

**City of Maple Heights
Special Council Meeting Minutes**

Maple Heights Senior Center

May 14, 2014

Council President Jackie Albers called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. in the Maple Heights Senior Center. Clerk of Council Katherine Unger called the roll.

ROLL CALL: Those present were Council President Jackie Albers, Council Members Alex Adams, Toni Jones, Anthony Cefaratti, Ron Jackson, Bill Brownlee, Richard Trojanski, and Edwina Agee.

Also present were Mayor Jeffrey Lansky, Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Irene Crowell, Acting Chief John Popielarczyk, and Fire Chief John Drsek. Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Finance Director Irene Crowell, and Engineer Ed Hren were absent and excused.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-31

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 267 AND SENATE BILL 180 BY THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH PROPOSES TO EXTEND THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TO ELDERLY OR DISABLED HOMEOWNERS IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution had its third reading. Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to adopt the Resolution. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Adams, Jones, Jackson, Trojanski and Agee. Nay: Cefaratti and Brownlee. The Resolution passed by the vote of 5 yes and 2 no and becomes effective upon the signature of the Mayor.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-35

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS TO ACCEPT THE TITLE TO TWO VACANT PARCELS OF LAND ON GREENWAY ROAD FOR THE LAND BANK IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution had its third reading. Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to adopt the Resolution. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. The Resolution passed by the vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays and becomes effective upon the signature of the Mayor.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-37

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO, INC. FOR TWO YEARS AND TO ELIMINATE THE RECYCLING PROGRAM IN ITS ENTIRETY, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, TO

PROVIDE GARBAGE AND WASTE REMOVAL SERVICES IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution had its second reading.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Lansky commented about the financial status of the City. Mr. Adams stated that he has had several calls regarding the deletion of the recycling program and that he hopes that the City will install various bins at the Service garage for recyclables. Mr. Jackson asked what the City has in mind to generate new income. Mayor Lansky stated that the Council could put new tax levies on the ballot and that the City may also need a Street Lighting levy to keep the lights on. In addition, the Mayor continued by stating that there will be no events throughout the rest of the year, the swimming pool will not be opened, the jail may close, there will be no summer help hired, prices for traffic cameras are being obtained, and more lay-offs will be implemented. Mayor Lansky stated that there have been several resignations and retirements including two employees in Finance, the Economic Development Director, a Fire Captain, and others who will be turning in their resignations. The Mayor stated that the work force is shrinking as there are only four out of six men working in the Service Department, and several departments that are down to one person. The Mayor also stated that the month of May has three payrolls and several large payments for notes and bonds.

After another half hour of discussion regarding the state of the City and pending legislation, Council President Jackie Albers adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Passed: October 1, 2014

ATTEST:

Katherine M. Unger, CMC
City of Maple Heights

It is noted that due to the lack of microphones at this meeting, the discussion was difficult to hear and/or understand.