

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

July 18, 2022

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, July 18, 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: Matthew R. Jolson, Bridget B. Sarna, Joanne C. Taylor, and Kendy A. Troiano; 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 Charlotte Hickcox. Ms. Troiano moved to excuse Ms. Hickcox; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed.

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Mr. Ted Foster of F2 Development was present to review his final development plans for 2015 W. Fifth Ave. Mr. Foster reported that following the June Council meeting, his team met and decided to go back to the original plan for a gabled roof, but to also have a hidden flat roof to conceal the air conditioning units. The team decided it fits better in the Village and stays truer to the plan that was originally submitted. The two-story townhomes have been removed, and there will now be three floors, all flats. Mr. Foster said he has a list of 30-40 people who have shown interest as potential buyers. Mr. Voelker thanked Mr. Foster for making these changes, and also pointed out an error on page 4 of the Final Development Plan. The date should be August 1, 2022, the extension deadline that was approved by Council at the February Council meeting. Ms. Troiano asked about any requirements by the state regarding the roofline and gables; Mr. Foster said there weren't any specific requirements from the state, just that the state preferred the flat roof. Overall, though, he said his team felt that the gabled roof goes better in Marble Cliff and that is the direction they want to go. Mayor Cincione asked about the outstanding easements that are needed. They have not yet been obtained. Mr. Ashrawi reviewed the guidelines: the preliminary plan has been approved and the final development plan should be substantially similar to the preliminary plan. With the latest change in the roofline, the final plan is more in line with the preliminary plan. Mr. Ford confirmed that with the exception of the storm and sewer easements, all other engineering conditions have now been met. The final plan may be approved with conditions if Council chooses.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the Final Development Plan for The Packard at 2015 W. Fifth Avenue, on the condition that all necessary easements are obtained, an administrative change is made to the date on page 4 of the Plan, and that there are no greater than 37 units in the project. Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously by the 5 members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of June 21, 2022
- 2) Received – Fire report, June 2022
- 3) Received – Police report, June 2022

Mayor Cincione introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if any items need to be pulled out for discussion. Mr. Jolson asked about the availability of year over year Police and Fire report data in order to track longer periods and better see any trends. Ms. Taylor pointed out some of the information in the Police report as it pertains to the pool. Mr. Jolson added that changes were made at the pool to address these concerns, although some community members were in favor of the changes and some were not.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione reported that AEP has started their work at the corner of W. 5th Ave. and Dublin Rd. The building is down and other work is moving along. The landscape agreement is completed.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the Electric Aggregation question will go on the ballot; Ms. Evans will follow up to be sure that it gets to the Board of Elections.

The Mayor, Ms. Evans and Ms. Shanahan walked with Mr. Chris Ahlum in Tarp Woods to check on the status of the recent plantings and work done there. There are a variety of new trees planted and the meadow is looking great with a lot of flowers in bloom. Mr. Ahlum suggested planting some grasses along the stream and cleaning up the entrance to the woods. These are projects that will best accomplished in the fall.

Mayor Cincione also shared that Village staff is preparing an RFQ for professional design services and it will be posted soon. Mr. Jolson suggested that the designer take into account the white budding trees, and perhaps the structure at Falco Park as part of their analysis. Mayor Cincione agreed, adding that the Village landscaping and pollinator gardens should all be included. Mr. Ashrawi reminded Council that the Request for Qualifications will outline the qualifications and the Village can choose a designer based on needs.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford reviewed last month's report since he was unable to attend: The Fifth Avenue repair work was awarded to two contractors; and The OPWC grant request was unsuccessful so he suggests splitting it into two phases and doing a little more design work on the south end before reapplying.

Mr. Ford also mentioned the need for spot repairs on Dublin Road and said he would reach out to contractors. He will also reach out to AEP regarding storm and sanitary sewers in the area of their work at the substation site.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi shared that his associate, Mr. Jesse Shamp, provided information regarding the process for filing the aggregation ballot language to the Board of Elections. He also stated that he is following the developments with F2, Mr. Foster's company, and their work at 2015 W. Fifth Ave. Regarding the RFQ for design services, Mr. Ashrawi reminded Council that in sending out the RFQ, the Village will be able to sole source for projects under \$50,000.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Evans shared the financial reports for June 2022, including the monthly bank reconciliation, fund summary, and tax receipt report. Ms. Evans also reported that she recently met with Mr. Brian Carter of 5th/3rd Securities and is reviewing the Village's investment policy to consider transferring some of the money in StarOhio to 5th/3rd for short-term CD's in an effort to earn higher interest in the current economic conditions. She will review the plan with the Finance Committee in the coming weeks.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve the June finance reports; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans also shared that a few new pieces of furniture have been ordered for Ms. Shanahan's office and should arrive on Friday. The current furniture will be donated.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Taylor reported that there was no Parks and Recreation Board meeting this month; the next one is in August.

Mr. Voelker asked about a spreadsheet showing permits granted in the Village. Ms. Shanahan will compile a year-to-date report and update monthly to share at future meetings.

Mr. Voelker also asked about the Grandview Heights High School band performance at Falco Park this year. The office has not been contacted nor has staff reached out to the band. With all new staff at the Village and a new band director, the communication slipped.

Ms. Taylor contacted a band parent during the meeting to confirm a date and time. Ms. Shanahan will follow up to ensure that a concert occurs on August 14, 2022 at 7pm. Giving a contribution to the band will be added to the August Agenda.

Mr. Jolson asked about the deer in the Village. The Mayor suggested making them uncomfortable and don't feed them. Ms. Shanahan will follow up with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for suggestions.

Ms. Sarna asked about people dwelling in Tarpy Woods. The Mayor said he has no problem with kids building lean-to's and forts in the woods, but if there are people spotted living in the woods, the police should be called.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione reviewed an ordinance for its second reading:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Evans summarized the Fire Chief's letter regarding his safety concerns about fireworks. Mr. Ashrawi mentioned that other jurisdictions are scrutinizing their local laws to consider their options given that the state now allows fireworks. The Mayor added that the state allows them and local communities can decide how to handle them in their own jurisdictions. Council discussed the topic and ultimately Ms. Troiano suggested waiting to enact any restrictions. Mr. Voelker agreed that at this time, it doesn't seem to be an issue.

Mr. Voelker asked about the bushes extending into the street on Fernwood Avenue. Ms. Shanahan stated that the homeowner was sent, and received, a certified letter from the Village asking him to trim the bushes. He has a couple of weeks to respond and if he does not remedy the problem, the Village will bring in someone to take care of it.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:17pm.

Approved by:

Submitted by:

Dow T. Voelker
Council President

Stephanie A. Evans
Fiscal Officer