

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

September 20, 2021

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm. in Village Hall at 1600 Fernwood Ave., in the Village of Marble Cliff. Those in attendance were Mayor, Matthew Cincione; Council President, Dow T. Voelker; Council Members: Charlotte Hickcox, Matthew R. Jolson, Bridget Sarna, Joanne Taylor, and Kendy A. Troiano; Yazan S. Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Joshua Ford, Village Engineer; Administrative Assistant, Judith Ciccone, Fiscal Officer in Training, Stephanie A. Evans, and Fiscal Officer, Cynthia A. McKay. No representatives of the press were present. Visitors were present

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Mayor Cincione introduced Ted Foster, representing the project at 2015 W. Fifth Ave., to give an update. Mr. Foster shared that the only change to the previously approved plan is that the number of units is decreasing. There will now be 32-33 units, with two units in the main building and one in the carriage house. The units in the back will now have fewer units because they are being combined to create larger units. There was some discussion surrounding the decision to decrease the number of units and the impacts on parking. Mr. Foster indicated that there will be no change to the original amount of parking, therefore providing the same amount of parking for fewer units. Full construction is expected to start within the next 30-45 days; contractors have the rules regarding construction. The delay in construction has been because of historical tax credits. Ms. McKay indicated that Council will need to provide an administrative approval for the final plan at the next council meeting, even though the building plans were previously approved.

Mayor Cincione introduced a request from Prescott Place to do some work in the adjacent ravine that has been designated as a Do Not Disturb zone. Discussion took place regarding the deed restrictions and variance issues associated with the planned development text, and debating whether this is a variance issue for the Village or an internal issue for the development. There was also a discussion about, and the recognition of, the benefits of eliminating invasive plants and planting native plants, and the difficulty in getting plants established in this area. It was ultimately suggested that their representatives come in to present their concerns to Council with regard to irrigation, invasive plants, etc. to provide more specific details.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive - Mayor's Court Report, August, 2021
- 2) Receive - Police Report
- 3) Receive - Fire Department Report
- 4) Receive - Building Permit Report, August 2021
- 5) Approval - Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of August 23, 2021
- 6) Approval - Financial Statements for August, 2021

Ms. McKay indicated that we do not have a Police and Fire report for this month but should have it for next month.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione reported that he and Mr. Voelker attended the Tri-Village Chamber's Meet & Greet for elected officials from Upper Arlington, Grandview Heights, and Marble Cliff.

Mayor Cincione brought forth information regarding the indoor mask mandate that is being recommended by Franklin County, but suggested that we follow in the steps of Grandview Heights and not institute any additional Village policy. There was discussion on the topic, but because our business district is small and businesses can institute their own policies, enforcement is difficult, our community's vaccination rate is high, and infection rate is low, the Mayor feels it is currently unnecessary.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford reported that the OPWC grant application is complete and was submitted prior to the deadline, and that he has an upcoming meeting with Decker to review plans with

them regarding some pavement repair that they are planning to do on W. Fifth Ave.
Mr. Ford left the meeting at this point.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi reported that he is planning a training session for new Council members and any interested existing members, for a little later in the year.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

Ms. Ciccone had no report for Council.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Ms. Troiano moved approval of the September 2021 bills totaling \$89,737.85. Mr. Jolson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Voelker moved approval of the Amended August bills 2021 bills totaling \$89,015.84. Mr. Jolson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. McKay reported that we received approval of our application for a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act. These funds require a separate fund and the ordinance presented is to establish that fund. There is no current plan for using the funds but an appropriation of \$20,000 is included in case something comes up before the end of the year (ie: storm sewer repairs, water lines, broadband are a few acceptable uses of this money). The first half of the grant is expected soon, and will total just over \$38,000. The amount is based on a calculation using our total appropriations. The grand total will be about \$78,000.

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2670-21, An Ordinance to establish the American Rescue plan act Fund And to approve an appropriation of \$20,000 From the American Rescue Plan Act Fund.

Mr. Voelker moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Troiano moved the adoption of O-2670-21. Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McKay reported that we have the proposal for the Christmas Lights, which is less than last year because we have already purchased the lights. The bigger issue on the table is Holiday Party, and whether to have it. Ms. Ciccone has already reserved OLV and Santa Claus, and the horse and carriage company still has our deposit from last year but we have not heard back from them yet. There was much discussion about how to abide by the safety protocols regarding Covid but still possibly host the party. Previous ideas were revisited (outdoors, etc) but ultimately Council would like to continue this discussion at the next meeting. With regard to the Christmas lights, Ms. Hickcox suggested using a timer to limit the hours that they are on, particularly on Village Hall.

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of R-2671-21, Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as they pertain to the .35 inside millage. Mr. Voelker asked if there are other entities that have the ability to take some of that money. Ms. McKay reported that there are other entities that could tap into it, but currently none of them are doing so. **Ms. Taylor moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Jolson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Troiano moved the adoption of R-2671-21. Mr. Voelker seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Voelker, yes; Ms. Hickcox, yes; Mr. Jolson, yes; Ms. Sarna, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Ms. Troiano, yes. The motion passed unanimously.**

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Troiano asked about the appointment to the Grandview Heights Parks & Recreation Board as we are currently awaiting Mayor Kearns' formal request for a Council member to serve. Ms. Taylor has received a letter about it, but the process has not been completed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Ms. Ciccone left at this point

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURN

Mr. Jolson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Approved by:

Submitted by:

Dow T. Voelker
Council President Pro Tem

Stephanie Evans
Fiscal Officer