

Present: Council President Domzal; President Pro-Tem Woodrow; Members: Downey, Koss, McCleary, Pfeifer and Taylor

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Murphy

President Domzal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road. This will be a planning session to review and develop an action plan for Council.

Domzal distributed a worksheet entitled “Village Council Action Plan” listing topics suggested by Council members. All of the items have been discussed in some form. He proposes that Council use this session to focus on how each of the issues will be tackled and in what time frame, recognizing that the solution will be developed at a later point in time.

Domzal also circulated a copy of current Council assignments on various Village boards, committees and departments. It includes a number of ad-hoc groups or committees such as the Personnel Committee, Natural Resources or Tree committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and Governmental Affairs/Charter Revision Committee. Domzal will ask that Council consider impaneling three groups that would capture issues not under an existing group: Revitalization, Infrastructure and Community Relations. The groups would be standing committees or a committee that takes on ad-hoc issues and reports back to Council.

Council discussed the following topics and a strategy for addressing each item.

Elections – Council will discuss the Village election cycle at a study session by October 1, 2004. Council action is required between September and December, 2004, or State Law default action will prevail.

Governmental Structure/City v Village – The goal is to conduct a study that examines cost savings and political analysis and to prepare a report and recommendations on the city v. village question. This will be a topic of discussion at a study session.

Charter Revision – Further Charter revisions will be reviewed by Pfeifer and Attorney Ryan. Recommendations will be brought to Council for consideration.

Trees - Recommendations from the Village Tree Committee on a tree planting program and related issues will be a Council discussion item at tonight’s regular meeting. Council will discuss whether this committee should be expanded to tackle other natural resource issues at an upcoming study session.

Budget/Finance – A budget proposal to reduce the draw down from the General Fund balance for fiscal year 2004/05 will be discussed by the Council Budget/Finance Committee chaired by Woodrow following completion of the Public Safety Efficiency Study. The committee will present its recommendation to Council.

Library funding – There was agreement that discussion should begin on whether or not to place a library funding question on the ballot for the next election. Administration will compile facts and figures for Council review at a study session.

ZBA/Planning (RV Storage) - The issue is whether the ordinance regulating recreational vehicle storage should be tightened (Section 22.21 Parking and/or Storage of Conveyances other than Licensed Private Passenger Cars or Vehicles). Administration will request a report from the code enforcement officer on the status of recreational vehicles in the Village before deciding whether to pursue this matter.

ZBA/Planning (Southfield Road Corridor Study) – Initial Village-wide survey results did not register high on the topic of traffic on major mile roads or addressing problems on Southfield Road. Council will delay a decision on pursuing a Southfield Road Corridor Study until a full report is received from the Strategic Planning Development Committee.

ZBA/Planning (14 Mile Road Corridor Study) - Planning Board recommendations for an Overlay Zoning District for the study area portion of 14 Mile Road will be discussed at tonight's Council meeting.

Strategic Plan – The Personnel Committee will make a recommendation to Council on steps to keep the strategic planning process moving forward after the Strategic Planning Development Committee issues its final report. The report is likely to be completed in August.

Council/Community Relations – There is no specific action plan related to the process of continuing to reconcile the community, committees, council to lessen friction wherever possible. Council will focus on community relations as part of its study sessions.

Other possible action items were brought up. There was not a consensus to pursue a *civic foundation*. Administration will report on a *review of SOCRRA services*. There was no specific action proposed at this point in terms of *health care issues*. The *youth advisory group* topic is part of the Council community relations issue and can be addressed at a study session. *Safety issues* was added to the Council Action Plan.

A Council study session was scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2004 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the municipal offices.

Motion by Pfeifer, second by Koss, to recess at 7:18 p.m.

Motion passed.

Dave Domzal
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary