

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

March 17, 2025

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 7:00 pm. in Village Hall, 1600 Fernwood Ave., in the Village of Marble Cliff. Those in attendance were Mayor, Matthew P. Cincione; Council Members: President, Dow T. Voelker; Matthew R. Jolson, Bridget B. Sarna, Joanne C. Taylor, Marcia A. Thomas, and Kendy A. Troiano; Joe Batchelor on behalf of Yazan Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Josh Ford, Village Engineer; and Stephanie Evans, Fiscal Officer. No representatives of the press were present. No visitors were present.

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

VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, February 18, 20252) Received – Fire Report, February 20253) Received -- Police Report, February 20254) Received – Permit Report, February 2025 |
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Mayor Cincione introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if any items need to be 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 reported that discussions continue regarding the sale of 1600 Dublin Road, and that Mr. Myers is considering retaining some of it for office space. He also shared that he, along with Ms. Shanahan and Ms. Evans, will attend the MORPC annual luncheon on Friday, March 21st.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford reported that the GIS system is up and running but items are still being added. He also shared that the water model should have results in 2-3 weeks. During the work for the water model, it was discovered that some valves were closed so he and Mr. Zmith are working with the Grandview Fire Department to get them opened. Regarding Cambridge Blvd., Mr. Ford reported that soil and pavement drilling is scheduled for the coming week in order to determine their depths and help inform decisions about replacing it. A meeting with the Burgess & Niple and Realm teams is planned for early April and looking ahead, the OPWC application would be submitted this fall, and the Cambridge Blvd. improvement project would start in 2027 with approval from Council.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Batchelor responded to some previous questions about possible redevelopment of 1600 Dublin Rd. He confirmed that a Planned Development District (PDD) is the best way to move forward, and that there is a requirement in the Village's zoning code that requires Council to hear it within 60 days once the preliminary development plan is submitted, and then another 60 days for the final development agreement plan.

With regard to a possible hotel and a bed tax, the Village could institute a bed tax at 3%, and there is no requirement to establish a Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). A CVB would be for an extra 3% that the Village cannot do because Franklin County already does it. As for a 55-and-over residential unit, this kind of housing requirement would be complex and difficult for a municipality to enforce but could be incorporated into a PDD and would have to be enforced by the developer. And for the 2-mile rule and how it applies to a school district and student transportation, it is measured from the curtilage to the door.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Evans presented the financial reports for February 2025, including the bank reconciliations and income tax receipts.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the financial reports for February 2025; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Jolson shared that he attended a SOPEC meeting in Upper Arlington, and that some federal government grant money that was awarded for building out infrastructure is being held up. He also shared that he asked SOPEC to provide more financial data and year over year comparisons. Mr. Jolson suggested that the Village look into the “Charging Smart” program that is available to communities, and that perhaps the Village can piggyback onto the MORPC application.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Overlay District – Ms. Thomas reported that she met with Ms. Shanahan and Ms. Lonergan in the Grandview Building Department to learn more about the building permit application process. It was determined that the differences between Grandview and Marble Cliff need to be identified early in the process to ensure that residents are following the proper process, particularly as it would apply to any requirements the Village may institute in order to receive a Certificate of Appropriateness. She and Mr. Voelker will continue to refine their work on the zoning overlay district.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Approved by:



Dow T. Voelker
Council President

Submitted by:



Stephanie A. Evans
Fiscal Officer