

Present: President Koss; President Pro-Tem Briggs; Members: Burry, Mercer, Mooney LaFerriere and Oen

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall
Village Attorney, Ryan
Director of Public Safety, Woodard

President Koss 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 Mooney, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Safety Officer Howard Shock was present to remind the public about the Adopt-A-Senior program. The program was instituted in 2006 by the Beverly Hills Public Safety Officer's Association with the purpose of reaching, assisting, and befriending senior residents who are in need. The program is run by officers who volunteer their time. Officers occasionally identify a senior in need while responding to a call for service. Some seniors need transportation to a doctor appointment; officers have checked smoke detectors; holiday baskets are delivered to participants. Seniors provide the Department with information on how to access their home in an emergency.

Shock explained that seniors can request to have the Department install a Knox-Box, which is a rapid entry system that provides non-destructive emergency access into a residence. Residents store an entrance key, medical history, and emergency contact data in the box mounted on their door. The Department has a key to their box.

Seniors wishing to participate in the voluntary Adopt-A-Senior program should contact the Public Safety Department (248/540-3400) where they will be directed to one of the officers who will enroll them in the program. People may make donations to this non-profit service group. Information on the Adopt-A-Senior program is available on the Public Safety Department website.

Township Clerk Sharon Tischler reminded people that Southfield Township will be offering free document shredding for Township residents on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 10 a.m. until noon at the municipal parking lot.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held September 6, 2011.
- b. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, September 12, 2011.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM PARKS & RECREATION BOARD TO AUTHORIZE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK BID PROPOSALS FOR INSTALLATION OF A 9-HOLE DISC GOLF COURSE IN BEVERLY PARK

Mooney related that Council has had an opportunity to review materials provided by the Parks and Recreation Board describing this proposal over the past months. Council members have also taken the opportunity to view the proposed 9-hole disc golf course laid out by Jim O'Reilly in Beverly Park. Some members of Council have visited parks in surrounding communities where disc golf courses exist.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Beverly Hills Village Council authorize administration to seek bid proposals for the installation of a nine-hole disc golf course in Beverly Park in accordance with the plans and layout presented and reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Burry commented on some of the specifics of the disc golf course proposed by the Parks and Recreation Board. He did not think that this use was suited to Beverly Park due to its natural character. Burry observed that there are other activities for people to enjoy in the park.

Roll Call Vote:

Burry	- no
Koss	- yes
LaFerriere	- yes
Mercer	- yes
Mooney	- yes
Oen	- yes
Briggs	- yes

Motion passed (6 – 1).

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF OCTOBER 4, 2011 REGARDING PROGRAM YEAR 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

As part of the requirements for receiving federal funding, Council set a public hearing date of October 4, 2011 to review the Program Year 2012 Community Development Block Grant Application.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS – MANAGER

Assistant Manager Marshall presented the manager's report in Chris Wilson's absence. She reminded Council that the meeting with the Southfield Road corridor business owners will be on Monday, September 26 at 7 p.m. in the Village Council chamber. Administration has attempted to contact all business owners by phone and has received some affirmative responses.

The road work associated with the 2011 Construction Program will be completed in two days. Sidewalk replacement will start on Kirkshire tomorrow; sidewalk will be removed and replaced concurrently. The contractor has determined that he will not be able to complete the sidewalk replacement program this fall. Sidewalk replacement will be done in the areas east of Southfield Road this fall with the program continuing west of Southfield Road in the spring. Lacaria Concrete will honor this year's unit prices for next year to complete this project and for any additional concrete road work undertaken in the Village in 2012.

At the last Council meeting, there were concerns raised about Hubbell, Roth & Clark performing inspections to determine what sections of sidewalk were to be replaced. This is incorrect. HRC is the Village's Engineer and, as such, is responsible for the inspection of all construction projects including the 2011 sidewalk project. Inspection of the existing sidewalk to determine sections in need of replacement was conducted by the Department of Public Services and Comeau Equipment Company.

The Village office will be closed on Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day. The regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting for that evening has been moved to Tuesday, October 11th.

Mercer commented that the Village would be soliciting bids for next year's road work. It was his understanding that this year's contractor would have to resubmit a bid to do that work.

Attorney Ryan responded that Council can choose to solicit bids for concrete road work next year depending on economic conditions. However, Council has used the services of the previous year's low bidder if that contractor offered to extend the contract at the same price. Mooney added that Council may want to seek bids but it would not be compelled to solicit bids to do other road work since the Village already went out for bids for concrete road work this year.

REPORTS – COUNCIL

Oen thanked PSO Shock for his presentation on the Adopt-A-Senior program. He looked forward to Council's meeting with Southfield Road business owners.

LaFerriere commended the Public Safety Department dispatchers for the assistance provided to his family last weekend. Their advice was professional and effective.

Mooney had sad news for the community regarding the deep loss of three leading Beverly Hills citizens over the past couple of weeks. He talked about his personal connection and the remarkable community service performed by Martha Ashcraft, a founding member of the Village Woman's Club, John Breen, long-time member of the Village Planning Board and Southfield Township Trustee, and Cliff Benson, former Council member and Finance Committee member. Mooney expressed condolences from Council and from the community to the families of these individuals. They will be missed.

Burry commented that he attended a meeting of the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC) Board today. He encouraged people to visit the new BASCC website and learn about the programs and services offered by the organization. The Birmingham Area Cable Board will meet in the Council chamber tomorrow morning at 7:45 a.m.

Briggs attended the September 19 meeting of the Baldwin Public Library Board. He reported on library finances, upcoming programs, and future agenda items including long and short-term building plans, and a strategy for the library to become more of a community center. Briggs noted that September is National Library Card month. He mentioned that the Baldwin Library will be participating in this year's Halloween Hoot. Briggs announced that there will be a Candidates Forum on October 12 in the Rotary Room to introduce candidates for the Birmingham Library Board.

Koss stated that Plante & Moran will present the audit report at the October 4, 2011 Council meeting. She updated Council on changes to the State Revenue Sharing program, which is now known as the Economic Vitality Incentive Program. Koss outlined conditions imposed and related that the Village will be meetings it goals to comply with new program requirements.

Koss provided an update on the status of open contracts with Public Safety. Four dates in December have been set for arbitration with the command officers. Administration continues to work with the Village labor attorney gathering information that will be needed at those hearings.

Koss reminded people of upcoming events this fall including the Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Octoberfest and Haunted House and the Village's Halloween Hoot in Beverly Park.

RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to go into closed session at 8:08 p.m. to discuss pending litigation regarding Kendall vs. Village of Beverly Hills.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to reconvene in open session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Rosanne Koss
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary