

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

January 18, 2022

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 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; Jesse Shamp (on behalf of Yaz Ashrawi) as Village Solicitor; Joshua Ford, Village Engineer; and Fiscal Officer, Stephanie A. Evans. No representatives of the press were present. Visitors were present.

Mayor Cincione called the meeting to order and began by swearing in the newly re-elected members. The Mayor swore in Mr. Dow Voelker, Mr. Voelker swore in Ms. Kendy Troiano, Ms. Troiano swore in Ms. Bridget Sarna, and Ms. Sarna swore in Mr. Matthew Jolson.

## ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

**Ms. Troiano moved to nominate Mr. Voelker as President of Council; Mr. Jolson seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Voelker, yes; Ms. Hickcox, yes; Mr. Jolson, yes; Ms. Sarna, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Ms. Troiano, yes. Motion passed and Mr. Voelker is re-elected as President of Council.**

## VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Mr. Ted Foster gave a brief update regarding the development project at 2015 W. 5<sup>TH</sup> Ave. The plan has been revised to allow for larger units, including 2-story town homes on the top two floors. The previous gabled roof design had three floors but changing it to a flat roof will allow for 4 floors and the 2-story town homes with 10' ceilings. The number of units is currently 34 – the original plan had more than 40 units. Mr. Foster is requesting an extension of the timeline for submitting the final development plan. Delays were in part due to the back-and-forth with the State of Ohio and National Park Service over the historical site tax credits. He ultimately decided to pull out of the program and forgo the tax credits. Several council members commented on the appearance, particularly its size and the flat roof. Mr. Foster indicated that the height is the same, the colors and design elements are the same and complementary to the existing building, and that the drawings do not include trees, etc. to give perspective. There was continued discussion regarding the proposed flat roof, and Mayor Cincione asked if there is a way to soften the look, especially at the top, with dormers or awnings or other design elements. Mr. Foster said he would look into it. Mayor Cincione reviewed the process for extending the timeline for submission of the final development plan by 6 months and suggested it be on the Agenda for next month.

Mr. Shamp reviewed the criteria and standards regarding solar panel installation, however, a representative was not present to answer questions regarding a project at 1538 Cambridge Blvd. Staff will follow up.

Some discussion took place regarding a request for expansion at the Allvera Spa at 2079 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave; Mr. Shamp confirmed that a variance is not necessary and there is no action needed.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive – Police Report, December, 2021
- 2) Receive – Fire Department Report, December, 2021
- 3) Approval - Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of December 20, 2021

Mayor Cincione introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if any items need to be pulled out for discussion. No individual items were pulled out.

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

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione reported that we have hired a new Assistant Fiscal Officer. Margaret (Peggy) Shanahan started January 4, 2022 and is a great addition to the Village office.

Mayor Cincione also proposed the formation of a Zoning Review Committee that will review various zoning issues, including living space above garages, and asked for volunteers. Anyone interested should let Ms. Evans know.

The Mayor also reviewed a previous conversation about an electronic radar sign and asked for input about whether it is still needed. Confirmation to move forward with the radar sign led to a conversation about the number of people who run stop signs. Ms. Taylor shared her concerns about safety and suggested the idea of flashing stop signs. Ms. Troiano and Ms. Hickcox shared their experiences as well. Ms. Sarna suggested a community letter requesting each household have conversations about safety and the importance of stopping at stop signs. It was also suggested that we ask for more police presence, particularly on Third Ave. at Cambridge Blvd. and Arlington Ave. Mr. Ford will look into pricing for flashing stop signs.

Mayor Cincione attended the Tri-Village Chamber Partnership's recent annual meeting alongside representatives from neighboring Grandview Heights and Upper Arlington.

The Mayor also shared information about a meeting he attended with Ms. Evans at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. ODNR is interested in installing an archery range and other community resources on their 5-acre property on Dublin Road. They are looking for ideas that would appeal to the community and complement the bike path and nearby parks.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford reported that our OPWC application was nominated to be part of the small government program and that we are now applying through that process.

He also shared that the drone flew over Cambridge Blvd. last week and he has some great hi-resolution video that should prove useful in a variety of ways.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this time.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Shamp indicated that Mr. Ashrawi is planning the new council member training and will be asking for dates that work for everyone.

#### FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Evans shared the financial report for November 2021, including the bank reconciliation and fund summary. Ms. Evans also reported that while the December reconciliation is complete, the year-end close-out for 2021 is still in process and moving along. The December report will be presented in February.

Ms. Evans proposed the formation of a Finance Committee to bring more people into the conversation with regard to budget and appropriations planning. Mr. Jolson and Ms. Troiano volunteered to serve on the committee.

Ms. Evans also shared that the office staff has been working on updating the Records Retention Schedule in anticipation of providing a revised version for the Records Commission to approve. We will schedule a meeting for the Commission as soon as the new Schedule is ready.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Taylor shared that she still hasn't heard anything from Grandview Parks and Recreation regarding an advisory board meeting. Staff will follow up.

#### OLD BUSINESS

O-2673-21, 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, 2022 through January 31, 2023; Third Reading

**Mr. Voelker moved to approve Ordinance O-2673-21, 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, 2022 through January 31, 2023. Ms. Hickcox seconded. Ms. Troiano abstained from voting. Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

O-2780-22, An Ordinance Authorizing the Fiscal Officer to Reallocate \$3280.88 in Appropriations within the General Fund for Costs Associated with the December Payroll and the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Tax Withholdings; First Reading

**Ms. Troiano moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed.**

**Ms. Troiano moved to approve Ordinance O-2680-22, An Ordinance Authorizing the Fiscal Officer to Reallocate \$3280.88 in Appropriations within the General Fund for Costs Associated with the December Payroll and the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Tax Withholdings and pass as an emergency. Mr. Voelker seconded. Roll Call vote: Mr. Voelker, yes; Ms. Hickcox, yes; Mr. Jolson, yes; Ms. Sarna, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Ms. Troiano, yes. Motion passed.**

O-2681-22, An ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to Enter into an Agreement with the Franklin County Public Defender Commission for the Defense of Indigent Defendants before the Franklin County Municipal Court for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; First Reading

**Mr. Voelker moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed**

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Final note regarding the Village stationery - it is being updated in an electronic version.

ADJOURN

**Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jolson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:21 P.M.**

Approved by:

Submitted by:



Dow T. Voelker  
Council President



Stephanie Evans  
Fiscal Officer