

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

VIA ZOOM

December 21, 2020

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm. via Zoom electronic meeting software. Those in attendance were Council President, Dow T. Voelker; Council Members: Marnie Hoag, Matthew R. Jolson, Jeffrey 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

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Mayor Cincione introduced a request for a use variance for the property at 2125 W. Fifth Ave.

Mr. Ashrawi asked all in attendance who intended to offer testimony on the variance and demolition permit requests before Council to be sworn in. Mr. Ashrawi asked, **“Do you swear or affirm that the testimony that you will give before the Marble Cliff Council in this hearing will be the truth and the whole truth and nothing but the truth?”** Those attending responded **“Yes.”** Mr. Ashrawi reviewed the parameters for approval of a request for a use variance.

Mayor Cincione recognized James Perich as the pending owner of the property at 2125 W. Fifth Ave. Completion of purchase is in place pending the approval of the variance request. Mr. Perich reviewed the building and its location. He said that there are no plans to change the exterior of the building. He stated the intended use as a fitness and yoga studio is appropriate for the community.

Julie Penich, owner of a studio in New Albany, is looking to expand to a second location. Her current location in New Albany is rented. Ms. Perich explained her programs seek to address health and wellness in body, mind and spirit.

Ms. McKay confirmed the Village has received one comment in favor of and no comments in opposition to the use variance request.

Mr. Perich stated they intend to maintain the beauty salon tenant currently located in the building. He also stated there will be additional space available for lease in the building.

Ms. Perich reported 25 parking spaces will be available and they are in the process of negotiating additional parking spaces at 1600 Dublin Rd. Ms. Perich also reviewed their hours of operation. She confirmed there are some early morning classes, but no late night activities.

Mr. Smith moved approval of use variance for the property at 2125 W. Fifth Ave. for the approved property owner (Mr. Perich) and facility owner (Ms. Perich). Ms. Troiano seconded. Council unanimously approved the variance request.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive - Mayor's Court Report, November, 2020
- 2) Receive – Police Report, November, 2020
- 3) Receive – Fire Report, November, 2020
- 4) Receive – Building Permits Issued, November 2020
- 5) Approval - Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of November 16, 2020
- 6) Approval - Financial Statements for November, 2020
- 7) Receive – Tax Reports

Mr. Smith asked Mayor Cincione and staff to draft a proclamation of appreciation for the Grandview Heights Police Department for their recent arrests related to a 2006 open rape case. Staff will develop a proclamation for the Mayor's consideration.

Mr. Voelker asked Mayor Cincione to invite the Grandview Heights Fire and Police Chief to a future meeting.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione reported he met with Mr. Voelker and Ms. Troiano to discuss salary increases for Village staff. Mayor Cincione, Mr. Voelker, and Mr. Troiano recommend a 4% salary increase be given to Ms. McKay and Ms. Ciccone effective January 1, 2021. **Ms. Hoag moved approval of a 4% salary increase for Village staff effective January 1, 2021. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Cincione thanked Council members for their support during the first year of his term. He stated his belief that, despite the challenges of COVID 19, the Village successfully admirably executed all its responsibilities.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2650-20, An Ordinance accepting a change order for the 2020 Storm and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project, authorizing final payment and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Ford reported the project came in on time and under budget by approximately \$18,000.

Mr. Jolson moved the rules be suspended. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Voelker moved the adoption of O-2650-20. Mr. Jolson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Voelker moved the Ordinance be adopted as an emergency. Mr. Jolson seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Voelker, yes; Ms. Hoag, yes; Mr. Jolson, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Ms. Troiano, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McKay reported two fire hydrants have been repaired and all fire hydrants are in service.

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 renewal of the existing landscape agreement with EMI with an increase of 1.5% over 2020.

Mr. Voelker moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the landscaping agreement with Environmental Management Incorporated for a 1.5% for 2021 landscaping services and 2% increase for 2022 landscaping services for the Village of Marble Cliff. Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Ciccone reported Ahlum and Arbor completed trimming and removal of a tree on Cambridge Blvd. Ms. Troiano identified another tree on Cardigan Ave. in need of removal.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Ms. Troiano moved approval of the December 2020 bills totaling \$102,286.56. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Troiano moved approval of the amended November 2020 bills totaling \$191,072.74. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. McKay reported required audit of the years 2018 and 2019 is complete. The Village is waiting on the final report.

Ms. McKay requested Council authority to pay year-end bills.

Mr. Voelker moved Council instruct the Fiscal Officer to process and pay all routine bills received prior to year-end. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McKay presented the 2021 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

Monday, January 18, 2021	ML King Day	Monday, July 19, 2021
Monday, February 15, 2021	Presidents' Day	Monday, August 16, 2021
Monday, March 15, 2021		Monday, September 20, 2021
Monday, April 19, 2021		Monday, October 18, 2021
Monday, May 17, 2021		Monday, November 15, 2021
Monday, June 21, 2021		Monday, December 20, 2021

Ms. Taylor moved approval of the 2021 Regular Council Meeting schedule. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMER REPORTS

Mayor Cincione recognized the police department along with Ms. Troiano and others who stepped up to assist the Open Heart Pantry during the increased need brought on by COVID 19.

Mr. Jolson reported he has attended a meeting of an anti-racism group that has been organized in Grandview Heights. He said some members have done an analysis of arrests over the past two years. He also reported a presentation was made on current anti-racism initiatives at the Ohio state house. He said he would continue to monitor the group.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione introduced the third reading of O-2646-20, 2021 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

Mr. Voelker moved to amend Ordinance O-2646-20 to increase the General Fund appropriation by \$2,845 to \$1,725,406. Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously Ms. Hoag moved the adoption of O-2646-20 as amended. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Mayor Cincione introduced the third reading of O-2647-20, An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with Charles Kelsey to provide Mayor's Court Magistrate Services for a one-year period from January 1, 2021 Through December 31, 2021.

Ms. Troiano moved the adoption of O-2647-20. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cincione introduced the second reading of O-2648-20, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract for professional legal services with Frost Brown Todd LLC for a one-year period from February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022.

Ms. Troiano moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Troiano moved the adoption of O-2648-20. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cincione reported he is continuing discussions with Mr. Voelker to finalize a plan for officially naming the park currently known as Tarpy Woods. Mayor Cincione suggested a dedication ceremony in the spring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Ms. Troiano moved Council adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in the public meeting. Ms. Hoag 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 8:40 P.M.

Approved by:

Submitted by:

Dow T. Voelker
Council President Pro Tem

Cynthia A. McKay
Fiscal Officer