

MEETING CAUCUS

Council President Albers called the caucus to order at 6:35p.m with the following Council members present: Albers, Adams, Cefaratti, Jackson, Brownlee, Trojanski and Agee. Also present were Mayor Jeffrey Lansky, Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Irene Crowell, Police Chief John Popielarczyk, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, and Council Clerk Katherine Unger. Councilwoman Jones arrived at 6:52 p.m. Engineer Ed Hren was absent and excused.

Several pieces of legislation were discussed beginning with **Ordinance No. 2015-27**, Adoption of the 2016 Tax Budget. Ms. Albers stated that Council had discussed this at the last two meetings, so it is on third reading. Regarding **Resolution 2015-29**, the contract with SBA Towers, Ms. Albers asked the law department if there was more information on this. Director Montello responded that he had been notified that the original offer amount could not be increased. Councilman Jackson asked Mr. Montello if this was a one-time payment to the City to which Mr. Montello answered in the affirmative. Ms. Albers inquired if the rules were suspended and the legislation passed, how soon would the city collect on the contract. Mr. Montello estimated it would take at a minimum 30-60 days. In view of this information, Ms. Albers requested Council vote to suspend the rules.

Regarding **Resolution No. 2015-32**, which authorized a Grant application to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, Ms. Albers asked Director Vopat if this was a time-sensitive matter. Mrs. Vopat responded that the application had a deadline of July 10, 2015 so it would need to be submitted now, despite any uncertainty concerning the future of the Senior Center. Councilman Brownlee asked for clarification if this was a renewal of a present grant. Mrs. Vopat responded that the city has received funds from this program, but must re-apply each year. Ms. Albers stated that Council should suspend the rules given this time-sensitivity. Director Crowell addressed **Resolution 2015-33**, participation in the County Tax Advance Program. She stated that this is done each year to allow cities to better manage cash flow since the tax duplicates are only collected July and January. Ms. Albers noted it was to the city's advantage to suspend the rules for this legislation.

Ordinance No. 2015-34 derived from action by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Ms. Albers requested suspension of the rules since the applicant had been waiting a long time for this project. Councilmen Cefaratti, Adams, Jackson and Trojanski agreed on the necessity to suspend the rules and asked to be co-sponsors of the legislation. Councilman Jackson asked if the project still included building an addition to the church. Ms. Albers answered in the affirmative and that the applicant has acquired the other properties and is in the process of demolishing the homes so they can move ahead with their plans. Councilman Cefaratti stated that the applicant has already raised the funds for the approved expansion of the playground and building project which is very rare. Ms. Albers requested suspension of the rules regarding **Ordinance No. 2015-35**, regarding three vacant parcels from the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation. She stated that these vacant homes would be added to the demolition list. Mr. Montello noted that by transferring these parcels to the city land bank facilitates the demolition process.

For **Ordinance No. 2015-36**, Amendment to City Charter regarding traffic cameras, Ms. Albers suggested that Council keep on first reading to discuss. Councilman Jackson asked if Council could

have a work session to discuss this and other issues that are unresolved. Mr. Brownlee asked if there could be a public hearing as well for residents to express their views. He also questioned the thought process behind the legislation such as safety concerns. Mr. Montello responded that since both the State Supreme Court and the State Legislature have addressed the issue, it's time for the voters to be involved. Councilman Adams said he has received numerous calls concerning speeding cars on the streets and through school zones since the cameras have come down. Mr. Adams said that if approved by the voters, the law would allow the city to monitor speeders for the safety of the city.

Ms. Albers presented **Resolutions 2015-37 to 2015-42** inclusive since these resolutions involved city assessments for the following: boarding up houses, building violations/abatement of nuisances, criminal activity nuisances, demolitions, noxious weeds and high grass and the expense of garbage collection, all of which were on first reading. Councilman Brownlee asked if the assessment lists were available for the public. Ms. Crowell stated that the lists were not completed yet since some of the abatement work is still ongoing, but would need to be sent to the County Auditor by the second week of September. Ms. Albers asked if the lists could be completed by the end of August and suggested that these resolutions stay on first reading for further discussion. Mr. Brownlee said that in the past there had been multiple complaints of inappropriately charged assessments that need to be weeded out beforehand.

