

Present: President Koss; Members: LaFerriere, Mooney and Oen

Absent: Briggs, Burry and Mercer

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

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. Two scouts from Troop 1024 and one scout from Troop 1699 led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to amend the business agenda to remove item b., “Review and consider 2011 Special Assessment Roll for the Southfield Road Business Assessment District”, and place it on the next regular Council meeting agenda.

Motion passed (4 – 0).

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

Motion passed (4 – 0).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Consider approval of minutes of a special Council meeting held January 28, 2012.
- b. Consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held February 7, 2012.
- c. Consider approving minutes of a joint Council/Planning Board meeting of Feb. 8, 2012
- d. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, February 13, 2012.

Motion passed (4 – 0).

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND CONFIRM 2011 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE SOUTHFIELD ROAD BUSINESS ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The Village maintains the public right-of-way along the Southfield Road business district and assesses the cost of landscape maintenance, water for the sprinkling system, and electrical costs to the property owners on the west side of Southfield Road. It is required that Council hold a public hearing to review and confirm the 2011 Special Assessment Roll for the Southfield Road Business Assessment District.

President Koss declared the public hearing open at 7:35 p.m. to receive comments on the 2011 Special Assessment Roll for the Southfield Road Business Assessment District. She noted that Council will take action on the Assessment Roll at its next regular meeting when there will be at least five members present.

The Southfield Road Business District incurred the following costs for 2011: maintenance \$3,659.50, water costs for the sprinkling system \$1,846.95 and electric costs for Beverly Hills Grill \$232.74. In addition, each property incurred a 10% administrative fee for a total of \$573.92. The Village Business District Assessment Roll for the 2011 season totals \$6,313.11 as follows:

Beverly Hills Club	\$ 1,145.90
Bed, Bath & Beyond	447.92
Beverly Hills Grill	431.22
C.G. Holdings, LLC	327.96
Emile's	515.85
Taco Bell	387.63
31333 Building	511.71
Beverly Venture	1,152.13
J & D Karmo Real Estate	1,392.79

No one wished to be heard; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF SEVEN VACANCIES ON THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Beverly Hills Village Council adopted a resolution at its regular meeting on February 7, 2012 creating a Communications Committee. This committee will consist of seven qualified electors of Beverly Hills as selected by the Village Council. In order to establish the inaugural committee, two members will be appointed to serve for one year, two members will serve for two years and three members will serve for three years. Henceforth, each member will be appointed to a three year term. The Committee shall carry out activities as assigned by the Village Council and will meet monthly on the first Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

President Koss made the first announcement of seven vacancies on the Communications Committee. A second announcement will be made at the March 6 Council meeting. Applications are available at the Village office or can be printed from the Village website. The deadline for accepting applications will be on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. A subcommittee consisting of Briggs as chair, Burry and Mercer has been appointed to review the applications and forward a recommendation to Council. Koss encouraged interested residents to submit their applications to the Village to serve on this committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathleen Berwick of Kennoway Court expressed the view that Council members should refrain from talking about items not related to the business at hand when conducting public meetings. Berwick expressed her opposition to authorizing a study related to the redevelopment of the Southfield Road corridor.

REPORTS – MANAGER

Wilson announced that he received notice last week from Public Safety Director Karl Woodard that he will be retiring effective March 30, 2012. Wilson will begin a search to find his replacement this week. He thanked Karl Woodard for his years of service in Beverly Hills and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Wilson reported that, during completion of a recent sewer project, the Village ran into an issue with a section of sewer in the rear yard easement between Locherbie and Beechwood. As the contractor was lining sections of sewer in this area, a portion of the sewer showed signs of collapse and/or failure. The contractor was able to examine this sewer via video camera, and the results showed significant failures at multiple joints and a flattening of the sewer in various areas. It was determined that attempting to line this sewer in its current condition would be risky in that it could result in the collapse and failure of the line.

Rather than lining this section of sewer, the Village will open the section of the easement and replace damaged sections. Six houses in the area will need to have their service lines reinstalled as a result of this work. HRC is coordinating the project with impacted homeowners. It is anticipated that the work will commence and be completed this Thursday. Reconstruction work will take place next week. Wilson believes that the work can be done with no or minimal service interruptions to all the houses. Residents are being kept informed.

Wilson informed Council that the Village has received its first quarter bill from the Water Resources Commissioner for sewer services in the Evergreen Farmington Sewage Disposal System (EFSDS). The Village's total bill for this quarter is \$429,405.23. This amount represents an increase of roughly 250% from the first quarter of 2011, even though the amount of flow allocated to the Village only increased by 72%, per the calculations of the Water Resources Commissioner's office. Wilson mentioned that neighboring communities have also received sizeable increases.

Wilson reiterated that he has advocated to his colleagues in the EFSDS and to Council that he strongly objects to the change in the billing methodology. This is the first quarter that the County Water Resources Commissioner has fully implemented the meter-based billing system. This billing represents what Wilson feared, which was that the Village's quarterly rates would be heavily susceptible to rainfall. Wilson did not think the way the usage was calculated and allocated to each community was in the best interest of the District. He will write a letter to the Water Resources Commissioner indicating his frustrations and disapproval of his methodology. Wilson will be in contact with his colleagues in the District and will keep Council informed.

Wilson stated that plans for a sewer project in the next fiscal year will be contingent on whether the Village can allocate cash towards capital projects or need to keep it in reserve in the event that the Village receives another EFSDS bill in the next nine months. Questions and comments from Council on this topic were addressed by Wilson.

At its regular meeting of February 14, the Southfield Township Board unanimously approved the agreement for tax collection services with the Village of Beverly Hills. Wilson and Supervisor Schmitt executed a copy of the Agreement. Wilson commented that he looks forward to working with Treasurer Mooney to implement the system.

Wilson referred to reports in the press that he had been offered a position at the City of Roseville. Wilson stated that he respectfully declined an offer for the position of Roseville city manager after he could not negotiate an agreement with their mayor, council and attorney. Wilson expressed his gratitude to the Beverly Hills Council for their support during that time.

REPORTS – COUNCIL

Members of Council thanked Director Woodard for his many years of service to the Village. Council members remarked that they looked forward to having Chris Wilson remain in Beverly Hills.

LaFerriere related a couple of recent conversations that confirmed that other people think Beverly Hills is a desirable place in which to live because it is a safe community and has great schools. Beverly Hills is an incredible value for what is being offered. LaFerriere mentioned that property values have decreased in recent years but so have property taxes.

Oen reported that the Planning Board will meet on Wednesday, February 22 in the Council chamber. He commented on the agenda items that will be discussed at that meeting.

Mooney related that the Village has suffered a significant loss in the passing of Laura Geist, a valued citizen in the community. Laura Geist was an outstanding journalist, mother and community leader. She will be missed.

Mooney stated that Director Karl Woodard, who has served Beverly Hills for 13 years, deserves a great deal of praise. He has led the Public Safety Department through some difficult times. Karl has done an outstanding job for the Village as a good administrator and communicator. Director Woodard has provided a steadiness to our Department, and he will be missed. Mooney wished Karl and his wife Carol much happiness in retirement.

Koss was pleased to announce that Mike Palmer, owner of Premier Pet Supply, was recognized as one of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's "Elite 40 Under 40" at last week's State of the County address. Those on the list are "individuals who are excelling in their fields and are working to improve the quality of life in their communities by giving back". Koss asked residents to support all of the businesses in Beverly Hills because they support the community on a daily basis.

Koss thanked the scouts in the audience for being at tonight's Council meeting.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.
Motion passed (4 – 0).

Rosanne Koss
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary