

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Manager, Wilson
Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall

Council President Mooney called the special Council meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER WATER MAIN PROJECT TIMING

In the area bounded by Beverly Road, 14 Mile, Pierce and Southfield, there are approximately 305 homes that currently connect to water mains that run through the rear yards. The water main located in the rear yards is estimated to be over 80 years old. A newer, wider water main was installed in the front of these homes for fire suppression purposes in the 1980s, but these homes were never connected. The suggested plan is to connect the homes to the front water main rather than replace the rear main. By connecting in the front, the Village will have easier access to the lines for future work, and residents will see an increase in water pressure.

Wilson explained this project is considered preventative and proactive. There are no current issues with the rear water main or the water quality. The Village looks to continue its commitment to provide high quality, uninterrupted water to the residents. The project is projected to cost between \$2,000,000 and \$6,000,000, could begin in summer of 2018, and would take three to four months to complete. The Village would pay some, if not all, of the costs related to this project. Before any commitments are made Council intends to hold a study session, and several public hearings.

Abboud arrived at 5:45pm.

Oen felt the project should be completed sooner rather than later, however he supports a full survey of the infrastructure to generate a thorough plan.

Delaney agreed the project could potentially wait until 2019 or 2020. This project would be bonded, and the priority is minimal disruption to residents. There are two parts to this project; replacing the water lines and looping the system.

Wilson agreed that it should be two separate projects. There are currently no water quality issues. During the course of the project there are potential complications that could arise due to the extensive use of directional boring from mismarked or unmarked utility lines. The bonding process takes six to nine months, and the process could begin in the summer of 2018 to carry out the project during the 2019 construction season.

Mooney agrees that the system needs to be replaced, however, he supports postponing the project. By postponing the project, the water and sewage fund would have time to grow, it would allow HRC to complete their plans, and allow for the Village to pursue bonding.

The Council concluded they would reevaluate the project in spring 2018, thus allowing some time to establish history with the new water rates and infrastructure charges. Administration would proceed with the bonding process and direct HRC to complete the plans with continued monitoring. Should there be any changes, the Village would be prepared to move forward immediately.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

Delaney reviewed the report submitted by Public Safety Director Torongeau, and expressed the need to prioritize the purchase of a mini-pumper truck. Currently, the Class A pumper is out of service, and repair will cost approximately \$20,000. A smaller truck would be a useful addition to the fleet. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) evaluated the public safety department in 2010. The department was given a rating of 5 for Public Protection Class. In 2013, the ISO began evaluating departments every five years. While the department has not been given notice, it is safe to assume the time for another evaluation is near. In 2010 the department received credit for having a reserve pumper which helped improve the overall rating.

Wilson confirmed that the Village has the funds available to repair the large pumper truck, and purchase the mini-pumper truck.

Council agreed to repair the large pumper truck and place the purchase of the mini-pumper truck on a future agenda.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Nunez highlighted unresolved code violations throughout the Village. He suggested a three strike system that results in a ticket on the third strike; flagging a visit after 24 hours for follow up. He proposed a detailed log of all interactions between the code enforcement office and residents, which would be submitted to Council in the bi-weekly packets. He suggested the Village eliminate providing code enforcement for Franklin and Bingham Farms. He felt there needs to be clarification if construction site violations are considered code violations or ordinance violations, and he suggested fence repairs be tracked by permit.

Wilson explained that despite the diligence of the Code Enforcement Officer, people often disregard the notices, choosing to pay the fine on the civil infraction.

Council discussed several ideas and requested a bi-weekly report to be included with the Council packets.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER SIGN IN FRONT OF VILLAGE HALL

Abboud suggested Council consider modifying the sign ordinance to exempt the municipality, allowing an LED sign in front of the Village Hall.

Oen felt that if the ordinance prohibits LED signs, the Village is bound to that limitation. Mueller felt it was inappropriate to change the ordinance to benefit the Village. Nunez suggested that it is important to reconsider ordinances when necessary.

Wilson explained that if an exception is made for municipal buildings, it would also have to include schools and churches.

Council agreed to approach the Planning Commission to draft a recommendation to submit for a future agenda.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER TERM LIMITS FOR BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mueller would like to see Council subcommittees review current members and only call for applications when there are actual vacancies. Wilson explained that the process of calling for applicants for all positions was put into place to avoid reappointing the same people multiple times.

Peddie felt that by limiting terms, you might run out of people willing to serve. Sometimes the benefit of a long term member is the experience and knowledge they bring to the board or commission.

Council agreed to consider changes to the process including when people are interviewed and how they are informed of subcommittee decisions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mooney and Delaney expressed deep concern related to vehicle and pedestrian traffic on Beverly Road near the swim club. Between the construction, Beverly Park, Swim Club, pedestrian traffic, and daily traffic the area is at high risk for accidents.

Wilson stated the swim club approached the Village with a proposal to put a crosswalk in. The proposal needs to be reviewed to ensure it would not cause a backup in the que of traffic heading eastbound on Beverly.

Council requested Administration look into ensuring the safety of the area immediately, including erecting “Watch for Pedestrian” signs.

Motion by Abboud, second by Peddie, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Motion passed.

John Mooney
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Elizabeth M. Lyons
Recording Secretary