

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

Maple Heights Senior Center

July 22, 2014

Council President Jackie Albers called the meeting to order at 6:10 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, Bill Brownlee, and Richard Trojanski. Council members Anthony Cefaratti, Ron Jackson, were excused from the meeting and Councilwoman Edwina Agee was excused for being late.

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

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to suspend all regular items and reports from the meeting except the legislation. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Adams, Jones, and Trojanski. Present: Brownlee. The motion passed.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-36

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 1487 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING CERTIFICATES OF RENTAL COMPLIANCE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 1486 REGARDING THE REGISTRATION OF RENTAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Albers stated that this legislation would be moved to and considered at the Council meeting on July 23, 2014.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-60

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPROVING THE MAYOR'S 2014 FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN AND DIRECTING THAT THE PLAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCIAL PLANNING AND SUPERVISION COMMISSION AT THEIR FIRST MEETING OF THE FINANCIAL PLANNING AND SUPERVISION COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO

This Ordinance had its first reading. Finance Director Irene Crowell explained the financial plan that the City would be sending down to the State Auditors. Ms. Albers stated that several of the members of Council and some of the Directors have suggested ideas to control the expenses and to increase the revenue, which were also discussed with the plan. Ms. Crowell explained the many components of the plan and stated that some of them are quite complex and that some of the amounts could change through the future years. Ms. Crowell explained that many of the suggestions from Council did not have a dollar amount of money that would be saved and the

auditors require those numbers and the amount of time it would take to see the savings results. Ms. Crowell stated that the plan she will present will focus mainly on the General Fund. Ms. Crowell stated that on the last page of the plan, the expenditures for the years ahead were projected as the same number because until that year comes, the City really does not know what they will spend. Ms. Crowell stated that the employee pay outs will affect the expenditures greatly, as the City loses employees through attrition, resignations, and lay-offs. Ms. Crowell continued to explain how various improvements in the plan would be implemented. Mr. Trojanski asked Ms. Crowell to explain the numbers in 2015 through 2017 for the traffic cameras. Ms. Crowell explained that the cameras would take in less money as the years go by and she has estimated the receipts on the low side. Ms. Albers asked Ms. Crowell if she feels comfortable with the bottom line numbers in presenting them to the auditors, which she replied that she did. Mr. Brownlee asked why the Fire Department expenses went down on page two, which Ms. Crowell stated that number decreased with the employees who left. Mr. Brownlee asked how many fire fighters were laid off, which Chief Drsek replied four lay-offs, bringing the department down to 28 with attritions and resignations. Mr. Trojanski asked if the health care numbers included the fire and police unions accepting the health care plan that the non-union employees have. Ms. Crowell stated that for 2015 through 2018, the numbers projected are with the unions accepting the new health care contracts. Ms. Crowell continued to explain the numbers in the plan with various questions and discussion from the Council.

Mr. Brownlee made a motion to postpone placing this legislation on its first reading because he feels that the attachment is not complete. There was no second, therefore, Ordinance Number 2014-36 remained on its first reading.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2014-61

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1484.04 AND 1484.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES DECREASING THE FEES FOR NOTICE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Ordinance had its first Reading.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-62

A RESOLUTION AUTORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE LAW DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE A 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

This Resolution is on its first Reading. Mr. Brownlee asked if the monopole was supported by guide wires. Mr. Montello stated that he would have the answer at the meeting on July 23, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2014-63

A RESOLUTION URGING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL TO PASS ORDINANCE No. 02014-0014, AN ORDINANCE INTRODUCED BY CUYAHOGA COUNTY EXECUTIVE EDWARD FITZGERALD ESTABLISHING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEMOLITION FUND TO ELIMINATE ABANDONED AND BLIGHTED PROPERTIES IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Resolution had its first Reading.

Ms. Albers announced that there would be another Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday, July 23, 2014 and also a finance meeting on Monday, July 28, 2014.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackie Albers adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Passed: _____, 2014

ATTEST:

Katherine M. Unger, CMC
City of Maple Heights