

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

At 1559 Roxbury Rd.

September 21, 2020

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm. at Our Lady of Victory Parish Hall located at 1559 Roxbury Rd. in the Village of Marble Cliff. Those in attendance were Council Members: Marnie Hoag, Matthew R. Jolson, Jeffery Smith, Joanne Taylor, and Kendy A. Troiano; Mayor, Matthew P. Cincione; Yazan S. Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Joshua Ford, Village Engineer; Administrative Assistant, Judith Ciccone, and Fiscal Officer, Cynthia A. McKay. No representatives of the press were present. Visitors were present

Ms. Troiano moved Council President Dow T. Voelker be excused. Mr. Jolson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2641-20, An Ordinance rezoning Parcel # 143- 000256-00 (Unit E), 143-000257-00 (Unit F), and 143-000258-00 (Unit G) located at 2109 West fifth Avenue from B-1 Central Business District to R-1 Residential.

Mr. Ashrawi confirmed the request from Mr. Miller to rezone parcel #'s 143-000256-00 and 143-000257-00 and 143-00258-00 requires legislative action on the part of Council. Ms. McKay confirmed she issued all necessary notices of the rezoning. She reported Village staff received no comments in favor of or opposition to the rezoning.

Tom Miller, owner of the units which he has requested be rezoned explained that, in order for perspective buyers to receive residential loans to purchase units in the building, all units need to be zoned "residential." The Council previously rezoned units A, B, C and D. Mr. Miller stated his understanding that the commercial tenant currently housed in unit E may remain as a grandfathered tenant. However, upon that tenant vacating the unit, it will be a residential unit. Council confirmed his understanding to be correct.

Council had a discussion of the impact on the Village's business base along W. Fifth Ave. and the apparent interest in residential along the Central Business District. Ms. McKay noted that loss of an individual business has minimal impact on Village finances. However, the cumulative loss will potentially have a noticeable impact. Mr. Smith noted that changing work habits might produce more individuals working from home to replace small business offices.

Council determined to hold Ordinance O-2641-20 over for a second reading,

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive - Mayor's Court Report, August, 2020
- 2) Receive – Police Report, August, 2020
- 3) Receive – Fire Report, August, 2020
- 4) Receive – Building Permits Issued, August 2020
- 5) Approval - Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of August 17, 2020 and special meeting of September 2, 2020
- 6) Approval - Financial Statements for August, 2020
- 7) Receive – Tax Reports
- 8) Receive – Mayor's Proclamation

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione reported a group supporting electrical vehicles will be gathering on Saturday for an event to share information about the benefits of electrical vehicles.

Mayor Cincione confirmed the work in Tarp Woods to reshape the turnaround and clear space at the entrance to the park is complete. Seeding is also complete and the grass is starting to come in.

Mr. Jolson stated his concern that the crushed stone installed in the turnaround will be washed out or moved because it is not contained. Ms. McKay confirmed there is a water collection grate in the turnaround.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford reported the process for removing the traffic light at Cambridge Blvd. is moving forward. The striping is completed to narrow the lanes. The light can be removed in 30 to 60 days.

Ms. Hoag asked if the illuminated stop signs are still under consideration. Mr. Ford reported they are \$4,000 to \$6,000 apiece. Ms. Hoag noted that some of the stop signs are still obscured. Mr. Ford will investigate options.

Jill Younkin, 1406 Cambridge Blvd, expressed her displeasure with the appearance of the stripping. Ms. Taylor stated that the stenciling appears not to be complete along the side near the curb. Mr. Ford will investigate and report to Council.

Ms. Younkin asked the long-term purpose of the markings. Mayor Cincione stated that traffic calming painting allows the Village to determine the effectiveness of traffic calming efforts before spending money on permanent physical changes. Mayor Cincione stated the Village will be doing significant restoration along Cambridge Blvd. in the next few years. The stripping or bump outs visually narrow the street and slows traffic.

Mr. Jolson stated he is in favor of the raised intersection suggested by Mr. Ford at the August Council meeting. Mayor Cincione suggested a center island along Cambridge Blvd. between W. First and W. Third Aves. Mr. Jolson stated the Village must have designs for the residents to comment on before any street work is done on Cambridge Blvd. Ms. Hoag asked if the light will remain if there is interest in reinstalling the light. Mayor Cincione stated that there does not appear to be a need for the light. Mr. Ford suggested getting the light removed may eliminate some confusion and allow the stop signs to work as they are designed to work.

Ms. Younkin suggested the strips be repainted all white instead of white and yellow. Ms. Younkin as recommended the "STOP" be relocated in a different location apart from the stripes.

Mr. Ford reported the storm and sanitary sewer project is complete and work to restore landscaping in the tree lawn and other properties impacted by the project is being scheduled.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this point.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi had no report for Council

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

Ms. Ciccone presented the proposal for fall leaf pick-up from Environmental Management Inc. EMI has provided leaf pick-up over the past few years and have proposed a small increase in their hourly rate.

Ms. Troiano moved approval of the 2020 leaf pick-up proposal from Environmental Management Inc. for \$142.00 per hour. Ms. Taylor seconded. Council unanimously approved the 2020 leaf pick-up proposal.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Ms. Troiano moved approval of the September 2020 bills totaling \$121,769.69.

Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Troiano moved approval of the amended August 2020 bills totaling \$106,112.51.

Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of R-2642-20, A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates authorizing the necessary tax levies.

Ms. Troiano moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Troiano moved the adoption of R-2642-20. Mr. Jolson seconded. Roll Call: Ms. Hoag, yes; Mr. Jolson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Ms. Troiano, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McKay reported the state auditor has begun the audit for 2018 and 2019.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

No Council Members offered reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione introduced the second reading of O-2639-20, An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$9,000 for holiday decoration of the Village Green Spaces.

Ms. Troiano moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Troiano moved the adoption of O-2639-20. Mr. Jolson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff presented recommendations for a holiday event. Ms. Taylor agreed to work on the project. Mr. Jolson stated Ms. Younkin expressed her interest in participating in planning and executing a holiday event.

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed complaints from residents regarding the ongoing issues with and damage done by deer. Ms. Troiano recommended the use of coyote urine to keep deer away from yards and gardens. Council had a discussion of options for controlling the deer population.

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2643-20, An Ordinance declaring 2015 West Fifth Avenue a historic landmark and declaring an emergency.

Ms. McKay explained the Council must approve the recommendation of the Historical Commission.

Mr. Jolson moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jolson moved the adoption of O-2643-20. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jolson moved the O-2643-20 be adopted as emergency legislations to meet the deadlines for applications by the property owner. Ms. Troiano seconded. Roll Call: Ms. Hoag, yes; Mr. Jolson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Ms. Troiano, yes; Taylor, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Troiano moved that Council move into Executive Session as allowed by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3). Ms. Taylor seconded. Roll Call: Ms. Hoag, yes; Mr. Jolson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Troiano moved Council adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in the public meeting. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Approved by:

Submitted by:

Dow T. Voelker
Council President Pro Tem

Cynthia A. McKay
Fiscal Officer