

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

At 1600 Fernwood Ave.

March 16, 2020

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020 in the Village Hall at 1600 Fernwood Ave. at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were Council Members: Marnie Hoag, Matthew R. Jolson, Jeffery Smith, Joanne Taylor, Kendy A. Troiano, and Dow T. Voelker; Mayor, Matthew P. Cincione; and Fiscal Officer, Cynthia A. McKay. Visitors were present.

Mr. Ashrawi, Mr. Ford and Ms. Ciccone were excused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thaddeus Boggs was present as the Village Solicitor in Mr. Ashrawi's absence.

Mayor Cincione noted the current restrictions on meetings and other gatherings due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

VARIANCES AND PERMITS

Mayor Cincione introduced a request from First Community Church for a temporary sign to advertise Easter Sunday services. The sign would be placed on the northeast corner of their property at Cambridge Blvd. and W. First Ave.

Ms. McKay explained the proposed sign is 24 square feet that is larger than the limit specified on the temporary sign permit. She explained that the Code of Ordinances does not define the limitation. The limitation in size was put in place by a previous mayor under his authority to approve temporary signs. Ms. McKay explained she brought the request to Council because of concerns raised previously about the size of signs requested by First Community Church.

Council discussed various concerns regarding the size of temporary signs and the frequency with which First Community Church requests temporary signs. Mr. Voelker suggested that the application be changed or enforced as it is. Ms. Troiano stated her concern that the Village will receive complaints regarding the sign regardless of size.

Mayor Cincione stated he would approve the sign as requested. Council instructed staff to inform the First Community Church that future requests must be limited to signs that do not exceed 15 square feet. Council also suggested staff develop guidelines for limiting the number of temporary signs permitted on a property during a calendar year.

Council asked the status of the previously requested new permanent sign. Mayor Cincione stated he will contact the church regarding the status of the new permanent sign.

VISITORS

Mayor Cincione introduced Bob Long from Vision Development representing F-2 Properties to discuss the property at 2015 W. Fifth Ave.

Mr. Long explained a modification to the approved Preliminary Plan that would allow for an increase in the number of units from 37 to 39. As plans developed it was determined that the mechanicals in the new construction would eliminate several covered parking spaces. Mr. Long explained the addition of two carriage houses would create two new residences and covered parking for all units.

One carriage house will be an expansion of a building previously planned along W. Fifth Ave. designed for storage. The other would be new construction in the area between the existing historical building and the new construction.

Ms. McKay stated Council's options would be to deny the changes, approved the changes as a modification of the approved Preliminary Plan or to wait and approve the requested changes as part of the Final Plan approval that is administrative in nature.

Mr. Long said there would be no change in the footprint of the new construction. Mr. Long confirmed that the proposed changes would not interfere with emergency access.

Council did not raise any objections to the proposed changes and asked the developer to bring the changes as part of the Final Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive - Mayor's Court Report, February, 2020
- 2) Receive - Police Report, February, 2020
- 3) Receive - Building Permits Issued, February 2020
- 4) Approval - Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of February 17, 2020
- 5) Approval - Financial Statements for February, 2020
- 6) Receive - Income Tax Reports for January, 2020

Mr. Voelker noted a needed correction in the February minutes regarding the use variance at 2125 W. Fifth Ave. The owner of the hair salon stated the bulk of her work is performed “off” premises not “on.”

Mr. Voelker moved approval of the Consent Agenda as corrected. Ms. Hoag seconded. Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione stated that Mayor's Court sessions have been suspended for the immediate future. Grandview Heights Police Department is writing citations for the second court date in April.

Mayor Cincione reported Grandview Heights is limiting access to their municipal building to protect those employees providing necessary services. Village Hall will also limit access during the COVID 19 pandemic. Staff will continue to maintain office hours unless or until the governor or president place additional restrictions on work activities.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2629-20, An Ordinance accepting a bid for the 2020 Storm and Sanitary Sewer Improvements, pending confirmation of recommendations waiving any bid irregularities and declaring an emergency.

Ms. McKay reviewed the bidding process and the engineer's desire to move the legislation forward so that work can begin as soon as possible. She also explained the engineer is recommending the acceptance of bid alternative 2 that includes rerouting a sewer lateral that currently runs straight through a storm sewer. Mr. Voelker suggested the emergency designation be removed from the ordinance.

Mr. Voelker moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hoag moved the adoption of O-2629-20. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Boggs reported he attended a Utilities Siting Board stakeholders meeting. The meeting is part of the boards 5 year review of administrative rules. He said approximately 40 people were present. The largest representation was from rural communities, but Mr. Boggs noted that their concerns mirrored Village concerns. Primarily the interested parties are interested in more detail regarding proposed facilities earlier than the current regulation require.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

Ms. McKay reported Ms. Ciccone is continuing to gather bids for playground equipment for Falco Park.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Jolson moved approval of the March 2020 bills totaling \$90,375.40. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Voelker moved approval of the amended February 2020 bills totaling \$106,459.82. Mr. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. McKay had no report for Council.

COUNCIL MEMER REPORTS

Mr. Jolson reported a meeting has be scheduled for mid-April to review Falco Scholarship applications.

Council asked staff to put out a blast email and website update reminding residents to check in on their neighbors.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione appointed Mr. Voelker, Ms. Hoag, Ms. Troiano and Kent Studebaker to the Marble Cliff Historical Commission.

Council determined there was no need for Executive Session given the manner in which most business and government activities are limited due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

ADJOURN

Ms. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Approved by:

Submitted by:

Dow T. Voelker
Council President Pro Tem

Cynthia A. McKay
Fiscal Officer