr. Voelker reported the School Facilities Task Force has narrowed the options for the project to three choices. He stated there is a new on-line survey and encouraged Council members to go to the Grandview Heights School System website and complete the survey.

Mr. Cincione reported the Boosters are doing their annual fund raising. He encouraged Council members to support the Boosters.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Studebaker introduced the third reading of O-2529-17, An Ordinance adopting a budget for the year 2018 for the Village of Marble Cliff.

Mr. Cincione moved the adoption of O-2529-17. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Studebaker introduced the first reading of O-2532-17, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance O-2516-16 (2017 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE) to increase the appropriation in the General Fund for Salaries and Benefits by \$1,625 to \$2,093,560.54 and to appropriate \$30,000 from the Park Fund.

Ms. McKay explained that the increase in salaries and benefits is necessary to cover the staff salary increases approved by Council earlier in the year and the appropriation from the Park Fund is necessary to utilize the funds provided by the Duffy estate gift.

Mr. Kukura moved the rules be suspended. Mr. Cincione seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Kukura moved the adoption of O-2532-17. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kukura noted that several of the benches that were located at intersections in Marble Cliff have been removed or are deteriorating. The benches were located at COTA stops. Mr. Kukura commented that he has seen people sitting on the benches when they

are not waiting for a bus. Mayor Studebaker noted that the reduction of COTA service to the Village has reduced the need for the benches.

Mr. Kukura suggested that the benches support Marble Cliff as a “walking community.” Staff agreed to investigate options for benches and return to Council with a recommendation.

Mayor Studebaker introduced the first reading of O-2533-17, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute an agreement to renew the policy with Ohio Government Risk Management Plan for property, liability, wrongful acts, automobile, bond, crime, inland marine and electronic data processing insurance.

Ms. McKay reported she received two quotes for the Village’s insurance coverage; Public Entities Pool of Ohio and the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan. The quote from the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the Village’s current carrier) was the lower of the two. The proposed annual premium is \$5,800 which is lower than the 2016-17 premium. The reduction is due primarily to the increase in the Village’s “good experience” credit

No action was taken on the ordinance.

Mayor Studebaker reported Grandview Heights is considering an ordinance which will make helmets mandatory for children up to age 18 for riding bicycles, skateboards, scooters, etc. Mayor Studebaker noted that Marble Cliff children will have to comply if the ordinance is passed and their activities take them into Grandview Heights. Mr. Voelker suggested that the Village monitor the progress of the proposal in Grandview Heights before taking any action.

Mr. Kukura reported that he will miss the July Regular Council Meeting

ADJOURN

Mr. Voelker moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Kukura seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Studebaker adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Approved by:

Submitted by:

Matthew P. Cincione
Council President Pro Tem

Cynthia A. McKay
Fiscal Officer