

Present: President Mooney; Members: Abboud, Delaney, Mueller, Nunez, and Oen

Absent: President Pro-Tem Peddie

Also Present: Village Manager, Wilson
Village Attorney, Ryan
Village Clerk, Marshall

President Mooney 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.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Oen, second by Abboud, to approve the agenda.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA

Kay Michael, Kirkshire, spoke representing the Concerned Owners of Kirkshire. They are concerned about new development, existing drainage problems, and maintaining the aesthetic of the neighborhood. She referenced the Vision and Goals for the Village of Beverly Hills in the Master Plan and what that looks like for the future of her neighborhood. She spoke at the March 2018 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting and spoke at the March 2018 Planning Commission meeting.

Dorothy Pfeifer, Charrington Ct., requested that the trucks working on the Greenfield Road project not use Charrington for a staging area. Mooney reassured her this would not be the case.

Elin Betanzo, Chelton, read a prepared statement about her concerns related to lead and copper testing of the homes in Beverly Hills.

Mooney explained that in the fall of 2017, during routine testing of the Village water quality, the Department of Environmental Quality found a trace of lead in one randomly tested home. It was determined that the home, built in the 1920s, had a lead water service line. The pipe was replaced, the home was retested with no traces of lead found. Homes on either side were tested, and they were lead free. There is no problem with the Village water, it is completely safe. This information was published in the newspaper, the Village newsletter, the website, and on the back of the water bills. He further explained that if a resident has any concerns or would like their water or service line tested at no charge they can contact the Village office and be placed on the testing list. He further explained that the Clean Water Act non-profit is fundraising door to door in the Village, however they may not give an accurate representation of Village actions with this process.

Members of Council thanked residents for attending the meeting and reassured them that water testing and safety is their top priority in the Village.

Walter Briggs, Reedmere, voiced his concerns about large homes and six foot fences being built in the Village.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Oen, second by Nunez, that the Council for the Village of Beverly Hills approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held April 3, 2018.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, April 16, 2018.
3. Review and consider waiving sales restrictions at Beverly Park for Memorial Day Carnival.
4. Review and approve resolution and contract with the City of Southfield for water service and delinquent water payment.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed.

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION REGARDING GREENFIELD ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING

The following Resolution was offered by Delaney, and seconded by Oen.

Whereas, in October of 2017 the City of Royal Oak sent a request to the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) to perform a traffic study for Greenfield Road between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile Roads for the purpose of calming traffic through reduced speed limits; and

Whereas, in the letter from Royal Oak to the RCOC, the city expressed its interest in having the RCOC make the intersection of Normandy and Greenfield more conducive to pedestrian and bicycle traffic because the current bike route is difficult to traverse east/west at certain times of the day; and

Whereas, since Royal Oak's initial request, meetings to discuss this section of Greenfield Road have occurred between RCOC, Royal Oak and the Village of Beverly Hills; and

Whereas, the RCOC did not have plans to conduct any construction projects on Greenfield Road but as a direct result of the meetings, RCOC has scheduled a road resurfacing improvement project for the summer of 2018 for Greenfield Road between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile Roads; and

Whereas, at its meeting on March 19, 2018, the Royal Oak City Commission resolved to enter into a tri-party funding agreement with the RCOC and the Village of Beverly Hills to perform the resurfacing of Greenfield Road between 13 Mile and 14 Mile roads; and

Whereas, at its regular meeting March 20, 2018 the Beverly Hills Village Council resolved to enter into a tri-party funding agreement with the RCOC and the City of Royal Oak to perform the resurfacing of Greenfield Road between 13 Mile and 14 Mile roads; and

Whereas, Greenfield Road is designated a Principal Arterial roadway per the NFC and qualifies for a variety of funding sources including RCOC, Federal Aid, as well as Beverly Hills and Royal Oak Tri-party funding; and

Whereas, Greenfield Road has not been reviewed or improved in many years and is lacking desirable complete streets features; and

Whereas, in coordination with the City of Royal Oak, the Village of Beverly Hills has reviewed Traffic Improvement Association generated accident report summaries and believes there are patterns of accident types that could be remedied with safety and traffic calming features; and

Whereas, Beverly Hills is in favor of improving Greenfield Road between 13 Mile and 14 Mile to improve access, and reduce speeding and accidents on this corridor with plans that include traffic calming, accident reduction and non-motorized features; and

Whereas, traffic calming features desired by the Village include median islands along the corridor, and roundabout at the intersection of Greenfield Road and Normandy Road; and

Whereas, accident reduction features desired by the Village include a continuous center left turn lane along the corridor; and

Whereas, non-motorized features desired by the Village include enhanced crosswalk lighting, signals and signage at appropriate locations along the corridor to allow for safe and convenient pedestrian movements for crossing Greenfield Road.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council requests the Road Commission for Oakland County to actively work with the Village to develop plans and program funding for a Greenfield Road improvement project that will include traffic calming; accident reduction and non-motorized features for Greenfield Road between 13 Mile and 14 Mile Roads to be undertaken in the next five years.

