

Present: President Peddie; President Pro-Tem Abboud; Members: George, Hrydziuszko, Mooney, Nunez, and Mueller

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Wilson
Village Clerk / Assistant Manager, Rutkowski
Village Attorney, Ryan

Peddie called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mooney, second by Mueller, to approve the agenda.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Daykin, Buckingham, expressed her concerns related to the plan review and permit process for residential construction.

Mike Yamada, Old Post Road, asked that the Council reconsider passing the tree ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held May 7, 2019.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Thursday, May 16, 2019.
3. Review and consider resolution appointing SOCRRRA representative and alternate for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.
4. Review and consider resolution appointing SOCWA representative and alternate for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 7, 2019 AS NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Village of Beverly Hills to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.

WHEREAS, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year;

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other high-income countries;

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is an elected body's highest responsibility;

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories;

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe;

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later, should be now celebrating her 22nd birthday;

WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya – and the 100 Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day – a national coalition of organizations has designated June 7, 2019, the first Friday in June, as the 5th National Gun Violence Awareness Day;

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life;

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 7th, the first Friday in June in 2019, to help raise awareness about gun violence;

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 7, 2019 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lee Peddie, Council President of the Village of Beverly Hills, do hereby proclaim the first Friday in June, June 7, 2019, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all residents to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Several members of Moms Demand Action were present in support of this proclamation.

Moms Demand Action representative Juliet Henschel and member Joyce Peralta thanked Council for all their support and encouraged Council and residents to wear orange on Friday, June 7, 2019.

Senator Rosemary Bayer, Dunblaine stated how proud she was to live in a community that recognizes the importance of this proclamation and continues to work for gun safety.

Motion by Peddie, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved that the Council for the Village of Beverly Hills adopts and signs the proclamation as read.

Motion passed.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF VARIOUS BOARD/COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following is a list of board members whose terms expire on June 30, 2019. All the members have been notified of their term expiration and those listed below wish to be considered for reappointment. Those in parenthesis do not wish to be reappointed. It was noted that Council agreed in November of 2008 to make these vacancies open to the public as well as the currently seated member.

Parks & Recreation Board

Irene Davis

Planning Commission

Benjamin Wilensky

Robert Stempien

Patrick Westerlund

Zoning Board

Reanen Maxwell

Vacancy (William Donnelly)

Vacancy (Ashley Lepidi)

All terms are for three years beginning July 1, 2019 and expiring June 30, 2022. All interested and eligible residents of Beverly Hills are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is Friday, June 7, 2019. Applications are available on the Village’s website or at the Village office.

This constitutes the first announcement of the vacancies with appointments scheduled to take place at the June 18th regular Village Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Park Buckthorn Removal Update – Saturday, May 11th saw some significant progress made toward the eventual removal of the buckthorn debris. Many local volunteers showed up and worked very hard under less than ideal conditions to clear, stack and chip a significant amount of debris. An area on the north end of the project area is being cleared to allow for a first round of tree planting later this month. Village Administration is also working to clear some drains that appear to be plugged that will hopefully allow this area to dry out as soon as possible. The park rangers continue to work to move and stack debris. Village Administration met with NCS on the project site this week to examine the progress to date and plan for the remainder of the season. NCS will be back on site in late June with a significant amount of labor to hand carry debris to be chipped. The current wet conditions inhibit the collection of cut material in a significant portion of the project area at this time. Nevertheless, we will continue to collect the debris from the areas we can. Chipped material that can be used will be placed along the path. Some of the larger felled logs will also be used to line the foot paths. There has been a lot of work put into this project to date. I anticipate that the cleanup progress will accelerate as the conditions improve. Again, thank you to all the volunteers for your effort.

Village Healthcare Renewal – Village Administration met with the insurance agent for the Village’s health care policies for the upcoming year. For the plan year 2020 (August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020) the Village’s overall health care costs will increase by 0.07%. In the budget for FY 2020 the Village anticipated an increase of 5.0% for health care premiums. Over the last three (3)

years, the Village's overall health care costs have increase by an average -0.68%. Village Administration has worked closely with our agent, IBEX Insurance Agency to consistently monitor and evaluate our plans and to offer a plan that provides affordable and comprehensive coverage for our employees in a cost-effective way. The Village has been able to maintain our level of coverage to our employees and retirees and has remained compliant with the maximums for health care costs established by Public Act 152.

14 Mile Paving Project – The poor weather conditions did prohibit the completion of the 14 Mile Paving Project west of Lahser Rd. Traffic Control will remain in place for most of this week. The contractor is working on the completion of paving and is working final adjustments for manholes and catch basins. The Village would like to thank the residents for their patience and cooperation during this process.

Office Closed – Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. Trash collection will be delayed one day that week.

Street Sweeping – Street sweeping will take place on Thursday, May 23rd and Friday, May 24th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

George thanked residents for attending meetings and speaking about their concerns. All topics brought to Council are given consideration and take time to resolve.

Hrydziuszko thanked all the residents for coming and working at the Beverly Park Clean Up Day.

Mueller reported that the contract with NCS is only for the removal of buckthorn, and the Village remains responsible for any other plant or tree removal.

Nunez supports the need for a tree ordinance and would like to see tree planting requirements as well.

Mooney thanked all the residents, Council members, and Park Rangers for their efforts at the Park Clean Up Day.

Abboud thanked veterans for their service and encouraged them to reach out and utilize all services offered to them.

Motion by Mooney, second by Mueller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Motion passed.

Lee Peddie
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk

Elizabeth M. Lyons
Recording Secretary