Resolutions 2015-43 to 2015-45 were placed on the agenda by addendum, each being on first reading. Ms. Albers presented these resolutions together, since each involved authorization for bid specifications/cost estimates for vehicle purchases by the city safety forces. Ms. Crowell stated that given the increasing costs of these vehicle repairs versus lease costs, coupled with the fact that current lease payments and some debt financing will be ending in November, now is an appropriate time to consider these issues. Regarding **Resolutions 2015-43 and 2015-45**, Ms. Albers asked Fire Chief Kavaliunas about the bid process and he explained that the bids for the fire equipment are based on recommendations from the state bidding program and would be for standard vehicles without unnecessary options. Delivery of the vehicles would take about 6 months. Ms. Albers further inquired about leasing versus purchasing the vehicles. Chief Kavaliunas said that many communities because of financial constraints are leasing heavier duty vehicles to reduce costs, including the high cost of maintenance and repairs.

Regarding **Resolution 2015-44**, Ms. Albers asked Police Chief Popielarczyk if the police cars would also be under the state bidding procedure. Chief Popielarczyk answered in the affirmative and further explained that the bids would be based on comparisons of 3-year and 4-year leases and purchase prices for the cars. Councilman Jackson asked if the police department had the costs at this time. Chief Popielarczyk answered in the negative. Ms. Crowell stated that once the bids were available the finance department would have the final costs based upon what financing was secured. Councilman Trojanski asked what warranties would be available for the vehicles. Chief Popielarczyk said that the 3-year and 4-year lease estimates would each include warranties.

Ms. Albers presented the list of **Expenditures over \$1,000.00: 2015-46 through 2015-52** for council review. Councilman Jackson questioned the balance in the Streets/Asphalt Account listed for number **2015-51**. Ms. Crowell apologized that there was an error made in the list and stated that there would be funding available for repairs from either asphalt supplies or the contingency fund which has been budgeted for emergency repairs.

Ms. Albers directed Council's attention to two (2) items of information which had been given to each Council Member: the first was a copy of correspondence from the Board of Elections regarding the process of purging the voter rolls and the second was property tax information which was requested at the last Council Meeting.

The caucus meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Council President Albers called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with the following Council members present: Albers, Adams, Jones, Cefaratti, Jackson, Brownlee, Trojanski and Agee. Also present were Mayor Jeffrey Lansky, Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Irene Crowell, Police Chief John Popielarczyk, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, and Council Clerk Katherine Unger. Engineer Ed Hren was absent and excused.

Councilwoman Toni Jones gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council Clerk Katherine Unger called the roll call.

ADDENDUM: There being no objections, the Addendum became part of the Regular Agenda.

MINUTES: Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adams to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes of June 3, 2015. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to approve the Special Council Meeting minutes of June 22, 2015. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

From Mayor Jeffrey A. Lansky:

The Mayor's Court reports for the months of January, 2015 through May, 2015.

From the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections:

Notice to inform the City that the names of ineligible individuals who have not voted since July of 2011 will be removed on July 24, 2015.

Notice to inform the City that the number of voting precincts in the City will be reduced in Districts 2, 4 and 6 to having only 2 voting precincts instead of 3, effective on July 14, 2015.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

From Mayor Jeffrey A. Lansky:

Proclamation from Mayor Lansky Congratulating Council Clerk Katherine Unger on her Retirement

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no Committee Reports.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department – Chief Kavaliunas reported that to date there were 2,457 calls for service and that the water pressure issues on the west side of the city have stabilized since the completion of work on the 8” temporary main and associated valves on Rockside Road Bridge. The Chief stated that the Cleveland Water Department will be starting work on the 24” main by late August or early September. He also announced that his department received a \$3500 grant from the State EMS Board to replace equipment on the rescue squads. Chief Kavaliunas reminded residents that fireworks are prohibited in Ohio and wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July holiday.

Law Department - Mr. Montello wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July holiday and thanked Council Clerk Katherine Unger for her work for the city. He also wished all the candidates good luck in the upcoming elections.

Police Department – Chief Popielarczyk congratulated Council Clerk Katherine Unger on her retirement. He reported that the Police Department received 1,491 calls for service in June. He stated that the investigation into the release of social security numbers had been completed and the findings turned over to the prosecutor’s office. Chief Popielarczyk also reminded the residents that fireworks are illegal in Ohio and instructed residents that if they need to report emergencies regarding fireworks to stress to the dispatcher the seriousness of the emergency. He stated that the Police Department receives an increased volume of calls around the Fourth of July holiday which the department must prioritize. On behalf of the Police Department, the Chief wished everyone an enjoyable holiday.

Human Service Department – Mrs. Vopat congratulated Council Clerk Katherine Unger on her retirement. She announced that the Farmer’s Market which sells Ohio grown produce would be open this year at the Senior Center on Fridays July 10th and 24th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and August 7th and 21st from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Mrs. Vopat also announced that Walgreen’s will be accepting donations for a rummage sale to be held July 25 to benefit the Senior Center and on August 2nd there will be a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to benefit the Senior Center and Food Pantry at St. Andrew’s Eastern Orthodox Church sponsored by the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Branch 618. She reported that over a 13 day period the Senior Center served 407 households totaling 899 people. Mrs. Vopat concluded her report with the announcement that the Senior Center received a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from Cuyahoga County Senior and Adult Services to a help the Center stay open to August 31st.

Finance Department – Ms. Crowell wished everyone a happy and safe holiday. She congratulated Council Clerk Katherine Unger on her retirement. Ms. Crowell also announced that the auditors were finishing the financial audit and should be completed by July 31, 2015.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mr. Stafford Shenett of 15051 Janice Drive on behalf of the Maple Heights Democratic Club announced that the organization will be hosting a Forum for Mayoral Candidates on Wednesday, July 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Maple Heights Library and encouraged residents to attend.

Mr. Gerald Arnold of 20709 Bowling Green Avenue, on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission, thanked Council Clerk Katherine Unger for her service to their Committee.

Ms. Tania Manning of 5555 Garden Street thanked the people who worked to clean-up the Home Street/ Garden Street Park, especially Donna Clemons and her husband. They worked to cut the grass and weeds and pick-up the trash. She was very disappointed however, that it took over a week for the city to pick-up the trash from this clean-up.

Mr. Erin Mitchell of 20100 McCracken Road congratulated Council Clerk Katherine Unger on her retirement and thanked the city for keeping the vacant land on Maple Heights Boulevard between Warrensville Center Road and Raymond Street maintained – the grass cut and trash removed. He said it is important to give people passing through the area a good visual image of the city.

Ms. Amanda Blackwell of 15357 Longvale Avenue asked if the sidewalk markings could be painted. She said drivers don't slow down near the crosswalks since they can't see them and it's hard for pedestrians not to jaywalk or cross safely.

Mr. Bob Halen of 16226 Maplewood Court urged Council to pass the traffic camera legislation for the safety of children and the elderly. He said that as a school crossing guard he has seen how cars speed through the school zones and through the crosswalks.

Ms. Linda Petit of 18905 Maple Heights Boulevard asked that the traffic cameras be used again to reduce speeding traffic in the city.

Human Services Director Linda Vopat thanked everyone who worked to clean-up the city parks and apologized for the delay in the trash pick-up for the Home Street/Garden Street Park. She instructed residents to call her office regarding any questions or complaints concerning the city parks.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO.: 2015-27

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2016 TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

As this Ordinance is on its third reading, Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to adopt the legislation. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jones, Cefaratti, Jackson, Trojanski, Agee, and Adams. Nay: Brownlee. The Ordinance passed by the vote of 6 ayes, and 1 nay and will become law upon the Mayor's signature

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-29

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE LAW DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE LEASE CONTRACT WITH SBA TOWERS V, LLC FOR A PERPETUAL EASEMENT AGREEMENT OF A CELLULAR TOWER SITE AT DUNHAM PARK IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS 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. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Jones, Cefaratti, Jackson, Trojanski, Agee, and Adams. Nay: Brownlee. The motion passed by the vote of 6 ayes and 1 nay.

Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson to adopt the legislation. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. The Resolution passed and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-32

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION TO WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR TITLE III-B, C1 AND C2 FUNDING UNDER THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING CERTAIN SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MAPLE HEIGHTS OFFICE ON AGING, TO SIGN ANY REQUIRED CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to suspend the rules and place the resolution on its third and final reading. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adams to adopt the legislation. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. The Resolution passed and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-33

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS TO REQUEST THAT THE CITY PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX ADVANCE PROGRAM OF THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Jackson 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 Ms. Jones to adopt the legislation. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. The Resolution passed and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2015-34

AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AT 5050 STANLEY ROAD OWNED BY HOPE ALLIANCE CHURCH IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

Ms. Jones asked to be added as a co-sponsor of this legislation along with Messers. Cefaratti, Adams, Jackson and Trojanski.

Mr. Cefaratti made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to adopt the legislation. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. The Resolution passed and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2015-35

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS TO ACCEPT THE TITLES TO THREE PARCELS OF LAND OBTAINED THROUGH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to suspend the rules and place the legislation on it third and final reading. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to adopt the legislation. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. The Ordinance passed and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2015-36

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO DELIVER TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MAPLE HEIGHTS CHARTER TO LIMIT THE USE OF PHOTO-MONITORING DEVICES TO DETECT CERTAIN TRAFFIC LAW VIOLATIONS, IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance had its first reading.

