

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

August 19, 2024

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, August 19, 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; Matthew R. Jolson, Bridget B. Sarna, Joanne C. Taylor, Kendy A. Troiano, and Marcia A. Thomas; Yazan Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Joshua Ford and Caleb Smith, Village Engineers; 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.

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Mr. Ashrawi swore in visitors who may be interested in speaking regarding the proposed application. Mr. David Bahner introduced himself Ms. Stephanie Costa, and described the application he has made for a generator. He's asking for a variance to place this generator in his front yard and shared images of its proposed placement. Given the placement of his home on the property and its unique setting, he feels this is the best place for the generator, as it is out of view even though it is in the front yard. Council members reviewed the application and asked questions; Ms. Shanahan confirmed that no calls have been received regarding this application.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the variance for the generator; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed by the five members present at this time.

Ms. Sarna arrived at 7:05pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, July 15, 2024
- 2) Received – Fire Report, July 2024
- 3) Received -- Police Report, July 2024
- 4) Received – Permit Report, July 2024

Mayor Cincione introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if any items need pulled out for discussion. No 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 reviewed the work that Mr. Jamie Gentry has done for the Village over the past year to help build relationships with commercial property owners and further economic development efforts. The existing contract with Enterprise Advisory Group (EAG) is expiring at the end of this month and the Mayor suggested continuing this arrangement for the next two years but on an as-needed, hourly basis. There was discussion around this topic, and Council members weighed the benefits of this agreement.

Mayor Cincione introduced O-2720-24, 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, for its first reading.

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

Ms. Troiano moved to approve O-2720-24, to allow the Mayor to enter into a two-year contract with EAG to secure the services of Mr. Jamie Gentry for economic development; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cincione thanked Ms. Sarna and Ms. Taylor for hosting the band concert, and mentioned that there is an upcoming meeting regarding the rail acquisition.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione brought forward an ordinance for its second 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. Ford reminded Council that the Village will not be applying for funding until the fall of 2025, that the construction cost estimate is around \$5 million, and that this ordinance is for the design fees associated with the construction (\$450,000).

Mr. Ford and Mr. Smith left the meeting at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi shared with Council that the Village has received a request for an easement from Columbia Gas so that they can lay a new gas line near Tarpy Woods. Mr. Ashrawi has asked for clarification regarding surface use if the easement were to be approved. He is working through the details with Columbia Gas and may bring it to Council as discussions progress. Ms. Sarna asked about looking at the path in that area and for consideration to be given to improving the surface if any work is done there.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Evans presented the financial reports for July 2024, including the bank reconciliations and income tax receipts. There was some discussion about moving an additional \$500,000 into an investment account; Ms. Evans will look into it.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve the financial reports for July 2024; Mr. Voelker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Evans also shared that the EMI landscaping and leaf pick-up contracts are moving into their second year of the three-year contract that Council approved last year.

Mayor Cincione moved the discussion surrounding the Grandview service contract up from New Business, and 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 second reading.

The Mayor stated that the contract has been cleaned up to remove items that are no longer applicable, and that staff is reviewing the section on building permit fees. Ms. Evans shared that Grandview is suggesting a change to the process surrounding collecting building permit fees and billing for inspections; the staff is comparing fees and costs before committing to this change. Mr. Jolson asked about the cost structure; the Mayor stated that it ties to collective bargaining and that the percentages shown in the contract roughly align with Grandview's costs.

Ms. Shanahan thanked Ms. Sarna and Ms. Taylor for their leadership in hosting the band concert and directing the ice cream truck and Compost Exchange display at the event. Ms. Shanahan shared that a photographer was at the event to take photos for the website. There was discussion about making a sign to place next to the ice cream truck next year that indicates that the truck is sponsored by the Village of Marble Cliff.

The conversation turned to the holiday lights, so the Mayor skipped to this portion of New Business.

The Mayor presented Ahlum & Arbor's proposal for hanging the holiday lights in the Village.

Mr. Jolson moved to approve the proposal and expenditure for the lights; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Overlay District – The Mayor introduced the topic by sharing Minutes and an Ordinance from 1990 that touched on a similar discussion. Mr. Voelker added that back then, they had an ordinance without the guidelines, however we have created guidelines and now trying to figure out what to do with them. He went on to suggest that he and Mr. Ashrawi work through his redline version to clean it up and provide Council with an updated version of it for its review. Mr. Voelker opened the opportunity for one other Council member to join that conversation; Ms. Thomas will join while Mr. Jolson would like a copy of the redline version of the document.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Approved by:



Dow T. Voelker
Council President

Submitted by:



Stephanie A. Evans
Fiscal Officer