

Present: President George; President Pro-Tem Hrydziuszko; Members: Abboud, Kecskemeti, Mooney, O’Gorman, and Peddie

Absent: None

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

President George called the regular Village Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers located at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Mooney, second by Peddie, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Karen Gilbert, Amherst, stated that Birmingham Next would be hosting a Beverly Hills Council Candidate Forum on October 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The event is free to attend, but they ask that people register on Next’s website so they can get an appropriate head count.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mooney, second by Peddie, be it resolved, the consent agenda is approved.

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held September 6, 2022.
2. Review and consider approval of minutes of a Closed Session Council meeting held September 6, 2022.
3. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, September 12, 2022.
4. Review and consider resolution appointing SOCRRA representatives.
5. Review and consider resolution appointing SOCWA representatives.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER PARKS & RECREATION BOARD’S RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE SCULPTURES IN THE PARKS PROGRAM IN 2023**

Campbell provided an overview. 2022 marked the inaugural year for the Sculptures in the Parks Program. The program has received a great deal of positive feedback. The Sculptures in the Park program also came in under budget. At the August 25, 2022 Parks & Recreation Board meeting, the Board discussed the 2022 program. It was noted in the recent survey conduct by the Parks & Recreation Board that 77% of people responded “yes” or “maybe” when asked if they would seek

out sculptures in the park. The Board voted to recommend that the Village Council approve its request to continue the Sculptures in the Park program in 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.

Janice Hausman, Parks & Recreation Board member, was in attendance and provided a recap of the 2022 Sculptures Program. She talked about the five sculptures currently on display. She noted that someone already expressed interest in purchasing one of the sculptures. She said that she reached out to many artists directly to participate in the program and she thinks that was a good motivator for them to apply. She does not think it will be necessary next year to pay to advertise online to recruit artists. She stated that each sculpture has a sign with a QR code that links to the Village website, so people can learn more about the sculptures and artists.

Mooney said he was impressed with the program. He asked if there was any thought to include Beverly Green as a location. Hausman confirmed that Beverly Green will be included as a site for a sculpture in the future.

Abboud stated that Hausman and the Board did a wonderful job. He thanked Hausman for her efforts. He said he was in favor of more pieces and asked if the current artists would be able to resubmit next year. Hausman stated that current artists would be able to submit additional applications.

O’Gorman complimented Hausman for getting this project off the ground. He said it exceeded his expectations. He said the Village should socialize the sculptures’ availability for purchase.

George said he was a huge fan of the Kestrel sculpture at Beverly Park.

Mooney stated that a \$7,000.00 budget might be too light.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Mooney, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the Parks and Recreation Board’s request to continue the Sculptures in the Park program in 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00. Funds for this request are available in 208-900-985.00 (Capital Park Improvement Fund)

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (7-0)

**DISCUSS POTENTIAL SCOPE OF CYBER SECURITY SERVICES AND ASSESSMENT TO BE PROVIDED TO THE VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS**

Campbell provided an overview. At its August 2, 2022 meeting, the Village Council requested that the Administration do research on cyber security measures recommended and/or used by neighboring jurisdictions, the Department of Homeland Security, and other local governments prior to the Village of Beverly Hills going forward for an Request for Proposal (RFP). Data breaches are more costly than ever. Approximately 51% of organizations reported a significant business disruption in 2019-2020. Cyber security is up 600% due to COVID-19. The average time to identify and contain a breach is 287 days. It is not a question of will we have a breach, it is a question of when. Currently, Robert Ferkel, of Enterprise Computer Solutions, manages the Village of Beverly Hills IT department. Campbell went over the basic inventory of the Village’s existing system.

After doing the research Council requested, the Administration believes there are two viable options when creating an RFP for the cyber security services to be provided to the Village of Beverly Hills:

- 1) Independently move forward with an RFP that the Village creates using resources provided by our insurance provider and other potential resources;
- 2) Utilize a preapproved State vendor that provides core cybersecurity services or create an RFP that tailors these core cyber services to the Village of Beverly Hills.

Campbell went over the options and vendors in more detail as outlined in his September 15<sup>th</sup> memo to Council. He noted that MMRMA has various articles on what types of threats that local governments should consider when developing a cyber security RFP and protocol. MMRMA's Technology and Cyber Security Risk Control Advisory Committee developed a framework for best practices that could be added to a potential RFP or Request for Qualifications. MMRMA also has grants available to offset the cost.

Peddie commented on tailoring the services to fit Beverly Hills.

Keckskemeti thanked Campbell for the research on this topic. She clarified that the recommendations would be in addition to the current vendor. She asked if the distance or location of the vendor is a factor in the decision making.

Mooney stated that the Village should not nickel and dime on this selection. He suggested Southfield Township defray some of the costs and that the Village Manager should talk with the Township Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer. He said cyber security is a priority and the Council should move quickly on this. He said training and vetting should take place for any Village employee or contractor that uses the system. He suggested that the Council instruct Administration to move forward with the suggestions he outlined.

O'Gorman suggested the Village collaborate with Southfield Township, Bingham Farms, and Franklin. He agreed with Mooney's suggestion regarding employee training.

Abboud agreed that better cyber security is needed. He asked if the Village's insurance covers cyber crimes and Campbell said that MMRMA covers some.

