

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

Absent: None

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

Peddie called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building located at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road and virtually via Zoom per Executive Order 2020-154. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

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

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

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 July 7, 2020.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, July 20, 2020.
3. Review and consider Resolution to Concur in the Rules and Regulations Concerning Industrial Pretreatment Program as Adopted by the Great Lakes Water Authority.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

At the Council meeting held March 3, 2020, Administration presented an overview of the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program offered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). This is a no-cost program available for interested municipalities to promote positive redevelopment efforts in the community. The goal is to create processes that are effective, efficient, and transparent using six Best Practices; Community Plans and Public Outreach, Zoning Regulations, Development Review Process, Recruitment and

Education, Community Prosperity, and Redevelopment Ready Sites. Below are a few benefits of the program:

- Streamlining processes and procedures,
- Receiving an outside review of planning, zoning and development plans, processes and policies,
- RRC certification providing eligibility for other community development incentives,
- Technical assistance match funding available, and
- MEDC will promote up to 3 redevelopment sites upon certification, including assistance in the development of site marketing materials and bringing those materials to conferences and events both in Michigan and across the country.

Certification is a three-step process that takes place over a period of time. Typical range is 1 to 3 years from engagement to certification. First, the community formally engages with MEDC, then it proceeds to the evaluation step, and the third and final step is certification. To formally engage in the RRC program, Village Council must pass a resolution of intent after which Village staff will complete a self-evaluation and the RRC staff at MEDC will perform an evaluation of the community practices based on those Best Practices, stakeholder interviews, and observations/data analysis. The Village uses these evaluation tools to target areas of improvement, such as modifications to policies and procedures, or updates to ordinances. During this time as an engaged community the Village will be eligible for technical assistance from MEDC to complete these tasks. The Village will be certified as a redevelopment ready community upon demonstration of meeting all Best Practice criteria. The RRC program is an ongoing partnership, and MEDC will work with the Village throughout the process to provide support as needed.

Upon certification, the Village will also gain access to additional technical assistance and the Redevelopment Services Team (RSTeam) to further support redevelopment efforts through site analysis, RFP/RFQ assistance, environmental assessments, marketing assistance, and developer matchmaking events.

A resolution of intent must be passed by Council to formally begin the process of engagement in the Redevelopment Ready Communities program.

Motion by Hrydziusko, second by Nunez, for adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation has created the statewide Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program to help identify and strengthen areas in a community's development process and highlight opportunities in the community, and;

WHEREAS, the RRC program provides technical assistance and certifies Michigan Communities who actively engage stakeholders and plan deliberate, fair, and consistent processes, and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills continues to strive to create a business-friendly climate and to integrate transparency, predictability, and efficiency into daily development practices, all of which can be enhanced through participation in the RRC program, and;

WHEREAS, opportunities for redevelopment of existing parcels and buildings are the future for major investment in the Village of Beverly Hills as there is limited space left for development within the Village limits, and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills recognizes the value of the RRC program and wishes to join the program to further refine our development processes for future opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council authorizes the Village of Beverly Hills staff to participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Redevelopment Ready Communities Program.

Roll call vote:

Motion passed (7-0)

RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT ON COVID-19 FUNDING REQUESTS.

Wilson provided a report on the applications that Administration has been working on to procure available grant funding related to the Coronavirus pandemic. To date, we have submitted for funding or reimbursement on the following:

Hazard Pay: The Village has submitted for Hazard Pay reimbursement in the amount of \$23,000. This is equal to \$1,000 for each sworn Public Safety Office (PSO) who worked during the Covid-19 Pandemic and Shut Down Order. If approved, the Village will pay the \$1000 per officer Hazard Pay payment and receive reimbursement.

Public Safety Payroll Reimbursement: The Village has applied for the first round of CARES Act funding for reimbursement for Public Safety Payroll expenses. The first round of payroll reimbursement covers the months of April and May. Our total payroll and related expenses for this period was around \$490,000. I am not sure how much funding we will be eligible for. There is a total of \$200 Million in funding for these expenses for all of Michigan. There will be a second round of funding for the period through July, if funds remain.

We have received roughly \$2000 in reimbursement for supplies through a regional grant for respiratory equipment in which we were participating.

The Village will continue to pursue other grant and reimbursement opportunities for costs and lost revenues relative to the COVID-19 pandemic. I will provide further updates as any award amounts become known. Thanks to the Public Safety Department Administration and particularly Sheila McCarthy and Peggy Linkswiler for their efforts in these grant applications.

Motion by Mooney, second by Nunez, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby receives and files the Report on COVID-19 Funding Requests.

Motion passed (7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER’S REPORT

13 Mile Construction Update – Work continues to progress well on the 13 Mile Rd. project. A lot of base work has been done on the east bound lanes with some of the subdivision approaches being poured. We are currently working with the contractors to determine the weekend for the rebuilding of the intersection of Southfield and 13 Mile. If everything goes well with no delays it is possible that this work would occur over the weekend of July 31-August 2. This is an aggressive schedule. If that schedule cannot be met, then it would likely be the weekend of August 7-9. Whenever it will be it will require a closing of lanes of traffic through the intersection from Friday through Sunday evening, with traffic restored by Monday morning. We will continue to monitor this situation and make public notice of the closure when we are more certain of the exact date.

As a reminder, when the east bound lanes are completed all west bound traffic will shift to those lanes to allow for the rebuilding of the other side of the road. East bound traffic will only be restored at the completion of the project.

SOCRRA Facility – The SOCRRA site on Coolidge north of 14 Mile will be reopening for residential drop off service on Monday, July 20th. Drop off will be done by appointment only. Appointments can be made online at the SOCRRA website. SOCRRA has held drop off programs at alternative locations during the partial closure of this site. These events have been very well attended. SOCRRA is contemplating doing at least one of these events in each community annually to help alleviate some of the demand on this site.

Residential Water Testing – The Village will be conducting our annual round of water testing for EPA and EGLE lead and copper testing in late July. We will be conducting a minimum of thirty (30) tests. The Village has a list of residences that have previously been tested and approved by EGLE for inclusion in our sampling list. We are in the process of reaching out to those residences in this round of testing. As we have done in previous years, we will offer testing to any resident who requests it and will provide them with the results. If anyone is interested in being included in this round of testing please contact the Village office at 248-646-6404.

Library Report – Baldwin Public Library Director Doug Koschik will be at our regular meeting of August 4th to give the annual update for the Baldwin Library. He is planning to attend in person.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Abhoud asked everyone to be aware of cyclists and motorcyclists on the road. He sent his condolences to the family of his dear friend, Alan Spirdione.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Peddie, second by Mooney, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Motion passed.

Lee Peddie
Council President

Kristin Rutkowski
Village Clerk