

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

June 20, 2023

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 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, Kendy A. Troiano, and Joanne C. Taylor; Jesse Shamp, on behalf of Yaz Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Joshua Ford, Village Engineer; 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 7:00 pm and asked for a motion to excuse Ms. Hickcox.

Ms. Troiano moved to excuse Ms. Hickcox; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the Budget Hearing and presented O-2698-23, An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the Year 2024 for the Village of Marble Cliff, for its third reading. Ms. Evans shared the updated budget worksheet and answered questions from Council members.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve Ordinance O-2698-23; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Mayor Cincione explained the process for swimming pool applications and introduced the applicant and owner of the property at 1281 Arlington Ave., Mr. Blair Dowdy. There was some discussion about setbacks and whether the proposed hot tub fell within the setback. Mr. Dowdy stated that he no longer plans to build a hot tub, and provided an updated drawing with his application that does not include the hot tub. It was determined that no variance is needed as the pool falls within the guidelines for setbacks.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve the pool permit for the property at 1281 Arlington Ave.; Ms. Sarna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval – Minutes of the special meeting, May 8, 2023
- 2) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, May 15, 2023
- 3) Received – Fire Report, April 2023
- 4) Received -- Police Report, April 2023
- 5) Received – Permit Report, April 2023
- 6) Received – Liquor license legislative notice
- 7) Received – Hickcox resignation letter

Mayor Cincione introduced the Consent Agenda and highlighted the liquor license notification and the process by which these permits are granted. No other items were pulled out for discussion.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione shared that he had a kick-off meeting with Realm to discuss the big ideas surrounding Cambridge Boulevard improvements and to get them started on the project. Additional meetings will be planned and he encouraged Ms. Sarna and Mr. Jolson to attend, and also suggested getting First Community Church involved in the conversation.

The Mayor also shared that he had received a letter of resignation from Councilwoman, Charlotte Hickcox, effective June 30, 2023. Mr. Voelker stated that Council has 30 days to appoint a replacement for Ms. Hickcox; after that, the Mayor has that authority. Mr. Voelker suggested that the Village share the opening with the community and ask interested residents to submit a letter of interest by July 12, 2023. Council will hold interviews prior to the July meeting. Mr. Shamp added that interviews can be in Executive Session.

Mayor Cincione stated that there have been some issues with temporary signs, but specifically the attention is on First Community Church because of the frequency of their requests, and the more permanent structure they have constructed to hold their temporary signs. Mr. Seth Stearns of First Community Church responded by stating that the signs are requested when worship times change, like summer hours, holiday hours, etc. With regard to the concrete post holes that were installed, he stated that it was to keep the signs more secure. The Mayor questioned the permitting required for the project and asked Mr. Stearns to check for any required permits. Mayor Cincione also invited and encouraged First Community Church to be part of the conversation surrounding improvements to Cambridge Boulevard.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford stated that the AEP street work is completed and paving is next. He also stated that he has received the plans for 2015 W. Fifth Ave.

Mr. Ford also talked about GIS systems and gave a demonstration of one to show how it would work in the Village. Benefits include day to day access to institutional knowledge, improved project planning, budgeting and asset management, citizen engagement opportunities, and smooth staff transitions. Mr. Ford answered questions and talked about costs and phasing, and ensured that the Village would own the GIS system, which also secures the succession plan. Ms. Evans added that this has been a topic of conversation in the past, and suggested that given its powerful capabilities, perhaps now is the time to move on it using the ARPA funds to pay for it. Council agreed to hearing an ordinance at the July meeting.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORT: FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Evans shared the financial report for May 2023, including the monthly bank reconciliation, fund summary, and tax receipt report.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the May finance report; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans presented O-2701-23, 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; Second Reading

Ms. Evans presented O-2702-23, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance O-2692-22, The 2023 Appropriations Ordinance, to include additional Appropriations for the Special Assessment Debt Service PACE Fund in the amount of \$25,002.45; Second Reading

Ms. Evans reported that she is working on an RFQ for economic development consulting services and will have Mr. Ashrawi review it before presenting it to Council.

STAFF REPORT: ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Shanahan shared that Ahlum & Arbor helped her apply for a grant through the federal government to help increase the tree canopy, create pocket parks and replace trees on Cambridge Boulevard.

Ms. Shanahan also shared that the coffee and doughnut station at the start of the Memorial Day parade was a big success and reviewed some ideas for next year.

The high school band concert is on the calendar and a summer picnic was also discussed.

Ms. Shanahan will mail postcards with a calendar of events on it, along with instructions on how to sign up for the GH311 notifications.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Troiano reported that she saw three dog fights in a 10-day period and that it seems it's becoming a more common issue; loose dogs in yards, too. Ms. Taylor reported seeing dogs off leash in Tarp Woods, and agrees that there is an uptick in incidences. It was agreed that Village code should be modified by adding a definition of "at large" animals in keeping with Grandview's code. Ms. Evans will bring an ordinance to the July meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Short term rentals and zoning code – no updates. Mr. Voelker asked Mr. Shamp for sample legislation from other communities. That, combined with the community guidelines, will help inform the discussion for Mr. Voelker and Ms. Sarna.

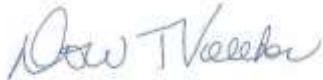
NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Sarna asked about the possibility of burying the public power lines and what those options might be. Village staff will seek a quote for the entire Village and provide this information to Council. Mr. Jolson asked about the possibility of adding more community solar power.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Voelker seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm.

Approved by:



Dow T. Voelker
Council President

Submitted by:



Stephanie A. Evans
Fiscal Officer