

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

Absent: Drummond

Also Present: Village Manager, Campbell
Village Clerk/Assistant Manager, Rutkowski

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 Abboud to add item 2 on the agenda to discuss measures to find a new manager.

Roll Call Vote:
Abboud – yes
George – no
Hrydziuszko – no
Kecskemeti – no
Mooney – yes
O’Gorman – no
Motion failed (4-2)

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Kecskemeti, to approve the agenda as published.

Mooney opposed.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

BUSINESS AGENDA

ACCEPT VILLAGE MANAGER JEFFREY CAMPBELL’S LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Jeffrey Campbell submitted his letter of resignation, effective August 1, 2024. A copy of the letter was provided to the Council prior to the meeting.

Mooney asked for more discussion on this item. He inquired when and with whom the possibility of resigning was communicated. He said an unfortunate series of events lead to this decision.

Hrydziuszko thanked Campbell for the time he spent with the Village. She said he has made monumental changes and created big shoes to fill.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Kecskemeti, the Beverly Hills Village Council accepts Village Manager, Jeffrey Campbell’s letter of resignation.

Roll Call Vote:

Abboud – no

George – yes

Hrydziuszko – yes

Kecskemeti – yes

Mooney – yes

O’Gorman – yes

Motion passed (5-1)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

O’Gorman extended his thanks to Campbell for his extraordinary work. He said it is unfortunate that he is leaving.

Kecskemeti echoed O’Gorman’s sentiments. She said she has nothing but respect for Campbell and thanked him for his service to the Village of Beverly Hills. She said it takes courage to walk away from a job. She noted that attracting people in the public service sector is becoming increasingly difficult. She asked Council to think about how they treat personnel and what makes Beverly Hills a good place to work.

Abboud said he did not understand the reasons Campbell provided. He wished Campbell the best. He recommended looking at the Michigan Municipal League for a list of interim managers.

Mooney wished Campbell the best. He said he expects a manager to stand up to political pressures and to understand the Village Charter. He said he does not think Campbell got enough support, especially with the Public Safety Department. He said he thinks Campbell got some bad advice and that the micromanagement was unfortunate.

Hrydziuszko said that abuse toward staff from behind the Council desk needs to stop. She said speaking to staff that negatively is unacceptable. She said residents are thankful for things Campbell has done and she thanked him for his time.

George said that this is a people business. He wants to make Beverly Hills a good place to work and wants staff to feel like Council has their back. He said Campbell handled a lot in a positive way and has nothing but admiration for him.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Hrydziuszko, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk