

Present: President Mooney; President Pro-Tem Peddie; Members: Abboud, Delaney, Mueller, Nunez, and Oen

Absent: None

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

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Delaney, second by Mueller, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held December 6, 2016.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, December 12, 2016.

Motion passed.

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS AND COMMUNITY ACTION ALLIANCE REGARDING WATER RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Wilson explained with the creation of the Great Lakes Water Authority program, the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP), was established to assist residential customers who have issues paying their water bills. The WRAP program allows eligible participants to enroll to maintain water services and begin repaying past due balances. Eligible participants also qualify for up to \$1000 per year in assistance, for water audits when usage is consistently higher than average, and up to \$1000 to help with minor plumbing repairs. To qualify, residents must be at 150% or less of the federal poverty level and meet other eligibility requirements.

As a participant in the WRAP program the Village would also agree to forego shutoffs for enrolled residents who maintain their participation, forego placing past due balances on tax bills, and waive penalties for active participants. The WRAP program is operated and administered by the Wayne Metro Community Action Agency (CA Alliance Agency). Eligibility determinations

are made by CA Alliance. Many of the Village's fellow members of SOCWA have signed up and are currently participating in the WRAP program, including Royal Oak, Southfield, Birmingham, and Pleasant Ridge. Village Administration has reviewed the participation requirements of the WRAP and does not find them to be unreasonable.

Motion by Abboud, second by Delaney, be it resolved the Village of Beverly Hills Council approves of and authorizes the Village Manager to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Village of Beverly Hills and the Wayne Metro Community Action Agency (CA Alliance) for participation in the Water Residential Assistance Program through March 31, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM REGARDING INSTALLATION OF A CROSSWALK ON SAXON

Wilson explained that at a previous Council meeting he described a proposed project with the City of Birmingham for the construction of a crosswalk across Saxon near Norchester. The installation of the crosswalk would require the extension of existing sidewalk on both the east and west sides of Norchester north to the edge of Saxon. Crosswalks would then be marked at these locations to allow pedestrians to cross Saxon. Installation of the sidewalk extensions will also require additional culvert work.

Birmingham has proposed to do this work as a part of their annual sidewalk work, with an estimated start date of July 2017. They are requesting that the Village pay for 50% of the project. Administration has reviewed the proposal and finds the project to be priced fairly and of benefit to the Village. There are pedestrians crossing currently in this area, and as the right-of-way for Saxon is quite large, the additional sidewalk and crosswalk markings will make these existing crossings safer.

Motion by Delaney, second by Abboud, be it resolved the Village of Beverly Hills Council approves of and authorizes the Village Manager to sign a Cost Participation Agreement with the City of Birmingham for the Saxon and Latham/Norchester Sidewalk Crossing for a total cost of \$21,237, as a part of the City of Birmingham 2017 Concrete Sidewalk Program.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION REGARDING BEVERLY HILLS VILLAGE LOGO

Mueller explained that the dated look of the Village logo has been brought up and that people would like to see a more modern style. He suggested a subcommittee be formed to spearhead this project. They would research the pricing, redesign and also the consistency of usage.

Abboud, Peddie, and Nunez agreed, all suggesting that with the rebranding and marketing of the Southfield Corridor a logo redesign would be a natural next step. They also all felt that

consideration should be given to all of the signs in the Village to create a cohesive and polished look.

Mooney agreed to create a subcommittee and appointed Peddie, Abboud, and Nunez. He asked that they be prepared to present their findings at the January 17, 2017 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Hall Rehabilitation Update – The Council Chambers will be ready for the January 3, 2017 meeting. Bob Borgon and BCTV have been on site and have begun preparing for the reinstallation of all camera, audio and recording equipment. There is extensive work to be done on this front. We anticipate that full recording and web streaming capabilities will be restored by the regular meeting of January 17, 2017. In the interim, we will continue to film and playback the meetings.

Snow Emergency and On-street Parking – On the evening of December 11 the Village declared a snow emergency. During a snow emergency, all cars are to be removed from residential streets until the roadway has been cleared. Cars should not be parked on residential streets until that street has been cleared of snow. Residents who do not move their cars are subject to potential violations and will also likely find their cars plowed in where they are parked on the street. In addition, failure to remove cars from residential streets limits the effectiveness and increases the amount of time necessary to plow snow. Please be aware of any instances where the Village declares a Snow Emergency or any significant snow event. As a reminder, snow plowing efforts during significant snow events will prioritize major roads and paths to schools before clearing residential streets. Once plowing begins on residential streets it will continue until all streets have been cleared. On cul-de-sacs and dead end streets normally a larger plow is used to open the road followed by a smaller truck plow to clean up additional areas. The smaller truck plows will follow behind as soon as possible behind the larger plows.

Annual Strategy Meeting – The Village Council will hold their annual organizational meeting on Saturday, January 14, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. President Mooney will be establishing an agenda for this meeting and will be taking input from all Council members for topics for this meeting.

Village Offices Closed -- Village offices will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas holiday. Village offices will also be closed on Friday, December 30th and Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Years. Trash and recycling collection will be picked up on Monday, December 26th, Tuesday, December 27th, Monday, January 2nd and Tuesday, January 3rd as regularly scheduled.

November Water Sales – Council was provided a copy of a report from SOCWA General Manager Jeff McKeen regarding water sales for the month of November. SOCWA has been analyzing November water sales for many years as a determination of base water usage throughout the SOCWA system. November water sales are used as this month is not generally

influenced by outside sprinkling and does not have the lower usages of other winter months when some residents are not in the area. The trend for November water sales has been consistent over the last 15 years and 2016 was no different, with a 2.1% decrease over November 2015. 2016 has been an overall good year for water sales, much better than 2015, yet November sales still decline. This indicates continued downward pressure on overall water sales and is a trend that administration will continue to watch.

RFP for Real Estate Consulting Services for Southfield Corridor – Village Administration has received a draft of the RFP for Real Estate Consulting Services from Gibbs Planning Group as was authorized by Council. Village Administration is reviewing this draft and will be meeting with Gibbs.

Donald and Patricia Greening Scholarship - A new scholarship opportunity is available to students who live in Beverly Hills or will be a graduate of Groves High School. The Donald and Patricia Greening Community Service Scholarship Award was created to financially assist one male and one female student each year with their post-secondary education. The student must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the scholarship:

- Plan to enroll at a college, community college, university, or technical school in the fall of 2017.
- Be a graduating high school senior or incoming freshman college student with an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or a minimum ACT score of 22.
- Completed community service work benefiting the Village of Beverly Hills or any charitable or religious organization located in the Village of Beverly Hills.

Students can get details on how to apply and applications from school Counselors at Groves, Seaholm, Marian, Brother Rice and Detroit Country Day. Applications must be submitted to the Village of Beverly Hills Offices by 12:00 pm on Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council members wished the Village residents a safe and happy holiday season.

Motion by Abboud, second by Delaney, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Motion passed.

John Mooney
Council President

Ellen Marshall
Village Clerk

Elizabeth Lyons
Recording Secretary