

Present: President George, President Pro Tem Drummond, Members: Abboud, Hrydziuszko, Kecskemeti, Mercer, and O’Gorman

Absent: None

Also Present: Interim Village Manager, Trice
Interim Village Clerk, Brown
Village Attorney, Ryan
Planning/Zoning Administrator, Stec
Public Services Director, Johnston

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President George called the regular Village Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers located at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. Brown called the roll. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Kecskemeti, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Drummond arrived at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Luke, Nixon, thanked the Parks and Recreation Board and a group of residents who supports the community and addressed the various initiatives the residents take to support the community. Mr. Luke discussed the chicken legal matter and plans to bring a visual aid showing the Village’s spending on the matter to each meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by O’ Gorman, be it resolved, the consent agenda is approved.

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a Regular Council meeting held January 7, 2025.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, January 20, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE #389 RECODIFICATION OF CODE, MUNICODE.

Mr. Ryan provided an overview of the changes and conducted the first reading of the ordinance #389, Recodification of Code. Stec provided an overview of the proposed zoning ordinance

change. Stec discussed the most substantial change, which would be the removal of the Council referral process for conventional site plans. The proposed changes would allow the Planning Commission to review and approve conventional site plans. Stec clarified that the process would remain the same for special land use. Stec also discussed removing references to the Site Development Handbook.

The Council and Administration discussed site plans and what would be considered a typical and atypical site plan. Council also inquired about the intent of the current site plan process and asked for examples of current site plans that were submitted.

George believes this is the time for the Council to discuss any changes that they would like to see and provide guidance to Stec.

Ryan provided clarification on permitted land uses and the Planning Commission.

The public hearing was opened at 7:31 p.m.

No one from the public wished to be heard.

George closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

George asked if Administration could provide guidance on what is considered standard and what is atypical.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER WANNA COOKIE/BEER GROWLER LIQUOR LICENSE CHANGE.

Trice and gave an overview. Wanna Cookie/ Beer Growler located at 31221 and 31225 Southfield would like to reclassify their current Tavern License to a Class C License.

Stec stated this would not impact the current liquor licenses the Village has and they are permitted by the State of Michigan to make this change. Stec believes this will a fabulous addition to the business mix and Administration recommends Council approves this reclassification.

Kelly Allen from the law offices of Adkison, Need, Allen and Rentrop spoke on behalf of Wanna Cookie LLC owners Christopher and Patricia Wainer. Allen explained the liquors licenses and what reclassification would allow them to do with their extended menu.

Keckskemeti inquired if the business hours are regulated by the Village ordinance or is it the business owners' choice.

Hrydziuszko thanked the Wainers for their involvement with the community and mentioned that she hears all the time from residents that they want more places to gather and enjoy and believes this change will bring that.

Motion by Keckskemeti, second by Abboud, be it resolved that an application from Wanna Cookie, LLC to reclassify their existing Tavern License to a Class C License, to be located at 31221 & 31225 Southfield Road, has been received and reviewed by Beverly Hills.

Village Council. It is the consensus of this body that it recommends this application be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PHASE 1A ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY- REQUESTED CHANGE ORDER.

Trice gave an overview. Brad Shepler from our engineering firm, Hubbell, Roth, and Clark, Inc. provided in-depth information on the requested change order from subconsultant SWCA, who is requesting additional funds based on increased requirements in accordance with the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT's) Local Agency Program (LAP).

The Council, Administration, and Brad Shepler, HRC, discussed tree removal, project timeline and locations, the possibility of finding archaeological artifacts, what happens if the change order is not approved and grant requirements.

Motion by Hrydziusko, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the change order from SWCA Environmental Consultants to increase their original contract amount by \$22,500, to meet additional requirements set forth by MDOT. Funds are available in 401-900-974.05.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING COST FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANTS/ PROJECT.

Trice provided an overview. Shepler of Hubbell, Roth, & Clark provided a detailed proposal to provide the Village of Beverly Hills with professional construction engineering services for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Safety Path Program.

Shepler provided additional proposal details which included the description of the services provided by HRC and a project timeline.

George gave details about the areas the project will cover.

Dave Shelton, W. 13 Mile, stated this issue came up 20 years ago and they voted not to pursue it. Mr. Shelton wondered why the issue is being pursued now. Mr. Shelton also inquired about the size of the incoming pathway and the out-of-pocket cost for the Village.

George provided clarification on the program's proposed sidewalk width and potential cost of the project for the Village.

Denise Liberty, W. 13 Mile, is thrilled that the Village received grant money to make the Village beautiful. Liberty reached out to Administration and HRC for answers but have not received a response regarding the responsibility of sidewalk maintenance. Liberty does not believe that the project information is being communicated to the people being impacted by the project.

Hrydziuszko clarified that a stipulation of the grant agreement is that the Village must maintain the sidewalks.

Liberty also inquired about potential drainage issues.

McArthur, Kennoway, inquired about assistance in replanting what is being taken down in order to block the noise.

Kecskemeti asked if Administration could provide digestible content to provide to the residents.

Shepler addressed drainage concerns.

Council inquired about the construction engineering costs.

Motion by Drummond, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved that the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the proposal from Hubbell, Roth, & Clark to provide the Village of Beverly Hills with construction engineering services for the Safe Routes to School Safety Path Program in the amount not-to-exceed \$320,000. Funds are available in 401-900-974.06.