Roll call vote:

Motion passed unanimously.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF JUNE 5, 2018 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22, SECTION 22.08.150 FENCE, WALL & PRIVACY SCREEN REGULATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

The joint subcommittee of Planning Commission and Council reviewed amendments to Chapter 22, Section 22.08.150 Fence, Wall, and Privacy Screen Regulations and prepared draft language for discussion and recommendation by the Planning Commission. A draft will be available for the Planning Commission to discuss at their meeting to be held Wednesday, April 25, 2018. . A first reading and public hearing is set for June 5, 2018.

REFER REVIEW OF CHAPTER 22 SECTION 22.24 AREA, HEIGHT, BULK, AND PLACEMENT REGULATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR RECOMMENDATION REGARDING MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

Per discussion at the Council meeting held April 3, 2018, there was consensus that the area, height, bulk, and placement regulations enumerated in Section 22.24 of the Zoning Ordinance be amended

to include lot coverage maximums for Single Family Zone Districts. At this time, the only Zone District with lot coverage regulations is R-M, Multiple Family. The Planning Commission has a subcommittee reviewing this issue per the request of Council on February 20, 2018.

To expedite the process, Administration is suggesting the existing subcommittee work with the Planning Consultant and Village staff to draft amendments to Chapter 22, Section 22.24 to establish maximum coverage of lot percentage in Single Family Residential Zone Districts that can be reviewed by the Planning Commission as a whole for recommendation to Village Council.

Cynthia Nagle, Kirkshire, inquired if resident participation was permitted. Mooney encouraged residents to attend the Planning Commission meeting.

Motion by Abboud, second by Oen, be it resolved that the Council for the Village of Beverly Hills directs the existing Planning Commission subcommittee on lot coverage to draft amendments to Chapter 22, Section 22.24 to establish maximum coverage of lot percentage in Single Family Residential Zone Districts for Planning Commission to review and make a recommendation to Council.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Greenfield Road Repaving – The Village has been notified by the Road Commission for Oakland County that the repaving project on Greenfield Rd. will begin on Monday, April 16th. Initially the Village anticipated that this project would occur later in the year, but it has been moved forward on the schedule. The Village has notified Greenfield Elementary and the adjoining HOA of the proposed construction schedule.

FY 2018-19 Budget – Village Administration continues to work on the final draft of the budget for Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20. Administration has been able to take the recommendations of Council from the budget hearing of April 10 and incorporate them into the current budget document. The Village Manager and Finance Director McCarthy will be working with Oen and Delaney on graphs and charts for the formal budget presentation of May 15th.

Grant Applications – The Village has applied for funding through the Oakland County Local Road Improvement Program. An application for funding for the reconstruction of 14 Mile Rd. from Lahser to the west Village limits was submitted in the amount of \$16,801. The Local Road Improvement Program is designed to assist local cities and villages with maintenance and improvements on local roads and streets under their jurisdiction. Village Administration also made an application to SEMCOG for \$5,050 for funding our PASER road analysis program. SEMCOG has made some funds available for local jurisdictions for road analysis for local road systems. In addition, the Public Safety Department has made application for grant funding for vests, firearms, AED devices and other equipment. The Public Safety Department was recently awarded a grant for \$5,000 to be spent on new vests.

Compost Available – The Village has compost available in the Village Hall parking lot.

Southfield Rd. Corridor Study – Village Administration and LSL Planning met with Bob Gibbs and CORE Partners on Friday, April 13th to advise CORE on the analysis they are preparing for the Southfield Rd. Overlay District. Village Administration anticipates a final report from CORE this summer.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Nunez continues to focus on the character of the Village, and he believes that character is found in the people. He cautioned residents to avoid running multiple cords across streets when connecting to neighbors generators.

Abboud reported the Planning Commission continues to work on Height and Bulk Regulations, as well as the amended fence ordinance. He congratulated his daughter on earning several grants to study in Spain.

Delaney reported the Cable Board meeting has been canceled and rescheduled for April 25. Bob Borgon has offered to be the Village alternative representative at Next. He thanked Public Safety for all of their work on the latest insurance services report. He would like a discussion related to the replanting of trees on an upcoming Council agenda.

Oen thanked Comeau Equipment for their work in the Village following recent storms.

Mooney thanked residents for attending the meeting and sharing their ideas.

Motion by Abboud, second by Oen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Motion passed.

John G. Mooney
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Elizabeth M. Lyons
Recording Secretary