

**Village of Mariemont
Council Meeting
August 10, 2026**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present was Mr. Ayer, Mrs. Brownknight, Dr. Lewis, Mrs. Stock, Mr. Van Stone and Mrs. Wells.

Minutes:

Mr. Van Stone moved, seconded by Mrs. Brownknight to accept the minutes as written for July 27, 2026. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Communications:

*From Building Administrator Holloway: June and July 2026 Monthly Reports

*From Tax Administrator Barlow: July 2026 Monthly Report. Mayor Brown noted the report will now include various tax projections. The long-term earnings tax projection from 2020 is going up, though Covid did put an artificial bump in earnings. There was discussion if there is concern if we are not meeting our projection for the year. The monthly tax income can fluctuate for many different reasons.

*From Police Chief Hines: July 2026 Monthly Report. Safety Services Night will be held at the Bell Tower Tuesday evening August 11th from 6-8 pm. He thanked Walmart for the generous donations they provided for the event.

Dr. Lewis asked how many Automated External Defibrillators (AED) the Police Department have in the patrol vehicles. Chief Hines said there are three with the officers rotating them between cars. The goal is to have one inside each car. We are not in the cycle for more yet, but we should in the future. The Fire Department recently re-certified the officers for both AED and CPR.

Permission to Address Council:

Ms. Erica Noble, 6607 Mariemont Avenue, was granted permission to address Council. Her family has experienced repeated and severe flooding this summer at a level they have not seen since installing significant drainage improvements in 2017. Since mid-June, their property has flooded four times: June 28th, July 17th, July 21st and August 7th. These events caused substantial damage to their home and property. Landscaping has been destroyed; portions of the French drain system have been clogged and damaged by mud and sediment. Their finished basement has flooded repeatedly. As a result, the basement has been unusable for months while remediation work continues. To date, they have spent approximately \$20,000 on emergency response, cleanup and repairs. They have also been advised by multiple professionals, including Village Staff, that an additional \$20,000-\$30,000 in drainage infrastructure may be necessary to address the volume of water entering our property. These costs are not covered by standard homeowners' insurance. On July 23rd Village Building Department staff visited our property and observed several conditions that may be contributing to the flooding. These included apparent downspouts discharges from neighboring properties that direct water toward our lot and drainage conditions associated with recent construction at 6612 Pleasant Street. Independent evaluations by Steve Osborne of Osborne Reconstruction Services and Danny Manley of AquaProof reached similar conclusions; a substantial volume of runoff is entering their property from higher elevations, and their existing drainage system is no longer adequate to manage the volume of water. With respect to 6612 Pleasant Street, they have observed changes in grading, concentrated runoff, and significant sediment movement during storm events. This has damaged landscaping and clogged portions of their drainage infrastructure. Because these conditions appear to have altered drainage patterns affecting their property, she respectfully requests that the Village review the approved grading, drainage, and erosion-controlled plans for the project and determine whether the work complies with applicable Village requirements and whether corrective measures are warranted. She recognizes that this summer brought a significant number of severe storms. However, the issue they are experiencing extends beyond any single storm event. The central concern is how stormwater is being collected, redirected, and discharged onto downstream properties – and in ways that keep up with changing weather patterns. Her family has done everything reasonably expected of a homeowner. They invested in drainage improvements years ago, sought expert evaluations and spent substantial personal funds attempting to address the problem. Yet the volume of water now entering

their property exceeds what private measures can reasonably manage. Accordingly, she respectfully asks the Village to urgently:

1. Assess surrounding grading, drainage, and downspout discharge conditions for compliance with Village requirements.
2. Evaluate whether additional public stormwater infrastructure improvements are needed to protect downstream properties.
3. Complete its assessment of a potential connection to the municipal stormwater system near 6605 Mariemont Avenue.
4. Ensure that any necessary corrective actions are implemented with urgency by the appropriate parties.

The goal is not to assign blame. The goal is to work collaboratively with the Village to identify a practical and lasting solution that protects her home, neighboring properties and the broader community. She thanked Council for their time and their service to the Village and will forward electronic files to the Mayor and the Building Department pictures and attachments relevant to her concerns.

