

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

At 1600 Fernwood Ave.

June 17, 2019

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, June 17, 2019 in the Village Hall at 1600 Fernwood Ave. at 6:30 pm. Those in attendance were Council Members: Matthew P. Cincione, Marnie Hoag, Matthew R. Jolson, Joanne Taylor, Kendy A. Troiano, and Dow T. Voelker; Mayor, Kent E. Studebaker; Village Solicitor, Yazan Ashrawi; Village Engineer, Joshua Ford; Administrative Assistant, Judith A. Ciccone; and Fiscal Officer, Cynthia A. McKay. Visitors were present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive - Mayor's Court Report, May 2019
- 2) Receive - Police Report, May 2019
- 3) Receive - Fire Report, May 2019
- 4) Receive - Building permits issued in May, 2019 - None Issued
- 5) Approval - Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of May 21, 2019
- 6) Approval - Financial Statements for May, 2019
- 7) Receive - Village Income Tax Report May 2019 - Not received as of 6/14/2019

Ms. Hoag moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Troiano seconded. Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Studebaker reported he is continuing his work with the development of 2015 W. Fifth Ave. Mayor Studebaker stated he has had several meetings with the Grandview Heights School Treasurer and the Finance Committee of the School Board to discuss the developer's request for a tax abatement under the Village's Community Reinvestment Area ordinance.

Mayor Studebaker reported he attended the Mayor's Court webinar. He stated it was a presentation of the ACLU report on Mayor's Court supporting the ACLU's position that Mayor's Courts exist for the sole purpose of raising revenue for small jurisdictions.

Mayor Studebaker stated the Village's Mayor's Court is not a revenue source for the Village. He noted that statistics can be presented in a way that skew information.

Mr. Jolson asked if the Marble Cliff reporting issues identified by the ACLU have been corrected. Ms. McKay reported traffic violations were reported as misdemeanors (which they are) rather than traffic violations. The Village previously noted the error and it has been corrected. Mr. Jolson pointed to the issue of the number of tickets to jurisdiction population. Mayor Studebaker noted that the report does not note that the Village has 500+ residents with a state highway and major connector running through it.

Mr. Jolson asked if Mayor Studebaker will provide a formal response. Mayor Studebaker stated he would not be providing a response.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford reported the sidewalk project is complete and the street project is well underway. Weather has caused some delay. There is clean-up and restoration work to be completed.

Ms. Troiano stated she received complaints about the "sloppiness" of the sidewalk work. Mr. Ford stated he is inspecting the work and issues will be addressed as part of the final inspection prior to a final payment.

Mr. Ford stated the storm and sanitary sewer rehab will begin in mid-July.

Mr. Cincione reported several signs on Cambridge Blvd. that need to be corrected. Ms. McKay stated she is working with Paul Peterson Company to correct several signs. Ms. McKay has also scheduled trimming of the trees masking several stop signs.

Mr. Voelker reported the construction crews are starting prior to the allowed time for noise and construction. Ms. McKay and Mr. Ford have addressed the issue with the construction manager.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this point.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mayor Studebaker introduced the third reading of R-2601-19, A Resolution accepting sanitary sewer infrastructure and maintenance responsibility of the same from Franklin County, Ohio.

Mr. Ashrawi stated he is still working to get a response from Franklin County.
No action was taken.

Mr. Ashrawi had no update on the pending request for PACE Financing.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

Ms. Ciccone had no report for Council

Mr. Jolson stated he was asked if there will be new planting at the Village Hall. Ms. Ciccone reported that all new landscaping, including trees, will be planted in the coming days.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Ms. Troiano moved approval of the June 2019 bills totaling \$181,697.09.

Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cincione moved approval of the amended May 2019 bills totaling \$83,248.42.

Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Mayor Studebaker introduced the second reading of O-2604-19, 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 the renewal premium for the Village's general liability insurance cost increased by \$69 over the 2018-2019 cost for a total of \$6,499.00. Ms. McKay stated the Village continues to rebuild its good experience after the sump pump related flooding in 2018.

No action was taken.

Ms. McKay reported she has received a proposal and cost for installing two electric vehicle-charging stations. American Electric Power offers grants to government entities that will cover the entire cost of the installation with the exception of special painting of the parking places. The proposed charging stations are the most current and fastest charging stations currently available and will fully charge a vehicle in approximately twenty minutes.

The Village would be required to pay for the purchase and installation up front and then would receive reimbursement from AEP. Ms. McKay asked if Council would like to have two EV chargers she would bring legislation to address the purchase and installation. Council asked if locations other than Village Hall were considered. Ms. McKay stated she contacted First Community Church and Trinity Methodist to gauge interest. She received no response from the churches. Mayor Studebaker noted that the Trinity congregation parks at Village Hall and might make use of the chargers. Mayor Studebaker noted that several residents have expressed interest as well.

Council asked Ms. McKay to bring the necessary legislation to the July Council meeting.

Mr. Jolson suggested that Marble Cliff should encourage Grandview and Columbus to improve the connectivity of the bike paths into Grandview from the Grandview Ave. / Goodale Blvd. area. Mr. Voelker stated that bike paths were part of the Growing on Tradition Task Force, but no specific actions were recommended.

Mayor Studebaker introduced the second reading of O-2605-19, An Ordinance adopting a budget for the year 2020 for the Village of Marble Cliff.

Ms. McKay reported the required public hearing for the 2020 budget will be held at the beginning of the Council's regular July meeting on July 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Council

had no comments or changes to the proposed budget.
No action was taken.

Ms. McKay reported she is continuing to work with Innovative Organic Solutions for providing curbside composting. Ms. McKay provided a draft proposal for curbside composting and she is waiting for Ray Leard's comments on the proposal. However, she has not been able to pin down a cost for curbside composting in the Village.

Mr. Voelker asked if residents who already compost are likely to use the service. Mr. Jolson said he composts but would participate because the commercial composting can take a broader range of materials. Mr. Voelker commented that having the compost taken away from the property might help address some of the Village's wildlife issues.

Mr. Jolson said he would be in favor of offering curbside composting at no cost to the participating residents. Council concurred with Mayor Studebaker's and Mr. Jolson's recommendation that the Village introduce the program with the Village paying for the cost for each participating residential property owner. Mayor Studebaker stated he has discussed the program with several residents who believe that residents will be more likely to participate if the Village is covering the costs.

Ms. McKay will refine a proposal for Council consideration.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Ms. Troiano had no report from the Parks and Recreation Board.

Mr. Voelker had no report from the Growing on Tradition Task Force.

Mayor Studebaker reported he and Ms. Hoag attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Cliff Wellness. He said approximately 30 people were in attendance.

Mayor Studebaker reported he attended the Blue Star Mothers' Memorial Day event at the Memorial Park in Grandview Heights. He reported the event was very well attended.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Studebaker introduced the third reading of O-2602-19, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the Village of Marble Cliff and F2 Companies.

Mayor Studebaker reported the Finance Committee is still considering the tax abatement request from F2 Companies. The request will not go to the Board of Education until the Finance Committee has a recommendation. The next School Board meeting will meet on June 26, 2019. Mr. Jolson expressed concern about possible delays for the start of the project.

No action was taken

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Studebaker introduced the first reading of O-2606-19, An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of funds of \$350 for the Music in the Park Program and declaring the expenditure to constitute a public purpose.

Ms. McKay confirmed the Grandview Heights High School Marching Band concert will be held on August 11, 2019 - the Sunday immediately preceding the start of the school year. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm. In the event of bad weather, the concert will be cancelled

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Studebaker adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Approved by:

Matthew P. Cincione
Council President Pro Tem

Submitted by:

Cynthia A. McKay
Fiscal Officer