

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

August 21, 2023

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, August 21, 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 Members: Matthew R. Jolson, Bridget B. Sarna, Kendy A. Troiano, Joanne C. Taylor, and Marcia A. Thomas; 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

Ms. Troiano moved to excuse Mr. Voelker from the meeting; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cincione recognized Ms. Marcia Thomas as Council's newest member, and Ms. Troiano followed by swearing-in Ms. Thomas for the position.

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Permanent sign application – Dr. Jimmy Schooley was present to answer questions about his application for a renovation of the permanent sign at his dental practice, Schooley Dental, located at 1955 W. Fifth Ave. Dr. Schooley was unaware of the ordinance requiring approval for permanent signs and has already completed the work, but is asking for official approval. He also asked for clarification regarding any other work that may need pre-approval.

Ms. Troiano moved approval of the permanent sign renovation; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2015 W. Fifth Ave. Update - Mr. Scott Morgan presented an updated drawing with a request to make a change in the previously approved development plan for The Packard project at 2015 W. Fifth Ave. The change would remove one of the carriage houses to instead create a garage for the residence in the western side of the mansion. The proposed plan would attach a three-car garage to the front on the mansion. The developers have realized that it will be hard to sell a condo in this price range if it does not include an attached garage, and therefore want to reduce the number of carriage houses by one to allow for a garage instead. Parking studies have shown that the lot does not have enough space for 16 carriage houses and the garage. Mr. Jolson asked about the proposed roof of the garage, and suggested that the roof should match the clay tiles of the mansion. Ms. Troiano suggested putting the garage at an angle, to mirror the east side of the mansion. Other suggestions included a “breezeway” and dormers to improve the appearance of the garage. Council asked for more drawings and details before agreeing to the new plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, July 17, 2023
- 2) Received – Fire Report, July 2023
- 3) Received -- Police Report, July 2023
- 4) Received – Permit Report, July 2023
- 5) Received – MORPC committee information

Mayor Cincione introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if any items need pulled out for discussion. The Mayor asked if anyone would like to serve on the MORPC committee; no council members volunteered. Ms. Troiano asked if it's possible to get the fire and police reports broken down so that Marble Cliff runs are identified separately. No other items were pulled out for discussion.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione introduced Mr. Jamie Gentry as the representative selected for a contract to provide economic development consulting for the Village. Mr. Gentry shared his background and experience and offered to answer questions about the proposed work.

Council members asked questions about the scope and cost, and agreed that this in an important role for the Village to fill. The Mayor introduced the ordinance:

O-2607-23, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Enterprise Advisory Group for Professional Economic Development Consulting Services for the Village of Marble Cliff; First Reading

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

Mr. Jolson moved to approve O-2607-23, as amended to state the contract shall not exceed \$36,000; Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Cincione also reminded everyone of the upcoming community meeting to discuss “Reimagining Cambridge Boulevard” at 7pm on August 24th at First Community Church.

The Mayor also presented some options for replacing the chairs in Council Chambers. There was discussion regarding the state of the current chairs and the desire to update them; the Mayor indicated the he would move forward with ordering replacements.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Ford stated that the contractor has finished the lift and grind work on the sidewalks and is starting the replacements next. He said that no sidewalks on Cambridge Blvd. are being replaced yet since there may be changes to the street and sidewalks pending the outcome of the Cambridge Blvd. improvement discussions.

Mr. Ford also stated that he has approved the Packard site plans and is ready to sign them, but given the potential changes, he will hold off until any revisions are approved.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this time.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi stated that he will connect with Ms. Thomas regarding new council member training, and offer a more substantial training following the November election.

STAFF REPORT: FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

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

Ms. Troiano moved to approve the August finance report; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans presented O-2704-23, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a 3-Year Agreement with Environmental Management, Inc. for Seasonal Leaf Collection in the Village of Marble Cliff; Second Reading

Ms. Shanahan stated that EMI is currently planning their fall schedule and would appreciate an answer from us ASAP.

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

Ms. Troiano moved to approve O-2704-23; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans presented O-2705-23, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Burgess & Niple for Professional Geospatial Information System (GIS) Development and Implementation Services for the Village of Marble Cliff; Second Reading

STAFF REPORT: ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Shanahan reviewed the picnic and band concert summary. There was discussion about the picnic and general agreement that it should be moved to a different day than the band concert next year, but that we should have the ice cream truck at the concert again.

Ms. Shanahan shared that she is trying to build a resident roster and asked for Council's help to get an accurate contact list for Village residents.

The holiday party is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Jolson reviewed the steps leading up to the agreement the Village signed with AEP, with the hope that the school district would be willing to profit-share some of the tax receipts that it will be receiving. The Village has since made two requests for profit-sharing but the school district has indicated that they are not interested. Mr. Jolson proposed that the Village make a public records request to get a better understanding of why they have denied the requests. There was some discussion on this topic but no resolution.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione presented O-2706-23, An Ordinance amending Section 90.01 (Animals Running At Large) of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Marble Cliff, Ohio; Second Reading

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Approved by:



Dow T. Voelker
Council President

Submitted by:



Stephanie A. Evans
Fiscal Officer