

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

**Maple Heights Senior Center**

**July 8, 2014**

Council President Jackie Albers called the Public Hearing to order at 6:03 p.m. and Clerk 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, Assistant Law Director Blair Melling, Fire Chief John Drsek, Police Chief John Popielarczyk, and Clerk of Council Katherine Unger.

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to temporarily adjourn the meeting to discuss the Financial Recovery Plan with representatives from the County Auditor's Office. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Adams, Jones, Cefaratti, Jackson, Trojanski and Agee. Nay: Brownlee. The motion passed.

Ms. Nita Hendryx and Ms. Laura Brown from the State Auditor's Office discussed the events which caused Maple Heights to go into Fiscal Watch, the analysis of the City's finances, and the recovery plan for the City.

After over forty minutes of discussing various financial reports referenced by page and numbers in the year end analysis of the city's finances and the recovery plan for the City, Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to return to the agenda of the Special Meeting of Council. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Adams, Jones, Cefaratti, Jackson, Trojanski and Agee. Present: Brownlee. The motion passed.

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to suspend the regular Council Meeting agenda and proceed with only the Legislation. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Adams, Jones, Cefaratti, Jackson, Trojanski and Agee. Present: Brownlee. The motion passed.

**LEGISLATION:**

**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**

Mr. Cefaratti thanked Clerk Unger for preparing the revenue projections if the levies pass and the cost to the residents per year and per month. Mr. Cefaratti stated that he introduced the two levies because he believes it is more affordable and more equitable to the residents than the tax credit decrease. Mr. Cefaratti added that he wanted a levy specifically for the Senior Center to

ensure that the Center remains open and the meals, the programs, and the transportation for the Seniors would be continued with separate funding. Ms. Albers added that if the Senior Center were to be shut down, it would lose the Federal funding and the City may not be able to get it back upon possibly reopening. Mr. Adams commented that he does not believe that the tax credit decrease will pass but believes that if the two levies pass, the city should be able to at least fund the Senior Center at its present level of operation. Ms. Jones stated that she likes the idea that the levy amounts were divided to clearly show what they will be used for.

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Albers, Mr. Adams, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Trojanski stated that they wanted to co-sponsor the legislation. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Jones, Cefaratti, Jackson, Trojanski, Agee, and Adams. Nay: Brownlee. The Resolution passed by the vote of 6 ayes and 1 nay and will become effective upon the Mayor's signature.

**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.**

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Jackson stated that no one likes taxes but the City needs money, so he would like to hear any other ideas that people have, and we have to all get together and support these levies. Mr. Adams stated that these levies are the fairest way to create revenue. Ms. Jones stated that the entire Council has to support this and work together. Ms. Albers stated that the negativity at the May Election hurt the City and hopes that if anyone is against the levies, they would just vote the way they want and not work against the rest of the Council. Ms. Albers, Mr. Adams, Ms. Jones, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Trojanski stated that they wanted to co-sponsor the legislation. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Jones, Cefaratti, Jackson, Trojanski, Agee, and Adams. Nay: Brownlee. The Resolution passed by the vote of 6 ayes and 1 nay and will become effective upon the Mayor's signature.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-54**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-27, TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Jackson stated that he wanted to discuss this Resolution before the Tax Budget is voted on tomorrow, as he has about ten questions that he wants to ask. Ms. Crowell stated that the Tax Budget is only a request to receive the taxes for the following year and informing the County Auditors that we need the money that we are requesting from the millage to operate in 2015. The real budget for 2015 will be done this December. The appropriations were discussed in detail referencing numbers and other data from the report attached to the Resolution for one hour and

seventeen minutes. Ms. Albers announced that Resolution number 2014-54 had its second reading and that Council will vote on the Resolution at the Special meeting being held the next day on July 9, 2014.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-55**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2015 TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

This Ordinance had its second Reading.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-56**

**A RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE RAINY DAY CONTINGENCY FUND (102), TRANSFERRING THE BALANCE TO THE GENERAL FUND IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

This Ordinance had its second Reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-57**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, FOR PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

This Ordinance had its first Reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-58**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, FOR FULL-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

This Ordinance had its first Reading.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackie Albers adjourned the Special Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Passed: November 5, 2014

ATTEST:

Katherine M. Unger, CMC  
Clerk of Council