

**Village of Mariemont
Special Meeting of Council
November 24, 2025**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Present were Mr. Ayer, Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Brownknight, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Van Stone and Mr. York.

Fiscal Officer Rankin distributed a Capital Spending Request 2026 document showing by department what monies that have been allocated from the priority list exercise. Five open purchase orders will need to carry over to 2026. Council needs to set the budget and still maintain a \$200,000 balance for carryover to 2027. The Village does not get any cash influx until April from Hamilton County she needs to be sure the fund has money to pay for expenditures the first three months of the year. After all the encumbered purchase orders are factored, Fund 4901 has \$532,600 and \$219,200 in Fund 4902.

Mayor Brown said with the heavy rain there was a substantial leak in the hose tower room and the fire engine bay. He had a roofer come look at the roof and the fire engine bay roof needs to be replaced. He does not believe the roof is salvageable or repairable. He does not have the estimate yet but fears it will be substantial. \$50,000 should be appropriated from the General Fund for the repair.

Council discussed variations in order to maintain the \$200,000 carryover balance. Some of the projects will have to be pushed or scaled back. Or as in the past, money would have to be moved from the General Fund into the Permanent Improvement Fund. Council proposed the following:

Police:	New Vehicle	\$ 60,000	From Fund 4902
Fire/EMS:	Assistant Chief Vehicle	\$ 35,000	From Fund 4902
Service:	Ford F450 Dump Truck	\$ 40,000	From Fund 4901
	FRS801 Mower	\$ 12,500	From Fund 4902
Recreation:	Columbia Connector:		
	(local match: worst case)	\$100,000	From Fund 4901
	Concourse Pergola	\$ 18,000	From Fund 4901
	Dogwood Parking Lot	\$ 60,000	From Fund 4901

Council discussed the increase to the Columbia Connector Project. Initially the expenditure was to be \$99,000. Council agreed to appropriate \$100,000 to the Columbia Connector Project instead of the proposed \$125,000. Council needs better clarity and costs on the Lap Pool Replacement Study (\$20,000) and Dale Park Statuary Cover (if needed \$50,000). It may be feasible for Council to pay for these two projects out of the General Fund once more data is gathered. Village property needs to be taken care of due to liability concerns. It was agreed to defer both projects until later in 2026 to see if there is available money to appropriate. Council endorses both projects and agrees that the work needs to be done as soon as conceivably possible, though the method of how the work is to be done still needs to be determined. Mrs. Brownknight's concern was if the project's cost is what it is believed to be; the projects will not be done. Fiscal Officer Rankin said they are just being put on hold.

Mr. York moved, seconded by Mr. Ayer to approve the Permanent Improvement Budget, including the changes made: Change Columbia Connector from \$125,000 to \$100,000 and place on hold the Lap Pool Replacement Study (\$20,000) and Dale Park Statuary Cover (\$50,000) and pay for the Fire Bay roof repairs from the General Fund. On roll call; five ayes, one nay (Mrs. Brownknight dissenting).

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer