

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

June 21, 2022

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm. in Village Hall, 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, and Joanne Taylor; Jesse Shamp, on behalf of Yaz Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Stephanie Evans, Fiscal Officer; and Peggy Shanahan, Assistant Fiscal Officer. No representatives of the press were present. Visitors were present.

Mayor Cincione called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked for a motion to excuse Kendy Troiano. Mr. Voelker moved to excuse Ms. Troiano; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed.

Mayor Cincione called to order the Public Hearing for the 2023 Revenue Budget at 7:03pm. With no public comment heard, Council opened discussion for the third reading of the budget. Ms. Evans shared that the budget had been based on the previous year's revenue and the current year-to-date revenue, and that the budget had been shared with the Finance Committee for review prior to the Council meeting. Municipal income tax is the largest source of revenue for the Village and given the unknowns surrounding the potential impact of work-from-home employees redirecting their taxes, it was decided to approach that line item more conservatively than originally proposed. The budget can be adjusted throughout the rest of 2022, but ultimately will dictate how much money there is available to appropriate for expenses in 2023.

Mr. Voelker moved approval of O-2685-22, An Ordinance adopting a Budget for the year 2023 for the Village of Marble Cliff. Ms. Hickcox seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Mr. Scott Morgan of Vision Development, a partner with F2 working on the 2015 W. 5th Avenue Packard Development, was present to share the updated plans. Mayor Cincione indicated that although the final development plans need further review by Mr. Ashrawi and Mr. Ford and are not ready for approval, an update would be appreciated. Mr. Morgan shared that they expect to close on the construction loan soon, and are looking forward to getting started. He indicated that the total number of units is now 30, and all are available for sale as condominiums. There will be two units in the original home, five individual carriage houses, and (23) 1-2 bedroom units in the new multi-unit building. There will be 31 parking spaces on the lower level of this building. The first and second floors will be garden units and the third and fourth floors will be 2-story townhomes. They will all have 10-foot ceilings, balconies, and access from an interior corridor. There will be stone and tudor-style materials on the exterior to match the existing home. Including the surface parking lot, there will be 2.03 spaces per unit. Ms. Hickcox asked about electric charging stations; Mr. Morgan said that they are not in the current plan. Ms. Hickcox suggested that the infrastructure be built so that power is available to owners who may want to install a charger later.

Mr. Voelker reiterated that Council is not in a position to approve the final development plan without input from the Village Solicitor and Village Engineer. He suggested waiting until the July 18th regular Council meeting, but also mentioned the possibility of a special meeting if necessary for the timing of the loan closing. Ms. Taylor agreed that approving the building permit for the existing house now and waiting until the July 18th meeting for the final development plan is a good compromise. Mr. Voelker expressed, however, that he does not care for the flat roof. Mayor Cincione agreed. Mr. Voelker referenced the February renderings and pointed out that the roofline in the previous drawing was angled. Ms. Hickcox and Mr. Jolson agreed with Mr. Voelker and said they preferred the previous version as well. Mr. Voelker also asked if the Prescott Place residents have seen the new plans; Mr. Morgan wasn't sure whether they had or not. Mr. Morgan took notes of Council's concerns; Mayor Cincione will reach out to Mr. Ted Foster to review.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive – Economic Impact of Intel Presentation
- 2) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of April 18, 2022
- 3) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of May 16, 2022

Mayor Cincione introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if any items need to be pulled out for discussion. No individual items were pulled out, although Ms. Shanahan shared the highlights of a recent event she attended that focused on the economic impact of Intel's new development.

Ms. Hickcox moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Voelker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione shared his vision for design services for the Village and his desire to have a professional review team to guide design decisions for permanent improvement projects and to help the Village be more prepared for opportunities that might arise, including new development. Mr. Voelker and Mr. Jolson agreed that it is a good idea, and appreciate the consistency it would provide. Ms. Shanahan reminded Council about the Beautification Committee and suggested that having a design team aligns with the committee's goals as well. Ms. Sarna, Ms. Taylor and Ms. Hickcox all agreed that the Village should pursue the options.

Mayor Cincione also reported that the Boy Scouts have fixed the bridge in Tarp Woods and laid mulch on the paths, and thanked them for their work. The potential Girl Scout project has been tabled until fall, when school starts the girls are having more regular meetings.

Mayor Cincione, Ms. Evans and Ms. Shanahan recently hosted the Police and Fire Chiefs for lunch at Village Hall.

Following up on the radar sign, the Mayor asked for feedback regarding its placement. Council agreed that placing it on a light pole on Cambridge Boulevard is best, assuming the light pole can hold the weight of it. Ms. Evans will confirm that option with Mr. Ford.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford's was not present for the meeting, but provided a written report for Council: The work on W. 5th Avenue is complete and the Village was unsuccessful in getting the OPWC funding for Cambridge Blvd. He suggests that the Village splits the project into two phases.

Ms. Hickcox suggested there might be federal infrastructure money available at some point in the future and might be worth pursuing.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Shamp was present on behalf of Mr. Ashrawi, but there was no report this month.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Evans shared the financial reports for May 2022, including the monthly bank reconciliation, fund summary, and tax receipt report, and reminded Council that while the April reports were presented at the May meeting, they had not yet been approved.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the finance reports for April and May, 2022. Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Taylor reported that there was no Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione presented two ordinances for their third readings:

O-2686-22: An Ordinance to Authorize all actions necessary to effectuate an opt-out Electric Service Aggregation Program pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4928.20; and directing the Franklin County Board of Elections to submit the ballot question to the electors; Third Reading

Mr. Mark Gavin, Sr. was present from Power Clean Future Ohio and reminded Council that electric aggregation has been around for over 20 years, and that his organization would support the ballot issue by offering mailings, yard signs, and door-to-door canvassing. He also shared that Upper Arlington has passed similar legislation and Grandview is considering it as well. The effort to educate the public would be for the whole tri-village area.

Mr. Voelker confirmed the process: if Council approves, the issue goes to the ballot. If passed, Council holds two meetings to decide on the contract. Mr. Gavin added that Council has the authority to decide when to aggregate; it doesn't have to happen immediately.

Ms. Hickcox moved to approve O-2686-22; Mr. Jordan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

O-2687-22: 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; Third Reading

Ms. Taylor moved to approve O-2687-22; Ms. Sarna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione introduced two new ordinances:

O-2689-22: An Ordinance granting a nonexclusive franchise to Ohio Power Company, its successors and assigns, the right to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate in the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places of the Village Of Marble Cliff, State of Ohio, and its successors, lines for the [transmission and] distribution of electric energy to the Village Of Marble Cliff, State of Ohio, and the inhabitants thereof for light, heat, power, and other purposes, and for the transmission [and distribution] of the same within, through, or across said Village Of Marble Cliff, State of Ohio, subject to the Village's Codified Ordinances including the Village's comprehensive right of way chapter and declaring it an emergency

Mr. Shamp clarified that this type of franchise agreement is required by PUCO and AEP has to provide proof that they have an agreement in place.

Ms. Hickcox moved to suspend the rules; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hickcox moved approval of O-2689-22; Mr. Voelker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

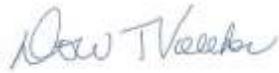
O-2690-22: An Ordinance to indefinitely suspend the operation of the Village of Marble Cliff's Mayor's Court; First reading.

Ms. Sarna shared that she looked into the details of a Little Free Library and suggested the possibility of putting one on the Arlington Ave. island. There was some discussion about asking the Garden Club to plant flowers around it, but Ms. Shanahan reminded everyone that there is no irrigation on the island and keeping flowers alive could be a challenge. Ms. Shanahan also suggested that installing/maintaining a Little Free Library might be a project that would interest the Girl Scouts. She will follow up with them and report back to Council about it a little later in the fall.

ADJOURN

Ms. Hickcox moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Voelker seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Approved by:



Dow T. Voelker
Council President

Submitted by:



Stephanie A. Evans
Fiscal Officer