

# The Regular, Scheduled Meeting of the Council of The Village of Marble Cliff

1600 Fernwood Ave.

April 15, 2024

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm. in Village Hall, 1600 Fernwood Ave., in the Village of Marble Cliff. Those in attendance were Mayor, Matthew Cincione; Council Members: President, Dow T. Voelker; Matthew R. Jolson, Bridget B. Sarna, Joanne C. Taylor, Kendy A. Troiano, and Marcia A. Thomas; Yaz Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Joshua Ford, Village Engineer; Stephanie Evans, Fiscal Officer; and Peggy Shanahan, Assistant Fiscal Officer. No representatives of the press were present. Visitors were present.

Mayor Cincione called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

## VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

Ms. Shanahan introduced Mr. Alex Clemetson and Mr. Bobby Whitman, who shared a presentation with Council to propose a community composting program in partnership with their company, The Compost Exchange. Mr. Clemetson and Mr. Whitman offered ideas for a community-wide plan and suggested a 4-week pilot program that includes education and an opportunity for community members to try composting for free during this period. At the end of the pilot program, Mr. Clemetson and Mr. Whitman proposed that the Village pay for interested residents to participate. They answered questions from Council members, and ultimately, Council agreed to move forward with the pilot program and consider next steps. Mr. Voelker asked that an ordinance be drafted for Council to hear at the May meeting.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, March 18, 2024
- 2) Received – Fire Report, March 2024
- 3) Received -- Police Report, March 2024
- 4) Received – Permit Report, March 2024

Mayor Cincione introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if any items need pulled out for discussion. No items were pulled out for discussion.

**Mr. Voelker moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione shared that he and Mr. Jamie Gentry attended a presentation by students at Ohio State's School of Architecture which was the culmination of a semester-long project to study the 33 Corridor from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Grandview Avenue. Representatives from the City of Grandview Heights and the City of Columbus also participated in the project and attended the event. The final product will be available as reference for future conversations about this corridor.

The Mayor also reported that there is a meeting scheduled with the Grandview leadership to discuss and update the current service contract as we begin to talk about renewal.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford shared that a mill and fill project will begin on Fifth Avenue near Dublin Road. There will also be pothole patching on Fifth Avenue. He also shared that he is progressing with GIS and working with staff to get the subscription in place. He is also keeping an eye on the Packard project and its erosion control, and has a Cambridge Blvd. meeting on the calendar to work through some of its details.

Ms. Thomas asked about the color of the carriage houses at the Packard, and whether the current color is the final color or a primer because it doesn't match the mansion. Mr. Ford will check.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this time.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi provided an update on the gathering number of communities joining together to fight the Ohio legislature's decision to disallow local regulations on selling flavored tobacco. There was discussion about whether the Village should join the movement as part of a concerted effort to preserve "Home Rule."

**Ms. Troiano moved to add the Village of Marble Cliff as a plaintiff in this lawsuit at no cost to the Village; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Ashrawi revisited the discussion about incorporating the Design Guidelines into the Village's code and what might be the best option moving forward. Following on Council's previous discussion, Mr. Ashrawi recommends a Zoning Overlay District as opposed to an Architectural Review Board, as it will be easier than creating a new board but would create guidelines about what to regulate and what triggers a review. The Design Guidelines can be tied to a demolition permit as part of a "what will you do when this building is gone?" section. A checklist can be established to provide guidance for Council to use when reviewing a project. Mr. Ashrawi will draft an overlay as a starting point.

Regarding marijuana dispensaries, the Village's current code does not prohibit them, but because the state has not yet established guidelines and the Village has already received a couple of inquiries about them, Mr. Ashrawi stated that Council could consider a short-term moratorium on allowing dispensaries so that there is more time for consideration. Council agreed; Mr. Ashrawi will draft legislation for Council to hear at the May meeting.

Mr. Ashrawi gave Council a brief review of Ohio's Sunshine Laws.

### STAFF REPORT

Ms. Evans shared the financial report for March 2024, including the monthly bank reconciliation, fund summary, and tax receipt report.

**Ms. Troiano moved to approve the March finance report; Mr. Jolson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Evans brought forth O-2713-24, An Ordinance Adopting a budget for the year 2025 for the Village of Marble Cliff, for its first reading.

Ms. Evans shared the new logo and branding package that resulted from the committee's work over the last two months. Ms. Sarna and Ms. Thomas talked about the process and the various iterations that the committee considered before landing on the final version of it.

**Kendy moved to approve the new logo design and branding materials for the Village of Marble Cliff; Mr. Voelker seconded. Motion unanimously.**

Ms. Shanahan shared that the fountain is being painted next week and an opening party will be scheduled thereafter.

### COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Troiano reported that Eleanor Kukura will receive a \$2500 Falco Scholarship this year. Moving forward, the scholarship amounts will be \$500 minimum and \$2500 maximum.

Mr. Voelker reported that he was unable to attend the most recent ESID meeting so there is no report.

### OLD BUSINESS

Flavored Tobacco and Zoning discussions were covered in the Solicitor's Report.

Regarding the Village sign code and Managed Natural Lawns, Council decided not to change the sign code, and to post information about these lawns on the website. If a resident wants a permanent sign, they may request a variance from Council.

Arlington #10 SID Board - Mr. Voelker reminded Council about the need for the Mayor and Council to select designees to serve on the Arlington #10 SID Board. Mr. Voelker recused himself from the conversation. The Mayor and Council members will give this more consideration and revisit it.

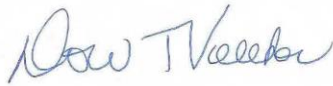
NEW BUSINESS

Peggy will plan for coffee and doughnuts at the Memorial Day parade at First Community Church.

ADJOURN

**Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.**

Approved by:



Dow T. Voelker  
Council President

Submitted by:



Stephanie A. Evans  
Fiscal Officer