

# City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Organizational Meeting  
Council Chambers, 8:00 p.m.

January 2, 2020

President of Council Dwight A. Clark, presiding

Present: Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig.

Others

Present: Law Director Barbour, Service Director Liskovec, Building Director Tuck-Macalla.

## AUDIENCE

The following individuals were also present this evening: Clare Banasiak.

President of Council Clark called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call at 8:00 p.m. It is a legal requirement of the Bay Village City Charter to meet for the purpose of organization at 8:00 p.m. on the first business day following January 1 of the year following a regular municipal election.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mayor Koomar** announced that a Planning Commission work session will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss options for the Commercial District, and potential changes to the City of Bay Village Zoning Code relative to an overlay. An additional session will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

**Ms. Maier** noted a conflict created by the fact that the Architectural Board of Review also meets on January 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Koomar stated that this has been discussed and it should not be a problem, since two different rooms will be used for the meetings.

Mr. Clark commented that hopefully the administration is working toward a date to start the library project. Building Director Tuck-Macalla is expecting to receive the project Mylar Blueprint soon. Mr. Clark noted the forthcoming decommissioning and demolition of the Bayway Cabin, and the potential of dealing with asbestos. Mayor Koomar stated that when the library plan goes through the Architectural Board of Review and back to the Planning Commission for approval, the land lease documents will be completed.

Mr. Clark welcomed newly-elected Councilman-at-large Thomas J. Kelly to Bay Village City Council. Mr. Kelly was administered the Oath of Office along with the re-elected members of Council at the Inauguration Ceremony held January 1, 2020, with many members of the Kelly family present to witness the event. Mr. Clark thanked Clerk of Council Joan Kemper for organizing and handling the logistics for the Inauguration which included the invocation by Reverend Jonathan McCleery of Bay United Methodist Church. Ms. Kemper expressed appreciation for the help of Boards and Commissions Secretary Kateri Vincent in all the preparations and work necessary to create the event.

**Mr. Clark** nominated Joan Kemper to serve as the City of Bay Village Clerk of Council. There were no other nominations.

**Motion** by Mr. Tadych to confirm the appointment of Joan Kemper as Clerk of Council of the City of Bay Village.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

The Clerk of Council announced that Certificates of Election have been received from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections for the following Bay Village Public Officials duly elected November 5, 2019.

**Dwight A. Clark, President of Council**

**Thomas J. Kelly, Councilman-at-large**

**David L. Tadych, Councilman, Ward 1**

**Lydia DeGeorge, Councilman, Ward 2**

**Sara Byrnes Maier, Councilwoman, Ward 3**

**Peter J. Winzig, Councilman, Ward 4**

At 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 1, 2020, Judge Brian Hagan of the Rocky River Municipal Court administered the Oath of Office to Council President Clark, Councilman-at-large Thomas J. Kelly, Ward 1 Councilman David L. Tadych, Ward 2 Councilwoman Lydia DeGeorge, Ward 3 Councilwoman Sara Byrnes Maier, and Ward 4 Councilman Peter J. Winzig, for their terms of office beginning January 1, 2020.

**Mr. Clark** nominated David L. Tadych for Vice President of Council. There were no other nominations.

**Motion** by **Stainbrook** to confirm the appointment of David L. Tadych as Vice President of Council.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

Clerk of Council Joan Kemper announced the following appointments by President of Council Clark to Council Committees:

	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Members</u>
Environment/Safety/Community Services	Lydia DeGeorge	David L. Tadych, Sara Byrnes Maier
Finance and Claims	David L. Tadych	Peter Winzig, Thomas Kelly, D. Clark
Planning, Zoning, Public Buildings and Grounds	Sara Maier	Lydia DeGeorge, Nancy Stainbrook
Public Improvements, Streets/Sewers/Drainage	Nancy Stainbrook	Sara Byrnes Maier, Thomas Kelly
Recreation and Park Improvements	Peter Winzig	Lydia DeGeorge, David L. Tadych
Services, Utilities and Equipment	Thomas J. Kelly	Nancy Stainbrook, Peter Winzig

**Motion by Tadych** to confirm appointments of the President of Council to Council Committees.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**President of Council Clark** announced the following appointments of Council representatives to Boards and Commissions:

Planning Commission: Sara Byrnes Maier

Community Services Advisory Board: Nancy W. Stainbrook

Parks and Recreation Commission: Peter J. Winzig

Income Tax Board of Review: Tom Bechtel, Jim Strunk

Architectural Board of Review: Lydia DeGeorge

Tree Commission: Thomas J. Kelly

Walker Road Park Ad Hoc Committee: Peter J. Winzig, David L. Tadych, Thomas J. Kelly

Bay Family Services: Dwight A. Clark

**Motion by Tadych** to confirm the appointments by President Clark to Boards and Commissions.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**Consideration of Change to Codified Ordinance Section 111.01 – Council Rules, Time and Place of Meetings.**

**Mayor Koomar** noted that the time of Council meetings in other cities range between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Tadych stated that he has a problem with the change. If there is a sub-committee meeting in front of the Committee of the Whole meeting it may be difficult for those who are working to attend a 6:00 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. meeting.

Mr. Kelly stated that he would be supportive of change, even being more aggressive to move it back one hour. However, he understands the concerns raised by the Vice President of Council. Moving up one-half hour shouldn't really impact individuals. Seven o'clock is still well beyond the average work stop time, even for the Committee of the Whole meeting. If the members wanted to be involved in public comment, they would certainly have that opportunity in the main Council meeting. If there were a special circumstance, Council would find ways to accommodate them.

Mr. Clark stated that his original concern was that this was in the actual Charter itself, in which case it would have had to be taken to the ballot box, or wait until 2022 when there is a Charter Review Commission. But, Ms. Kemper aptly noted that this requirement was in the Code of Ordinances, and all that is required is Councilmanic action. If a change is made and it doesn't work out, it can be reversed by Council vote.

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Ms. Stainbrook stated that she likes the idea of moving the time. It is easier for people to get there at 7 p.m. for the committee meeting prior to the Regular Meeting. From a resident perspective, if they are thinking of coming to a Council meeting, they may be put off by the 8 p.m. hour thinking it is too late of a starting time. For Council, if there is an Executive Session following the meeting, the work is not finished until well beyond 10 p.m., making for a very long night.

Law Director Barbour noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, and Architectural Board of Review all meet at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Stainbrook stated that a lot of the organizations in the City use 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. as a starting time.

Mr. Clark noted that perhaps it is the time for change after 62 years. The next meeting of Council will address a change in time with the necessary legislation prepared by Mr. Barbour.

Ms. DeGeorge asked if there is anything to prohibit the Regular Meeting of Council beginning immediately after the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Barbour stated that the definite starting time must be posted prior to the meeting so the constituents know when actual voting will take place.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Monday, January 13. Mr. Clark expressed congratulations to the re-elected members of Council, and to newly elected Councilman-at-large Thomas J. Kelly.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Dwight A. Clark  
President of Council

  
Joan Kessler  
Clerk of Council