Roll Call Vote:

Abboud	yes
Drummond	yes
George	yes
Hrydziuszko	yes
Kecskemeti	yes
Mercer	no
O’Gorman	yes

Motion passed (6-1)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF WORKSTATIONS FOR VILLAGE HALL.

Trice provided an overview. The Administration is looking to add an additional workstation and reconfigure the front work area to make things more functional. Smart Business Sources have submitted a design and proposal in the amount of \$14,826.00.

Johnston informed the Council that this company recently did work with Farmington Hills and that the Administration was very happy with their results. Johnston also stated that the workstations will be larger.

Abboud inquired about the bidding process.

Motion by Abboud, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the proposal, to install four new workstations in the front office of Village Hall, by Smart Business Source in the amount not to exceed \$17,100.00. Funds are available in 101-900-980.0

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

DISCUSS SIDEWALK SAD PROCESS TIMELINE.

Trice provided an overview. It was stated at the last meeting that the Village would be able to move forward with the Sidewalk Special Assessment District and get it on the taxes this summer. Unfortunately, the timeline presented would not be feasible. Administration will come back later with a new sidewalk SAD process timeline.

Keckskemeti asked for clarification on the collection of the SAD.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER CHANGING THE DATE OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED ON FEBRUARY 18, 2025 TO THE JOINT COUNCIL/PLANNING MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2025.

George stated that the charter requires the Village Council to have two regularly scheduled meetings a month. There will be at least three people absent at the second meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2025. A joint meeting with the Planning Commission is already scheduled to take place on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. George inquired if the Council could move any necessary agenda items to the February 12, 2025 Joint Council-Planning Commission meeting.

Trice said they are proposing to move the meeting to the front of the joint meeting.

O’Gorman inquired if the Administration checked with the Planning Commission regarding the change and wanted to make sure the Commission is aware of the changes.

Mercer questioned the possibility of still having a quorum at the February 18th meeting.

Keckskemeti asked Council and Administration if they can have an abbreviated meeting on February 12th and said she is unsure if she would be around for the meeting on February 18th.

Motion by O’Gorman, second by Keckskemeti, be it resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills moves to reschedule the second regularly scheduled Village Council meeting for February, from February 18, 2025, to February 12, 2025, at 7 PM.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

CONSIDER CLOSED SESSION VILLAGE MANAGER SELECTION PROCESS.

Trice provided an overview. Village Council will go into closed session to review and consider applications received for the Village Manager position.

The following Resolution was offered by Mercer with support from Hrydziusko.

WHEREAS, at the Regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, Village Council desires to go into closed session to review and consider the contents with a representative the Village’s consultant, Amy Cell, applications received for the position of Village Manager pursuant to MCL 15.268(f).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Beverly Hills moves to meet in Closed Session, as permitted by the Open Meeting Act MCL 15.268(f) immediately following the adjournment of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the Village of Beverly Hills, 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan, 48025. The purpose of the Closed Session is to review and consider applications received for the Village Manager position.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

The Council returned to the regular Council Meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Motion by O’Gorman, second by Hrydziuszko to recommend candidates Number 12 and Number 14 to interview.

Motion passed (7-0)

Motion by Abboud, second by O’Gorman to recommend candidate Number 6 to interview.

Motion passed (7-0)

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Drummond to recommend candidate Number 8 to interview.

Motion passed (7-0)

Motion by Mercer, second by Hrydziuszko to recommend candidate Number 5 to interview

Motion passed (7-0)

Motion by Hrydziuszko second by Kecskemeti, to move the Village Council to request Yeo & Yeo formally known as Amy Cell Talent to invite candidates recommended for open interviews on February 15, 2025.

Motion passed (7-0)

Village Council, Administration and Barbie Sigers from Yeo & Yeo discussed potential interview formats and day of logistics for the Village Manager Interviews scheduled for February 15, 2025.

Sigers informed the Council that Yeo & Yeo provides evaluation forms that could be filled out by Administration, Staff and Council.

O’Gorman and Mercer both believe it is essential to deliberate as soon as possible because the information is fresh in Councils’ minds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Trice went over the Manager’s Report as provided in the Council meeting packet which included updates on the cancellation of the February Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the open Finance Director position, up and coming Planning & Zoning Essentials Training, Next, Wendbrook, Douglas Evans deed restrictions and the SPARK grant.

Abboud inquired about the Clerk’s position.

Mercer inquired about the BS&A payroll issue.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mercer thanked Mr. Ryan for pointing out the difference between the Planning Board and the Planning Commission.

O’Gorman said based on the discussion here tonight, Council should discuss online project tracking and communications at the Strategy meeting. O’Gorman believes Council should look at a President/Council recognition for the community members and thanked everyone who volunteers around the Village.

Abboud provided updates on SEMCOG, MDOT and MML. Abboud will share a powerpoint at the next meeting.

Kecskemeti thanked Mr. Trice for his Manager’s report and the amount of work being done in the Village office with limited staff. Kecskemeti also expressed that she is impressed with Amy Cell and the amount of work they put forth.

Hrydziusko thanked Amy Cell for their work on the Manager’s search and Public Safety for assisting a long-time resident. She appreciates the amazing things they do for our senior community.

George thanked everyone for hanging in for this long meeting. George believes communication with the residents is always something we can do better with. George expressed his appreciation for Amy Cell, Mr. Trice and the staff. George asked if the Council have anything they want to discuss at the Strategy meeting please send it to him. Furthermore, George recognized his late dog Dipper and suggested if you want to help dogs in need please consider Detroit Dog Rescue.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hrydziusko, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Carissa Brown
Interim Village Clerk