

**VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
APRIL 23, 2018**

Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The following Council members answered present to roll call: Mrs. Graves, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Marsland, Ms. Palazzolo, Mrs. Rankin and Ms. Schwartz.

Ms. Marsland moved, seconded by Mrs. Graves to approve the minutes as written for the Council meeting on April 9, 2018. Mr. Hawkins asked that a description of the Integrating Committee be included. Mayor Policastro said it is a State Committee. He is on the board. They meet and discuss state grants. Most are million dollar grants which the Village does not fall under. The Village falls under the Small Government Grants. They meet to go over the point system to make sure the points are right and then it is submitted to Columbus. Mr. Hawkins said the minutes should reflect that the bridge be built over the remnants of the historic kiln site. Mr. Hawkins moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to amend the minutes. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to accept the minutes as amended. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro read the following Communications:

From Police Clerk Maupin: Mayor's Court Statement for the month ending March 2018

From Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District: Letter dated April 6, 2018 re: Residential Recycling Incentive 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017

From Mariemont Parks Advisory Board: Meeting minutes April 10, 2018

From J. D. Spinnenweber, Spinnenweber Builder, Inc. Letter Dated April 17, 2018 re: Parking on the east side of the Village Square. Mayor Policastro said Mr. Spinnenweber's plan was to tear down the apartment building and add parking spaces for the franchise pub restaurant. He is now asking if the Village wants to purchase the building so the Village would have more public parking available. Mayor Policastro said it is beyond him why he wrote the letter. It may be due to the fact that parking is a problem all over the Village and he now wants the Village to take over. Everyone is aware of the parking issues between Mr. Spinnenweber and Dr. Larkin. He is trying to do some mediation. Council was confused by Mr. Spinnenweber's comment that he was not able to develop the property as planned due to Village regulations. After further discussion, it was agreed that the Village Solicitor would contact Mr. Spinnenweber's legal counsel for clarification on what Village regulations Mr. Spinnenweber is referring to. Mayor Policastro said he has tried to contact Bill Spinnenweber but has not been successful. Mayor Policastro is also trying to find a place to put a post office in one of Mr. Spinnenweber's buildings but Bill Spinnenweber will not call him back.

From GSI: Invoice Dated April 5, 2018 re: 6610 Mariemont Avenue. Ms. Palazzolo commented that the work was not complete. Council agreed to leave the item on the agenda and discuss at the next meeting when Engineer Ertel was present.

Mr. Jerry Vianello, 6570 Wooster Pike, was granted permission to address Council. He said when talking about Mr. Spinnenweber's plan at some point that would have to go before the Planning Commission. Mayor Policastro said he needs to find a tenant first before he can put a plan together.

Mr. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to pay the bills as approved by the Fiscal Officer, Mayor and Chairman of the Finance Committee. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee which met on Monday April 9, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the removal of one parking spot on Murray Avenue between Lane A and Homewood Road. Present at the meeting were Committee Chairman Avia Graves, Committee Members Maggie Palazzolo and Kelly Rankin, Council Member Troy Hawkins and Village Engineer Chris Ertel. The Committee is in agreement with the removal of the one parking spot on Murray Avenue between Lane A and Homewood Road due to safety concerns expressed by both the Police/Fire Chief Rick Hines and Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kiefer. Detailed minutes are provided as an attachment to this report. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Ms. Schwartz asked Mr. Bill Brown to update Council as to where we are with the furniture for the renovated Council Chambers. The present furniture must be moved out by Thursday. They got a reasonable offer to remove/dispose and store from Wessels Workplace Service for \$415.00-\$495.00. Mr. Brown said the storage option is for 30 days. It would give the Village the option to try to sell some of the desks and chairs or give them away. The balance of the cost would be to store the furniture for 30 days. We are going to store the wood chairs at the Service Department Shop. Council agreed that it would not be worth the money to store the furniture. Any furniture not removed would be disposed of.

Mr. Brown said the estimate for the new furniture breaks down as follows: (5) Pixel tables with modesty panels \$4200, (11) Knoll life chairs with vinyl grade upholstery; back topper \$9185, (1) Podium – Amish \$700, Pinecrest plantation shutters for (3) windows \$1500, (30) guest chairs \$3000. He distributed a rendering and a brochure. The tables have castors on the bottom. If we go with wood desks similar to what we have now they are very heavy and will damage the floor when they are moved. The pieces will be glued at the seam over the existing flooring. Chief Hines said both fire and police departments will be using the area for training and will need more space as they will be inviting other agencies to come in. In many cases it will be necessary to move and stack/fold the chairs. Mr. Brown said the flooring will be durable but the risk for damage increases if the desks are going to be dragged over it. We are putting the flooring over the existing floor so we do not have to deal with potential asbestos issues.

Mr. Hawkins asked if there was an Interior Designer in the Village who could help. Mr. Brown said he was in the business himself for 30 years. He had a successful studio in Hyde Park. He is retired so he is no longer benefiting financially from any of these decisions. We could go that route but you would have to pay someone.

Mr. Brown said he is going to get an estimate on paint for the chandeliers. Mr. Brown said on the rendering you can see what the ceiling is going to look like. Mrs. Graves said she asked to see if the chandeliers could remain. The first rendering with the chandeliers looks very sharp. They may not be as bright but she did ask for an estimate to see how much it would cost to paint them.

Ms. Schwartz asked if Council would be willing to have a special meeting to approve the furniture so it could be ordered. Ms. Palazzolo said she feels it has come down to this is the option Council has and it does not quite matter if we are happy but it is what we can pick from. Mayor Policastro said he would rather stay with what we have. Mr. Brown said at some point the functionality of the room has to take a precedent. Mrs. Graves said she asked to see if there were tables with casters that had a modesty panel all the way and had end caps. Mr. Brown said he could ask to see if they could make a custom panel that went all the way but of course it will cost more.

Discussion ensued regarding the placement and number of televisions. Mr. Hawkins said it was important that the televisions be placed so everyone can see them. Mr. Brown said one wall was hoped to be maintained so it could host the gallery of past mayor portraits. The current portraits are going to be uniformly framed. He said they are also looking into having a wireless setup. He is working with ICRC to see what options are available for a wireless set up. Mr. Hawkins said it would be helpful during committee meetings if the desks are set for wiring. Mr. Brown said the Pixel tables have a wire trough that runs down the middle.

Ms. Palazzolo said the budget for furniture was \$20,000. Does furniture include the shutters, televisions, etc.? Right now we are at \$18,500. Mr. Brown said the budget includes the shutters but not the televisions. Ms. Palazzolo asked if we are going to go over budget. Mr. Brown said he believes the \$50,000 budget Mr. Rich set for the display cases is high and therefore we will have room to do the televisions, framing and painting of the chandelier if desired. Ms. Palazzolo asked if we had to pay for the televisions out of another fund is that possible. She is worried about the small items because the cost of the project has gone up and may continue to do so.

Mr. Brown said it is important to remember that there is approximately an 8 week order time for the furniture. It was agreed that the committee should meet to make final recommendations. A Special meeting of Council will be held if needed.

Mayor Policastro read the following miscellaneous announcements:

Village Offices will be closed Monday May 28, 2018 in Observation of Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Parade line up will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Council will meet Tuesday May 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Resolutions:

“Renewal of Present 3.08 Mills Tax Levy in Excess of 10 Mill Limitation for Current Expenses for Tax Years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022” had a first reading.

“Renewal of Present Tax Levy of One Mill in Excess of 10 Mill Limitation for Recreational Purposes of the MariElders, Inc. for Tax Years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022” had a first reading.

“Fixing a Time for Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget” had a first reading. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said the Public Hearing will be before the second meeting of Council in July.

Mr. Marsland asked if there was any progress on the trees that are to be planted along Murray Avenue. Mayor Policastro said Duke Energy still has workers in the area.

Mr. Marsland asked that the matter of working with the Mariemont Recreation Association be referred to the Health and Recreation Committee. He believes it would be helpful to have MRA and the Village know what the expectations are. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Health and Recreation Committee.

Ms. Palazzolo said there is a resident, Jack Hemenway, who is an attorney specializing in municipal law. She would like to have the Rules and Law Committee study what it may cost to partner with him for specific questions. This would be on a contract basis not in place of Solicitor McTigue. Solicitor McTigue said he is sure that the rate would be higher than what he charges. Ms. Palazzolo said it may balance out if Mr. Hemmingway can do the work in five minutes as opposed to four hours for Solicitor McTigue. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Rules and Law Committee of Council.

Mr. Hawkins said he talked with Fiscal Officer Borgerding who offered to be in a meeting to discuss Village finances. He asked that it be referred to the Finance Committee. After discussion, Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole since we have so many new members of Council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Dan Policastro, Mayor

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Anthony Borgerding, Fiscal Officer