

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

1600 Fernwood Ave.

March 16, 2026

The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, March 16, 2026, 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; Joanne C. Taylor, Marcia A. Thomas, and Matthew E. Turner; 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.

**Ms. Taylor moved to excuse Ms. Sarna and Ms. Youssef from the meeting; Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion passed and Ms. Sarna and Ms. Youssef were excused.**

## VARIANCES, PERMITS AND VISITORS

1389 Arlington Avenue Front Yard Variance Application – Mr. Ashrawi swore in Mr. Roger Allman and Ms. Brenda Parker to testify regarding this application. Mr. Voelker asked for clarification and confirmation that the new porch is not as deep as the existing porch. Ms. Parker confirmed, stating that the new porch is not as deep, but is longer, and crosses a larger part of the front of the house.

**Mr. Voelker moved to approve the Front Yard Setback Variance Application for 1389 Arlington Avenue; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously by the four members present.**

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval – Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of February 17, 2026
- 2) Received – Fire Report, February 2026
- 3) Received -- Police Report, February 2026
- 4) Received – Permit Report, February 2026
- 5) Received – CCA Tax Collection Results 2025

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. Thomas seconded. Motion passed unanimously by the four members present.**

## MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Zmith reported that the sidewalk panels will be replaced the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, weather permitting, and that Columbia Gas has been doing some surveying in preparation for some work in the right-of-way on Cambridge Boulevard. Mr. Zmith also stated that the Packard drainage problem has been resolved and that MS4 inspections will take place in the upcoming week. He asked for, and received, permission to move the electronic speed radar sign to Arlington Avenue prior to the Cambridge Boulevard construction starting, and shared that Burgess & Niple will be using a drone to create a "before" video prior to the Cambridge Boulevard construction.

Ms. Shanahan added that she received three phone calls from businesses on Fifth Avenue with complaints about potholes and the debris caused by them. The Grandview service department patched the holes and cleared the debris but this is an ongoing problem. Mr. Voelker commented that the increased traffic on Fifth Avenue over the last several years could be a contributing factor; Mr. Zmith agreed, and stated that the street needs a full re-build. Because of the cost involved in doing so, Mr. Zmith suggested that the Village continue to patch until Cambridge Boulevard is finished, and then consider seeking funding in partnership with Upper Arlington and Grandview Heights because of the crossover between municipalities.

Mr. Zmith left at this time.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

### STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Evans presented the financial reports for January, 2026, including the bank reconciliations and income tax receipts.

**Mr. Voelker moved to approve the financial reports for January, 2026; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously by the four members present.**

Ms. Evans presented the financial reports for February, 2026, including the bank reconciliations and income tax receipts.

**Mr. Voelker moved to approve the financial reports for February, 2026; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously by the four members present.**

Ms. Evans presented the Columbus City Attorney contract for council's consideration and stated that although the contract is dated to start January 1, 2026, it was only received on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Evans stated that this annual contract offers flat fee rates per case and may be canceled with 30 days prior notice.

**Ms. Thomas moved to approve the Columbus City Attorney contract for prosecutorial and victim advocate services for 2026; Ms. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously by the four members present.**

Ms. Shanahan reported that the exterior lights have been replaced and are working, with the timer set for them to come on at 8pm.

Ms. Shanahan also stated that a resident inquired about water pipe replacement because he received a postcard from the City of Columbus about possibly needing it. Ms. Shanahan has a meeting scheduled with the City of Columbus water department to learn more about residential water line replacement and the options available to residents.

Mayor Cincione added that in working with the staff, he has approved enlisting the website designer for help with site maintenance and to create a new page for the Village website that will be dedicated to the Cambridge Boulevard construction project. Ms. Shanahan will be able to update it as needed, and residents will be able to access it for current information on the project. Ms. Taylor suggested making fliers to drop off at each house with information about the website as well as how to join the mailing list for the Village newsletter and GV311 messages. Staff will work on this flier and council members volunteered to help deliver them to residents.

### COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

None.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione presented one resolution for its first reading:

R-2676-26, A Resolution to accept Reimbursement from SOPEC for Funds Recovered from AEP Energy as a result of SOPEC's Petitioning for these Funds on behalf of the Village of Marble Cliff.

### ADJOURN

**Ms. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Turner seconded. Motion passed unanimously by the four members present. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.**

Approved by:



Dow T. Voelker  
Council President

Submitted by:



Stephanie A. Evans  
Fiscal Officer