

Present: President George; President Pro-Tem Hrydziuszko; Members: Abboud, Kecskemeti, Mooney, O’Gorman, and Peddie
George participated remotely via Zoom from Harbor Springs, Michigan.
O’Gorman participated remotely via Zoom from The Woodlands, Texas.
All other members participated remotely via Zoom from Beverly Hills, Michigan.

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Wilson
Village Clerk / Assistant Manager, Rutkowski
Village Attorney, Ryan
Public Safety Director, Torongeau

George called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. virtually via Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the agenda is approved as published.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: UPDATE FROM BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR, REBEKAH CRAFT

Rebekah Craft, Director of Baldwin Public Library, provided an update on library services. She talked about the library’s collections, the Learn.Connect.Discover newsletter, and the Story Book Trail at Beverly Park. She also provided an update on Phase 3 of Baldwin’s renovation. She thanked the Beverly Hills community for its continued support, including approving the recent 10 year millage renewal.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, be it resolved, the consent agenda is approved as published.

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held February 2, 2021.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION

President George opened the Public Hearing at 7:51 p.m.

Aimee Nimeh, HAVEN of Oakland County, Michigan, gave an overview of HAVEN's programming for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. She asked for continued support from the Village.

Cris Braun, Next, Birmingham, Michigan, provided an overview of how Next has used CDBG funding in the past for residents aged 50 and up. She stated Next has been a proven partner over the years and asked for continued support from the Village.

President George closed the Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS' COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2021

Wilson provided an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Beverly Hills has participated in the federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for more than 25 years. We are currently in a three-year subrecipient contract with Oakland County to participate in this program.

The Village's estimated allocation for Program Year 2021 is \$13,049.00. The annual CDBG allocation is based on a formula that uses several objective measures of community needs. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has established three national objectives, at least one of which must be met, to determine eligibility for a community to engage in any specific program. Additionally, the Village must comply with several rules, including a limit on our allocation for public service projects to a maximum of 30% of the total 2021 allocation and a minimum of allocation of \$3,500 for each project.

This year Council is being asked to consider allocating funds for Minor Home Repair services and Public Services - Yard Services for low-income and low-moderate-income level citizens. A description of each service is attached. This year we are recommending allocating \$9,135 for minor home repair and \$3,914 for yard services through the CDBG program. The Village outsources the administration of these programs through a bid process, and Next has been the service provider for many years. Next continues to be a valued partner and ensures the program is administered per the extensive CDBG requirements.

The Village has received a request from HAVEN seeking a contribution for their program that provides services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Due to CDBG requirements and limitations for project funding, we cannot allocate funds to both the Yard Services program and to HAVEN. Therefore, without Council objection, administration is recommending the Village make a General Fund contribution for the same amount, \$3,914.00, to HAVEN, as it has done in the past to support their program.

Motion by O'Gorman, second by Hrydziusko:

Whereas, Oakland County is preparing an Annual Action Plan to meet application requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and other Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs; and

Whereas, Oakland County has requested CDBG-eligible projects from participating communities for inclusion in the Action Plan; and

Whereas, the Village of Beverly Hills has duly advertised and conducted a public hearing as follows:

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President George closed the Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m. on February 16, 2021 for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the proposed use of PY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the approximate amount of \$13,049.00; and

Whereas, the Village of Beverly Hills found that the following projects meet the federal objectives of the CDBG program and are prioritized by the community as high priority need.

Account	Project Name	Amount
172170-731227	Minor Home Repair	\$9,135
172160-732170	Public Services – Yard Services	\$3,914

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Beverly Hills’ Community Development Block Grant application is hereby authorized to be submitted to Oakland County for inclusion in Oakland County’s Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and that the Council President is hereby authorized to execute all documents, agreements, or contracts which result from this application to Oakland County.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 378 AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 22, ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTION 22.28.020 OFF STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS

Ryan gave the second reading of proposed Ordinance 378. Copies of the entire Ordinance are available on the Village website or at the Village Office.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Peddie, be it resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills Village Council approves Ordinance 378 Amending the Municipal Code, Chapter 22, Zoning Ordinance Section 22.28.020 Off Street Parking.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 378 AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 22, ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTION 22.26 PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

Ryan gave the second reading of proposed Ordinance 379. Copies of the entire Ordinance are available on the Village website or at the Village Office.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Peddie, be it resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills Village Council approves Ordinance 379 Amending the Municipal Code, Chapter 22, Zoning Ordinance, Section 22.26 Planned Unit Development.

