

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

May 19, 2025

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, May 19, 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; Yazan Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Caleb Zmith, 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

1389 Arlington Ave. – Mr. Ashrawi swore in Ms. Brenda Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Allman, the architect and property owners, and Ms. Jane Coughlin, a neighbor to the Allmans. Mr. Allman presented his request for the demolition and variance applications for the garage at 1389 Arlington Ave. He stated that the existing garage is not functional and is in disrepair. It is brick and damaged, unable to be repaired, is leaning to the north, and he is unable to park his vehicle in it. He also stated that there is no historical value to it. Ms. Coughlin, the neighbor to the south of the property stated that she is opposed the new structure because it may obstruct her view of the ravine, and she does not like the windows on the side facing her property. Ms. Troiano clarified council's role and outlined exactly what council is to consider given the guidelines of the demolition and variance applications. Council members asked questions of the Allmans and Ms. Parker, and Mr. Allman stated that they agreed to removing the windows on the south side of the garage to help address some of Ms. Coughlin's concerns. Mayor Cincione stated that he appreciated the design of the new garage and how it complements the house; Mr. Jolson agreed, and added that he appreciated the compromise that had been made.

Mr. Voelker moved to approve the demolition permit for the garage at 1389 Arlington Avenue; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Troiano moved to approve the request submitted by Roger and LeAnn Allman for approval of a side yard variance to install a garage inside the 3-foot side yard setback, with a condition not to install windows on the south side of the building. Mr. Voelker seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting, April 21, 20252) Received – Fire Report, April 20253) Received -- Police Report, April 20254) Received – Permit Report, April 2025 |
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Mayor Cincione introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if any items need to be pulled out for discussion. Mr. Jolson drew attention to the police report and commented that it was notable that a conviction was secured in the homicide that occurred on W. Fifth Avenue in November, 2023, and commended the police department for their work on the investigation. Ms. Troiano followed by noting that most incidents and calls in Marble Cliff are to the W. Fifth Ave and Dublin Rd. intersection and asked if anything can be done about it. Mr. Voelker added that the Columbus City Engineer has previously stated that there is too much traffic there, and that the intersection was not designed for the amount of traffic that now passes through it.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione reported that the Memorial Service is on Thursday, May 22nd and he will be attending.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Zmith reported that the Cambridge Boulevard team is moving toward 60% completion of the plans and will have a good updated cost estimate at that time. He also stated that he continues to populate items in the GIS system as things go along, and is updating the GIS inventory. Mr. Zmith and Ms. Shanahan walked the neighborhood today to assess sidewalk repair needs and will follow up on that as necessary. Regarding The Packard project at 2015 W. 5th Avenue, Mr. Zmith stated that they are in violation of their development plan for adding parking lot stripes in an area designated as no parking for the firetruck turn-around area. They also need to address a situation with drainage onto a neighboring property; he will follow up with Vision development about this situation. Ms. Thomas asked about fire hydrant work. New hydrants have been ordered but they are not in yet.

Mr. Zmith left the meeting at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Jolson asked about the recent legislation that could impact tax implications surrounding the AEP substation upgrades. Mr. Ashrawi is monitoring potential changes that could impact local government and will update as needed.

STAFF REPORTS

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

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

Ms. Shanahan reported that she has not been able to line up a coffee truck for the Memorial Day parade. Council members took jobs for that morning and tables will be set up with coffee and donuts.

Ms. Shanahan also noted that the Fountain Opening Party was a success and thanked everyone in attendance.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Voelker reported that the ESID meeting was cancelled last month but there is one coming up next week. Mr. Jolson reported that there is a SOPEC Assembly meeting coming up.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Overlay District – no updates this month.

O-2729-25, An Ordinance adopting a Budget for the year 2026 for the Village of Marble Cliff; Second reading.

O-2730-25, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute an Agreement to renew the policy with Ohio Government Risk Management Plan for property, liability, wrongful acts, automobile, bond, crime, inland marine and electronic data processing insurance; Second reading.

NEW BUSINESS

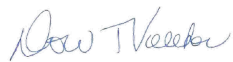
Mayor Cincione introduced an ordinance for its first reading:

O-2732-25, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to seek Financial Assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding for the Cambridge Boulevard Improvement Project, and to authorize the Assistance of Burgess & Niple, Inc.


ADJOURN

Ms. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Troiano seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Approved by:


Dow T. Voelker
Council President

Submitted by:


Stephanie A. Evans
Fiscal Officer