

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

Maple Heights Senior Center

June 25, 2014

Council President Jackie Albers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 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, Richard Trojanski, and Edwina Agee. Bill Brownlee was absent and excused.

FINANCE PRESENTATION:

Ms. Irene Crowell was not present to speak on the proposed amendments to the 2014 Appropriation Ordinance at this time.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-25

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO DELIVER TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1 AND ARTICLE XVII OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS DECREASING THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND THE NUMBER OF DISTRICTS TO FIVE (5) TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

As this Ordinance was on its third reading, Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to adopt the Ordinance. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Adams, Jones, and Cefaratti. Nays: Jackson, Trojanski, and Agee. The Council President was called on to break the tie. Albers: Aye. The Ordinance failed as a 2/3 affirmative vote is required to pass an Ordinance for a Charter Amendment.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-26

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO DELIVER TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, AND ARTICLE VII, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS ELIMINATING THE ELECTED POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

As this Ordinance was on its third reading, Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Jackson asked if the vote was tied, would the Council President still break the tie, because it may affect her. Mr. Montello stated that there would be no conflict as the Ordinance is about a position, not an individual. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Adams, Jones,

Cefaratti, Trojanski and Agee. Nay: Jackson. The Ordinance passed by 5 votes, therefore, it will become law upon the signature of the Mayor.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-44

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII OF THE MAPLE HEIGHTS CHARTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

As this Ordinance was on its third reading, Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson to adopt the Ordinance. Ayes: Adams, Jones, Jackson, Trojanski and Agee. Nay: Cefaratti. The Ordinance passed by 5 votes; therefore, it will become law upon the signature of the Mayor. (This Ordinance refers to a Charter Amendment to decrease the Income Tax Credit.)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-46

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-55 AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER ALL EXISTING AND FUTURE FUNDS ASSESSED AND COLLECTED FOR GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTIONS IN THE CITY FROM THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution had its second reading.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-47

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-55 REGARDING THE SPECIAL FUND KNOWN AS THE "SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FUND," NUMBER 251, SPECIFYING THAT PAYMENTS FROM THIS FUND BE DESIGNATED ONLY FOR THE PAYMENT OF GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTIONS IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution had its second reading.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-48

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 220.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING THE RULES OF ORDER FOR COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution had its second reading. Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to postpone the final reading of Ordinance Number 2014-48 until the Regular Council Meeting on August 20th in order for the Council to have more time for discussion on this legislation.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-49

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL 1.3 MILL TAX LEVY FOR FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES AND GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE MAPLE HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19 AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE ADDITIONAL LEVY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adams to suspend the rules and place the Resolution on its third and final reading. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to Adopt the Resolution. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed and will become effective upon the signature of the Mayor.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-50

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.19 OF THE REVISED CODE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL 1.3 MILL TAX LEVY FOR FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE MAPLE HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution had its first reading.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-51

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL 4.7 MILL TAX LEVY FOR FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES AND GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19 AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE ADDITIONAL LEVY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to suspend the rules and place the Resolution on its third and final reading. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to Adopt the Resolution. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed and will become effective upon the signature of the Mayor.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-52

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.19 OF THE REVISED CODE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL 4.7 MILL TAX LEVY FOR FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution had its first reading.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-53

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 240.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MAPLE HEIGHTS REGARDING THE APPROVAL BY COUNCIL OF EXPENDITURES IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution had its first reading. Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cefaratti, to withdraw this legislation until after August 8, 2014, when the Fiscal Recovery Plan would be required to be at the State Auditor's Office. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT:

As Ms. Crowell, was still not present at the meeting, Council President Albers took a recess from the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was resumed at 6:50 p.m. when Ms. Crowell came to the meeting.

Ms. Crowell distributed reports on the cash flow report, the proposed 2014 amended appropriations, and the current expenses for 2014. The main discussion was on the General Fund with the revised and proposed appropriations of \$12,695,294 for City expenses and the projected income for the remainder of 2014 at \$11,782,186, leaving a deficit balance of \$930,000. Ms. Crowell stated that the auditors are expecting a balanced budget so she and the Mayor will have to discuss how that will be done.

Council President Albers reminded Ms. Crowell that both the 2014 Amended Appropriations Ordinance and the 2015 Tax Budget will have their first reading on July 7, 2014 at a Special Meeting of Council and that there will also be a Public Hearing for the Tax Budget, which was advertised in the Neighborhood News on June 25, 2014.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackie Albers adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Passed: October 1, 2014

ATTEST:

Katherine M. Unger, CMC