Roll Call Vote:
Abboud – Yes
George – Yes
Hrydziuszko – Yes
Kecskemeti – Yes
Mooney – No
O’Gorman – Yes
Peddie – Yes

Motion passed (6-1)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER AMENDED EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (PEMBERLY PLACE)

Wilson and Ryan provided an overview of the amended Easement and Maintenance Agreement for Pemberly Place, a property located on the west side of Evergreen, south of Beverly Road, to include a condition placed by the Planning Commission for a vegetative screen to be established between the development and the Ronsdale neighborhood.

Motion by Peddie, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the recommended amendment to the Easement and Maintenance Agreement for Pemberly Place as published in the February 16, 2021 Council Packet.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

RECEIVE AND FILE CASH AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY AND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

Wilson provided an overview of the Cash and Investment Summary and the Revenue and Expenditure Report date ending December 31, 2020.

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, to receive and file the Cash and Investment Summary and the Revenue and Expenditure Report date ending December 31, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

FY 2021-22 Budget – Per the Village Charter, Village Administration is to present a draft budget to Council by the first regular meeting of the Village Council in April. For 2021, that meeting date is April 6th. Council is required to adopt the budget by no later than the second meeting in May, which would be May 18th. Traditionally, the Village Council has adopted the budget at the first meeting in May, which would be May 4th. Five (5) votes in the affirmative are required to pass the budget. Council will normally hold one, or more, budget workshops between the period in which the budget is received in April and passed in May. These budget workshops have been held either in conjunction with a regular meeting or as a stand-alone meeting. Any new Council members who have questions regarding the format or content of the budget are welcome to reach out to either me or Finance Director McCarthy.

COVID 19, Village Offices and Public Meetings – The current Open Meetings Act exemptions allowing for virtual public meetings will expire at the end of March. I have not heard yet whether the Legislature plans on extending this period. If there is no extension, then I believe the plan would be for Village Public Bodies to meet virtually through the end of March and return to in-person meetings in April. Should an extension be granted we can decide at that time as to whether the continued use of virtual meetings is warranted.

Village Staff are continuing to work full time Monday – Friday. All COVID related protocols remain in place. Village Offices have not been reopened to the public at this time. Village Administration remains committed to reopening the offices to the public as soon as is safe for the public and our employees to do so. Some of this determination will be driven by vaccine availability. All Village employees have been encouraged to sign up for a vaccine as soon as possible. To my understanding most have done so. At this time, we can process all requests in a timely manner and services to residents have not been negatively impacted. As winter ends and Building Dept. activity increases this may change. Village Administration will continue to monitor the situation.

Body Cameras – Body cameras have been delivered to the Public Safety Department and the Department qualified for a \$13,000.00 grant from MMRMA.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Kecskemeti thanked Baldwin Public Library for their partnership and announced that the Virtual Battle of the Books will take place on March 6, 2021. She reported on her meeting with SEMCOG regarding basement backup programs.

Abboud stated he will reach out to MML regarding basement backup programs. He will be attending the upcoming MML Capital Conference in March. The Senior Advisory Committee is working to get COVID-19 vaccines to seniors.

Mooney stated he asked about CDBG funding to show the allocation comparison between Beverly Hills and other communities.

Hrydziusko reminded everyone that the Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18th at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

George thanked Craft for her presentation on Baldwin Public Library. He thanked community members for commenting during the CDBG Public Hearing. He thanked Torongeau and the Public Safety Department for getting the grant money for cameras.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk