

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

July 15, 2024

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, July 15, 2024, 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: President, Dow T. Voelker; Bridget B. Sarna, Joanne C. Taylor, Kendy A. Troiano, and Marcia A. Thomas; Yazan Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Caleb Smith on behalf of 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. Jolson; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed by the five members present.

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Mr. Scott Morgan from Vision Development was in attendance to present his application for a variance and fence permit, to build a 6-foot privacy fence around the perimeter of The Packard project at 2015 W. Fifth Avenue. Mr. Ashrawi confirmed that the fence variance may be considered by Council even though it was not part of the Final Development Plan for the project. Mr. Ashrawi swore in those in attendance who plan to speak during the hearing. Mr. Morgan stated that this is a beneficial use request to shield views to and from adjacent properties. Mr. Morgan has spoken to Mrs. Helen Miller about the location of her fence as it relates to the proposed new fence. Two others have contacted the office to obtain further information. Mr. Chuck Matthews was present and asked for clarity regarding the height and placement of the fence as it will be compared to the existing fence. Mr. Morgan demonstrated on the pictures and graphics where the proposed fence would go relative to all the adjacent properties.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the variance and fence permit; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously by the five members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, June 17, 2024
- 2) Received – Fire Report, June 2024
- 3) Received -- Police Report, June 2024
- 4) Received – Permit Report, June 2024

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione shared that he participated in a couple of recent meetings regarding the potential rail corridor purchase for the extension of the Heritage Trail that would connect Hilliard to downtown Columbus. Negotiations are progressing and it is anticipated that a purchase agreement could be reached within the next several months. Conversations are focusing more and more on how to organize the funding of the purchase. Currently, the anticipated cost of purchase is \$28 million and there is \$10.5 million expected in grant money to help offset this cost. The cost to Marble Cliff is expected to be around \$1 million.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione brought forward an ordinance for its first reading: O-2718-24, An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an Agreement with Burgess & Niple, Inc. to develop construction plans for the Cambridge Boulevard street improvement project for the Village of Marble Cliff.

Mr. Caleb Smith presented the agreement proposed by Burgess & Niple in order to move forward with the next steps in the process for the improvements to Cambridge Boulevard.

There was some discussion about the process, with questions raised about the cost of maintenance once the project is completed, and the potential for other associated costs that are not direct construction costs. Ms. Shanahan will reach out to our service providers to see about estimates for landscaping and maintenance based on the current plan.

Mr. Smith stated that the deliverables from this step will provide the basis for better cost estimates for the project as these construction drawings are needed in order to request bids from contractors.

Mr. Smith left the meeting at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Evans presented the financial reports for May 2024 and June 2024, including the bank reconciliations and income tax receipts.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the financial reports for May 2024; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously by the five members present.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve the financial reports for June 2024; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously by the five members present.

Ms. Evans also shared with Council that the Auditor of State has instituted a new rule regarding fraud prevention training and that each current staff member and elected official must complete the online training and provide a certificate of completion to keep on file in the office. The deadline is September 28, 2024, and the information to find the training is in the Council packet.

Ms. Shanahan shared that the band concert and holiday parties are scheduled, and that there is an ice cream truck coming for the band concert on August 11th at 7pm.

Ms. Shanahan also mentioned that The Compost Exchange will be present at the band concert to help promote the program.

The Mayor skipped the ordinance regarding the composting program, and brought forth O-2716-24, An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an Agreement with The Compost Exchange to establish a Village-sponsored community-wide Curbside Compost Collection program for its third reading.

There was further discussion about the program, and ultimately Council decided it would be nice to give it a try to see if residents like it and leave it up to the Mayor to decide whether the cost would be supplemented by the Village or fully sponsored.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve O-2714-24, to allow the Mayor to enter into a 6-month agreement with The Compost Exchange; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously by the five members present.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Voelker reported that he attended the recent ESID meeting. He shared that Columbus has multiple SIDS and would like to amend the procedures, however, those with just one would like it to stay as simple as possible.

Mr. Voelker also asked about the recent tree and bush trimming on Dublin Rd. Several others have asked about it, but staff has been unable to determine who did it. Ms. Shanahan will continue to work on finding more information.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Overlay District – There was discussion about whether or not to pursue this further. Mr. Voelker shared an updated redlined version to simplify the document and asked council to take another month to continue consideration. Mr. Ashrawi confirmed that no action is acceptable. Mayor Cincione shared his reasons to do something, but the question is how much. Mr. Voelker stated that he believes the goal is to make a resident look at the guidelines and try to comply when possible.

The dilemma is how to implement enforceable, realistic guidelines without overburdening anyone. Council will continue to consider its options and revisit.

The Mayor brought forth O-2714-24, 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, for its third reading.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve O-2714-24; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion approved unanimously by the five members present.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione introduced O-2717, An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an Agreement with the City of Grandview Heights to provide Police, Emergency Medical and Fire Prevention and Suppression Services, Recreational Facilities, Recycling and Solid Waste Collection, and Maintenance and other Public Services to the Village of Marble Cliff through December 31, 2034, for its first reading.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously by the five members present. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.

Approved by:



Dow T. Voelker
Council President

Submitted by:



Stephanie A. Evans
Fiscal Officer