George stated that he is not concerned about where the vendor is located since most of the work is done remotely, but understands the benefit of the vendor having a Michigan presence. He spoke about the assessment procedure as outlined in Exhibit A in the Council meeting packet. He requested that Administration ask for sample work plans from the vendors.

It was the sense of Council to proceed quickly with increasing the cyber security for the Village.

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, the Beverly Hills Village Council instructs Administration to move swiftly and meet with Southfield Township, Bingham Farms, and Franklin to discuss collaborating to implement a cyber security plan. If the neighboring communities are not interested in collaborating, Administration is instructed to proceed in order to protect the Village of Beverly Hills. Further, the Council instructs Administration to obtain samples of workplans from cyber security vendors, look into grant opportunities

from MMRMA, plan to provide training for Village staff and contractors, and report back to Council by the second meeting in October.

Motion passed.

**DISCUSS THE VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS' POTENTIAL ENGAGEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

Campbell provided an overview of MEDC's Redevelopment Ready Communities Program. He had a conversation with Elizabeth King, the Region 10 Planner with Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), who oversees the Redevelopment Ready Communities program for the MEDC. The Village of Beverly Hills previously started to begin the engagement process to become certified as a RRC community. Due to various staff turnover in the process, the Village did not complete the engagement process.

The Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program is available to communities across the state. It is a voluntary, no-cost certification program designed to promote effective redevelopment strategies through a set of best practices.

The program measures and then certifies communities that integrate transparency, predictability, and efficiency into their daily development practices. The RRC certification is a formal recognition that your community has a vision for the future - and the fundamental practices in place to get there.

The four-step process to begin engagement is as follows: 1) Education – there are best practice trainings. Campbell has already attended all the RRC courses. To assist the Administration, the newly appointed Planning and Zoning Administrator would attend these classes. Council and Board members can now take the courses online as well. 2) Pass a resolution of intent – see attached sample resolution from Mount Clemens. 3) Send the Resolution to the Region 10 Planner 4) Enter a Memorandum of Understanding provided by the MEDC.

Administration is inquiring as to whether Council wants the Administration to engage in the RRC program and present a resolution of intent at a future meeting.

George stated that it would be beneficial to get assistance with planning and developing the Southfield Road Corridor and have that be advertised to developers.

Mooney asked if there were any costs to the Village to participate. Campbell stated that there are no up-front costs to join. Mooney clarified that any additional expenses would come before Council for approval.

Hrydziuszko said the RRC Program would provide the opportunity for networking and to grow the community. She was in favor of continuing forward.

George stated that it was the sense of Council to have Administration prepare the necessary resolution to be voted on at an upcoming meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Karen Gilbert, Amherst, suggested obtaining an RFP from Plante Moran for cyber security services.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Public Meeting on Greenfield and Beverly Road Roundabout – Prior to finalizing its plans for the roundabout the Road Commission of Oakland County is planning at Greenfield and Beverly Road, the Road Commission just informed us they are scheduling neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Royal Oak Senior Center. The Road Commission will be producing an informational flyer about the project/meeting. The flyer will also be sent out to residents in the next few weeks. The Village will post the flyer on its website and Facebook page. The Royal Oak Senior Center is located at 3500 Marais Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48073. Interim Director Tom Trice and Director Neil Johnston will be attending.

ARPA Project Going Out to Bid – Earlier this year, the Village approved an infrastructure project to replace water main at Marguerite Street and Hummel. The funding for the project is to come from the American Rescue Plan Act funding awarded to the Village of Beverly Hills in the amount of \$1,085,09.09. The estimated cost of the project is \$490,350.00. The engineers, HRC, do not anticipate that the project will be much more than the estimated cost. The project is scheduled to go out to bid this week and will be published on BidNet/MITN as well as the Birmingham Eccentric.

Hrydziuszko asked that the address and a map to the RCO meeting be posted before the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

O’Gorman asked for an update on the 14 Mile Road construction project. Campbell stated that it is unlikely that the contractors will be finished by September 27 despite hiring additional crew members. Since it will go beyond the expected completion date, the damage clause of the contract will be implemented.

Mooney commented about the Beverly Park pavilion chimney, Code Enforcement’s budget, and posted permits for construction projects.

Kecskemeti clarified that the RCO meeting would be an open house style meeting and asked about the notification for the meeting. Campbell confirmed this information will be shared once it becomes available.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Abboud will be attending SEMCOG’s upcoming infrastructure meeting. The Senior Advisory Committee is working on a blueprint for aging. He encouraged everyone to attend Next’s fundraising event on October 20, 2022. He noted that the Next golf outing netted \$26,000 to go toward senior services.

Mooney stated that he and Abboud played in the Next golf outing. He stated it is not appropriate to be communicating electronically during public meetings.

Hrydziuszko stated that the Parks & Recreation Board is wrapping up their work on the 5-Year Recreation Plan and the draft will be made available soon.

George attended the last Parks & Recreation Board meeting and said that the community survey results indicated that people would like the baseball fields at Beverly Park improved. A representative from the Beverly Hills Little League attended the meeting as well and said a complete upgrade would cost between \$5-6 million, which was a lot more than George expected. The Parks Board will continue to have a conversation with BHLL. He applauded their enthusiasm but does not think the upgrades would be to that scale. He said the Council had a good discussion at tonight's meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mooney, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Motion passed.

**John George**  
**Council President**

**Kristin Rutkowski**  
**Village Clerk**