Mayor Brown said he spoke with Ms. Noble earlier in the day. He has received emails from other residents regarding water runoff issues in the Village with the frequent rain events this summer. After Council had further dialogue and obtained clarification on issues from Ms. Noble, Mayor Brown referred the matter of review and evaluation of the code for downspouts and water runoff to the Public Works & Service Committee for further review, study and discussion.

Mr. Terry Gains, 3901 West Street, was granted permission to address Council. He approached Council earlier in the summer to discuss a stop sign at West Street and Madisonville Road. He talked with Police Chief Hines who said the plan is to install a stop sign at the intersection temporarily to see if it will help calm traffic and speeding. He also said he would like to see increased patrol for No Thru Trucks that come into the Village. The Village prohibits No Thru Trucks, yet he sees many come through driven by Evans Landscaping. Mayor Brown said there has been increased police patrol in the area and the temporary sign hopefully will be installed in conjunction with the commencement of the new school year.

Ms. Dahlia Kressler, Associate Director, Cindependent, was granted permission to address Council. She updated Council with the big news from the Mariemont Theater – they officially surpassed their one million dollars fundraising goal. They are incredibly grateful for the response from the community and everyone who has stepped up to help save the theater. As they move into operating the theatre, the short-term model will rely on both earned revenue and continued philanthropy while we improve the financial footprint of the space. Tickets, concessions, memberships, advertising, private rentals and special events will all help support the day-to-day operation of the cinema, while philanthropy will allow us to continue investing in the building, community programming, accessibility, and their nonprofit mission. Visible changes will soon be seen. We are refreshing the look and feel of the theatre and creating a new patio and outdoor gathering space. We want this to feel like a vibrant gathering place for Mariemont and the surrounding community. This week they are hiring the cinema management and host teams and finalizing the opening film lineup. On August 12, the new website launches with opening week movie tickets available alongside memberships, advertising opportunities and private theatre rentals. On August 15, they will be at the theatre from 10am to 2pm for “I saved Movie Magic” T-shirt pickup. They will also be holding one final volunteer cleanup and organizing day. The week of August 24, the cinema staff officially comes onboard and begins training. August 28 is the soft opening evening. Going forward, the Mariemont Theatre will be back to regular moviegoing. September 16 is the Grand Reopening of the Mariemont Theatre and Opening Night of the Cindependent Film Festival, presented with LADD. They are planning a true celebration around the theatre, including programming across all five auditoriums and special guests. Traffic around the theatre will be rerouted for a period of time to accommodate the reopening festivities. More logistical information will be available as the date gets closer. The Cindependent Film festival then continues through September 20 bringing filmmakers, audiences and visitors together from Cincinnati and beyond. Most of all, thank you to the community for all the support. They are excited to get the doors open, turn the projectors back on and welcome everyone back to the Mariemont Theatre.

She also announced that the popcorn will be coming back. The improvements include new projectors, new sound system and three new screens, with one screen being reframed

Pay the Bills:

Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mrs. Stock to pay the bills. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:**Miscellaneous:**

*Village Offices will be closed in observation of Labor Day, Monday September 7, 2026.

*Materials for the Council Packet for Monday August 24, 2026, must be received in the office by noon on Thursday August 20, 2026.

Resolutions:

* “To Amend Resolution R-17-20; To Establish Court Costs as Authorized by Section 33.05 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Mariemont” had a second reading.

*Resolution Creating a New Capital Project Fund for Hopkins Park restoration; and To Declare Emergency had a first reading. Mr. Van Stone moved, seconded by Mrs. Stock to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a second and third reading. Mr. Van Stone moved, seconded by Mrs. Wells to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mrs. Brownknight moved, seconded by Mr. Van Stone to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-37-26 was adopted.

*Resolution Authorizing Application and Working with the Ohio Public Works Commission” had a first reading.

Ordinances:

* “To Supplement Ordinance No. O-1-26 Annual Appropriation Ordinance” had a second reading.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Kelly I. Rankin, Fiscal Officer