

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

June 21, 2021

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm. in Village Hall at 1600 Fernwood Ave., in the Village of Marble Cliff. Those in attendance were Council President, Dow T. Voelker; Council Members: Charlotte Hickcox, Marnie Hoag, Matthew R. Jolson, 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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cincione opened the public hearing for the 2022 Village of Marble Cliff Budget and introduced the second reading of O-2659-21, An Ordinance adopting a Budget for the year 2022 for the Village of Marble Cliff.

No one rose to speak to the 2022 Village of Marble Cliff Budget.

Mr. Voelker moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Troiano moved the adoption of O-2659-21. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cincione adjourned the Public Hearing.

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Mayor Cincione recognized Brad DeHays from Connect Real Estate. Mr. DeHays explained he is interested in having the Planned Development Text for the property at 1400 Dublin Rd. amended to allow a new tenant to occupy the space currently occupied by Connect Real Estate.

Mr. DeHays stated Riverside Event Space (RES) is interested in providing space to DanceEdge for a ballroom dancing/fitness training studio. In addition to instructors from DanceEdge, Mr. DeHays explained the current warehouse space would be converted to studio space and would also be available for independent dance instructors to utilize. RES would also make the space available for hosting dancing related events. Ms. McKay explained the change would require legislation to alter the zoning by amending the Development Text.

Mr. DeHays also stated a chiropractic practice is going to be moving into the space currently occupied by Connect Real Estate's office. The current zoning permits such a use without action by Council. Mr. DeHays confirmed that the existing parking is adequate for all requested uses. Mr. DeHays also confirmed activity would be indoor and would not create a noise issue for surrounding properties.

Council expressed their support for the necessary change and instructed the Fiscal Officer to process the request for a hearing at the July Council meeting. Mr. DeHays asked that the proposed legislation be considered as emergency legislation.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive - Mayor's Court Report, May, 2021
- 2) Receive – Fire Department Report, April and May 2021
- 3) Receive – Building Permit Report, May 2021
- 4) Approval - Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of May 17, 2021
- 5) Approval - Financial Statements for May, 2021
- 6) Receive – May Tax Reports
- 7) Receive – Thank you notes – Ritchey – Falco Scholarship
- 8) Receive – SWACO Flyer

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione reported the Tri-Village Chamber Partnership is returning to in person meetings. They are also beginning to schedule events for the community.

Mayor Cincione reported staff has been exploring options to combine Mayor's Court administration with Grandview Heights. Staff has decided not to move forward with combining administration and will post the Administrative Assistant position including Mayor's Court administration.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford presented drawings of proposed improvements to Cambridge Blvd. to address concerns regarding traffic calming. The proposal includes up to four small islands on Cambridge Blvd. Mr. Ford explained the goal to refine the plans for Cambridge Blvd. prior to making application for an Ohio Public Works Commission grant in September.

Ms. Taylor shared that a resident expressed concern regarding the ability of emergency vehicles to turn onto or off of Cambridge Blvd based on the positioning of the proposed islands. Mr. Ford assured her that design of traffic calming structures takes into consideration calculations for turning radii for emergency vehicles. Mr. Jolson stated that he received several responses to his posting of the plans on Facebook. He stated "there was not a lot of love" for the plans and he suggested the Village hire an architectural firm to design the islands. He stated people "hated" the yellow striping and the layout of the bike lanes. He recommended more community input on design.

Mr. Ford stated B&N have several other tools that can be used in design. Mr. Jolson suggested hiring a firm such as NBBJ or MKSK to design the space. Mr. Ford stated they routinely work with MKSK in designing street-scapes. Mayor Cincione stated that the street is too wide and has too much asphalt. He stated he has previously asked the Council members living on Cambridge form a committee and consider design options. Mayor Cincione has met with Mr. Ford and Mr. Ford has made his best recommendations from among the various options to address concerns. Ms. Taylor stated the Village has to rely on the design professionals and the design needs to serve the purpose of making the street safer.

Several residents stood to express concerns regarding the island positioning, aesthetic appearance, and impact on parking. Mayor Cincione commented the reduction of parking is related to the number of islands. At this time, staff is recommending only two islands with minimal impact of parking because of their positioning near the intersections where parking is currently prohibited. Ms. Troiano suggested some options for redesign of the bike path. Mr. Ford agreed to investigate other designs for bike path markings.

Council agreed to set up a meeting with Mayor Cincione, Mr. Ford and interested residents to sketch out the island locations for consideration. Council agreed to work toward finalizing a design at the July meeting. The Village will work with landscapers to ensure the islands are attractive.

Mr. Ford introduced a proposal from B&N to perform inspection of the storm sewer inlets in the portion of the Village east of the railroad tracks. The purpose of the inspection is to determine and prioritize future storm sewer maintenance projects.

Ms. Hickcox moved approval of up to \$27,200 for the Sewer Inlet Inspection Project. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ford introduced a proposal from Decker Construction Co. to make necessary repairs to W. Fifth Ave. Upper Arlington has done some repair work on their side. The scope of the work would be some full depth repair and some mill and fill. The proposed quote is approximately \$42,000. Ms. McKay stated she will bring legislation for Council to consider.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this point.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi had no report for Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

Ms. Ciccone had no report for Council.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Ms. Troiano moved approval of the June 2021 bills totaling \$83,873.24. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hoag moved approval of the amended May 2021 bills totaling \$95,598.36. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. McKay stated she is trying to finalize the dates for a celebration and dedication at Tarp Woods. Staff will confirm the date and publicize the event.

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-5960-21, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance O-2646-20 (2021 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE) to increase the appropriation for the Fiscal Officer Salary from \$46,038 to \$48,263, and increase the Medicare appropriation from \$1,425 to \$1,457, and increase the Ohio Public Employee Retirement Appropriation from \$13,650 to \$13,960 in the Village's General Fund

Ms. McKay explained the additional appropriation would allow for overlap of employment of the new Fiscal Officer and new Administrative Assistant.

No action was taken.

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-5962-21, An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with Cynthia Newsome to provide Domestic Violence Victims' Advocate Services.

Ms. McKay explained Ms. Newsome has been providing services as a Domestic Violence Victims' Advocate for Grandview Heights under a contract with that city. She recently had a case attached to Marble Cliff. The proposed contract will permit payment of the outstanding bill and provide services going forward.

Ms. Hoag moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Voelker moved to amend Ordinance O-5962-21 to include an emergency clause to provide a necessary service to victims of domestic violence. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Voelker moved the adoption of O-2662-21 as amended. Mr. Jolson seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Voelker, yes; Ms. Hickcox, yes; Ms. Hoag, yes; Mr. Jolson, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Ms. Troiano, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Hoag reported she has given her resignation to the PACE Finance Committee. A Council member will need to be assigned.

Mr. Voelker noted that Ms. Hoag will have to be replaced and her replacement will need to run for office this fall because that is the end of Ms. Hoag's term. Mr. Voelker stated there were two applicants two months ago for Mr. Smith's open position. Mr. Voelker recommended Council appoint Bridget Sarna to Ms. Hoag's seat. He confirmed that she is willing to serve and to run in the fall for election.

Mr. Voelker moved Ms. Sarna be appointed to complete Ms. Hoag's unexpired term on Village Council effective July 1, 2021. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione introduced the third reading of O-2657-21, 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.

No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-5961-21, 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.

Mr. Jolson moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hoag moved the adoption of O-5961-21. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hickcox raised a concern regarding a recent event in Marble Cliff that required a police response. She stated that she had not been able to find any information about the incident. Ms. McKay stated she has contacted the police chief to ensure the Village gets monthly police reports

Ms. Troiano reported a crabapple tree on Cardigan Ave. west of the Cambridge Blvd. Intersection needs attention.

ADJOURN

Ms. Hoag moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Taylor 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