Mr. Brownlee stated that this legislation was a foolhardy attempt to get future revenue and was a waste of time. He said it would be more prudent to set aside this legislation and instead budget the finances the city already has. Mr. Jackson stated that this legislation was not the same piece of legislation that was on the ballot before. Mr. Jackson said that one thing people objected to was not knowing that this was happening, which can be alleviated by public meetings with residents and the other complaint was that there was not a police officer on site to discuss the ticket, which is in this new legislation.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-37

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE AUDITOR OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY THE SUMS DUE TO THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS WHICH WERE EXPENDED TO CORRECT BUILDING VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING THE BOARDING UP OF HOUSES, WHICH CONSTITUTES AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD TO HUMAN LIFE OR HEALTH OR CONSTITUTES A BLIGHTING OR DETERIORATING INFLUENCE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 731.51 TO 731.54 INCLUSIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution had its first reading.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-38

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE AUDITOR OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY THE SUMS DUE TO THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS WHICH WERE EXPENDED TO CORRECT BUILDING VIOLATIONS AND THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES WHICH MAY INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, REMOVAL, REPAIR, ALTERATION AND SECURING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, WHICH CONSTITUTES AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD TO HUMAN LIFE AND HEALTH OR CONSTITUTES A BLIGHTING OR DETERIORATING INFLUENCE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 731.51 TO 731.54 INCLUSIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution had its first reading.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-39

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE AUDITOR OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY THE SUMS DUE TO THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS WHICH WERE EXPENDED TO THE ABATEMENT OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY NUISANCES, WHICH CONSTITUTES AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD TO HUMAN LIFE OR HEALTH OR CONSTITUTES A BLIGHTING, DETERIORATING OR NEGATIVE INFLUENCE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 731.51 TO 731.54 INCLUSIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution had its first reading.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-40

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE AUDITOR OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY THE SUMS DUE TO THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS WHICH WERE EXPENDED FOR THE DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS, AND TO CORRECT BUILDING VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT OF FORECLOSED HOUSES, WHICH CONSTITUTES AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD TO HUMAN LIFE OR HEALTH OR CONSTITUTES A BLIGHTING OR DETERIORATING INFLUENCE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 731.51 TO 731.54 INCLUSIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution had its first reading.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-41

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE AUDITOR OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY THE SUMS DUE TO THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS WHICH WERE EXPENDED TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS AND HIGH GRASS, WHICH CONSTITUTE AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD TO HUMAN LIFE OR HEALTH OR CONSTITUTES A BLIGHTING OR DETERIORATING INFLUENCE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 731.51 TO 731.54 INCLUSIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution had its first reading.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-42

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ASSESSING THE EXPENSE OF GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR THE COSTS DUE TO THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS FOR GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution had its first reading.

Mr. Brownlee stated that the city wants to charge the \$15 per month rubbish fee even though it doesn't cost that much, to use the money to pad the bank account and use it for other funds. He said that people plan to transfer hundreds of thousands of dollars paid for trash pickup to the General Fund to pay for general expenses. Mr. Brownlee stated that this was illegal and questioned what money would be returned to the Solid Waste Fund.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-43

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS, BID SPECIFICATIONS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF A NEW RESCUE SQUAD IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO BID PROCESS, IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to suspend the rules and place the legislation on it third and final reading. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to adopt the legislation. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. The Resolution passed and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-44

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS, BID SPECIFICATIONS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF FOUR NEW POLICE CARS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO BID PROCESS, IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson to suspend the rules and place the legislation on it third and final reading. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to adopt the legislation. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. The Resolution passed and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-45

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS, BID SPECIFICATIONS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF A NEW PUMPER TRUCK IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO BID PROCESS, IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to suspend the rules and place the legislation on it third and final reading. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adams to adopt the legislation. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed. The Resolution passed and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

EXPENDITURES OVER A \$1,000.00: 2015-46 THROUGH 2015-52

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to approve the expenditures over \$1,000.00 numbered 2015-46 through 2015-52. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Lansky had no report.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2 announced that a Foreclosure Prevention Assistance Program will be held at the Holiday Inn Rockside on Saturday, July 11 and encouraged residents who might need assistance with possible foreclosure issues to attend. Ms. Jones stated that the County is preparing the list of homes to be sold in September for delinquent tax liens. Ms. Jones said there are 9500 homes on this list, approximately 350 of which are in Maple Heights. Ms. Jones strongly encouraged homeowners on this list to contact the County Treasurer's Office to make a payment plan with the County and remove the homes from the list. Ms. Jones updated the city demolition bond application program stating that there had been a total of 89 properties on this list but 13 of the homes will be removed from it. Ms. Jones stated that the owners have applied for permits to make the necessary repairs. Ms. Jones reported that 4 homes have gone through private rehab. Ms. Jones also stated that 8 properties will be donated by the owners to the county land bank since they are unable to catch-up with the back taxes. Ms. Jones reported that the Building Dept. is working to have inspection issues corrected at 4 homes due to substandard living conditions and encouraged residents to contact the city if they see activity at vacant homes. Ms. Jones concluded her report stating that there were 5-7 proceed orders for demolitions in May and an additional 10 proceed orders pending.

Councilman Anthony Cefaratti, District 3 thanked Councilwoman Toni Jones for her efforts with the demolition fund and vacant/tax delinquent properties. Mr. Cefaratti also thanked Council Clerk Katherine Unger for her work for Council and congratulated her on her retirement. Mr. Cefaratti wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July holiday.

Councilman Ron Jackson, District 4 thanked Council Clerk Katherine Unger for her years of service. Mr. Jackson corrected Mr. Shenett regarding the day for the mayoral candidate forum at the library to be Tuesday, July 14th and not Wednesday, July 14th. Mr. Jackson also reminded residents about the National Voters Registration Act and advised them to check to make sure they have not been taken off the list of registered voters by either checking the Board of Election website or calling the Board.

Councilman Bill Brownlee, District 5 reminded residents that the City of Maple Heights celebrated its 100th Anniversary a couple of weeks ago and announced that pictures and video of the activities are available online at *Maple Heights News*. Mr. Brownlee announced that items from the old 1965 time capsule and the new 2015 time capsule will be on display in the Little Red Schoolhouse Museum. He stated that the new time capsule will be buried either this fall or next spring. Mr. Brownlee stated that the city needs to consider other funds instead of concentrating on trash fund legislation. Mr. Brownlee stated that the city also needs to select the members of the fiscal emergency commission. Mr. Brownlee reported that he conducted a telephone survey of 230 registered voters who vote most often and found that 41% think the current tax rate is too high, 52% don't think tax money is spent wisely, 30% were unsure and 38% didn't know the city was in fiscal emergency. Mr. Brownlee concluded his report by reminding people that as they celebrate the Fourth of July they should remember the history of this holiday.

Councilman Richard Trojanski District 6 announced that the District 6 Newsletter would be out shortly. Mr. Trojanski stated he would be hosting a Block Watch Meeting on Monday, July 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Maple Heights Library Auditorium. Mr. Trojanski reported that the District 6 Best Yard Contest is underway with 26 participants this year. He announced that the judging would be completed and the winners announced at the next Council Meeting. Mr. Trojanski concluded his report by wishing Council Clerk Katherine Unger well on her retirement.

Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7 thanked the residents who attended the Block Watch Party and encouraged residents to support the Senior Center for the services it provides now and in the future. For her Southgate Update, Ms. Agee stated that the DOTS store will be closing, the bowling alley will be re-opening on August 16th and the Southgate 60th Anniversary Celebration will be held September 12th starting at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Agee wished everyone a safe and Happy Fourth of July.

Councilman Alex Adams, District 1 reported on high grass complaints in his district that he left reminders for and the residents cut the grass. Mr. Adams also reported there was flooding on Steinway Boulevard due to a sewer emergency and reminded the residents to contact the sewer hot line whenever there are problems. Mr. Adams stated there was report of a wire hanging on Thunderbird Drive which was repaired. Mr. Adams invited everyone to attend the flag raising ceremony to be held at Stafford Park on July 4th at Noon. Mr. Adams thanked Council Clerk Katherine Unger and welcomed the new Clerk of Council. Mr. Adams wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

Council President Jackie Albers encouraged people to remain positive, even though there is much negativity being emphasized.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Albers adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Passed: _____, 2015

ATTEST:

S/S Leonette F. Cicirella, Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO. : 2015-42

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ASSESSING THE EXPENSE OF GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR THE COSTS DUE TO THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS FOR GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution had its first reading.

May I have a motion to suspend the rules and place the Resolution on its 3rd and final reading?

Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Is there any discussion? The clerk will call the roll to suspend the rules.

May I have a motion for adoption? Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Is there any discussion? Call the roll on adoption.