

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

Maple Heights Senior Center

December 28, 2015

Council President Jackie Albers called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella 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 Jeff Lansky, Law Director John Montello, Police Chief John Popielarczyk, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas Finance Director Irene Crowell, Human Services Director Linda Vopat and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella. City Engineer Ed Hren was absent and excused.

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson to temporarily adjourn the Special Meeting of Council to have a Public Hearing for the Financial Recovery Plan for the City of Maple Heights. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Albers opened the Public Hearing to discuss the Financial Recovery Plan for the City of Maple Heights. Councilman Brownlee asked if the Plan and the budgets included the same information to which Ms. Albers responded in the affirmative. Finance Director Crowell described the Recovery Plan as a “rolling 5 year plan” since it will need to be adjusted according to adjustment in appropriations, etc. Mr. Brownlee asked if the narrative portion of the Plan was the same as that portion of last year’s Fiscal Watch document to which Ms. Crowell responded in the affirmative. Ms. Crowell said the narrative part is developed from boilerplate language provided by the State of Ohio and is similar to plans submitted by other communities. Ms. Crowell said the action items of the Plan will be specific to the community in fiscal emergency.

Councilman Adams asked Ms. Crowell about the changes regarding the school guards for 2014 and 2015. Ms. Crowell said budget information regarding the school guards was received from Police Chief Popielarczyk based upon the number of guards and their number of hours.

Mr. Adams asked about the allocation of the Service Department’s administrative assistant salary to the solid waste fund. Ms. Crowell said a percentage of the assistant’s salary is allocated based on work done regarding the trash collection services in the City. Councilwoman Jones asked where the rest of the Service Department was included. Ms. Crowell said other charges for that department were included in other funds and that the Plan and plan data address only the fund(s) in deficit status, which for the City of Maple Heights is the General Fund.

Councilman Jackson asked about the deficit indicated by the calculations and when would the City move out of deficit status. Ms. Crowell said the Plan indicates the City will start to move out of deficit status by 2018. She said the purpose of the Plan is to show how the City proposes to eliminate the deficit. Ms. Crowell said that it is based upon projections and the understanding that there will be adjustments to it over time as revenues and expenses change.

Ms. Albers asked about the process of submitting the Plan to the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission for their approval or rejection. Ms. Crowell said the Plan will be sent to the Commission who will review it and make suggestions or corrections and if it is not approved, the City will have thirty (30) days to resubmit a modified plan.

Ms. Crowell said that the Plan does not have many items listed the action plan since most of the improvements and enhancements have already been made by Mayor Lansky and Council to rectify the budget when the City was placed under Fiscal Watch.

Ms. Albers asked if there were any other questions to which Mr. Jackson inquired about non-departmental/miscellaneous charges. Ms. Crowell explained that this item referred to expenses shared by the whole City and not just used by any specific department, for example, Bureau of Workers Comp which is spread to all departments.

Ms. Crowell also said that she kept a contingency amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the budget because that had been budgeted in 2015 and also in 2013.

Mr. Adams asked if the health insurance for Mayor elect Blackwell was already budgeted for 2016 to which Ms. Crowell answered in the affirmative.

There being no further questions, Ms. Albers closed the Public Hearing on the Financial Recovery Plan.

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to reconvene the Special Meeting of Council. All voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski to suspend all regular items and reports from the meeting except for the legislation and the expenditures over \$1,000.00. ROLL CALL: Adams: Yes; Jones: Yes; Cefaratti: Yes; Jackson: Yes; Brownlee: No; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes. The vote was six (6) ayes, one (1) opposed, the motion passed by the vote of six (6) to one (1).

LEGISLATION:

THIRD READING:

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-85

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY ENTITLED BUSINESS RETENTION AND ATTRACTION PROTOCOL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski, to adopt the legislation. Major Lansky said since this legislation was on third reading, it would be more appropriate to table it and allow the new Administration and new Council to decide whether or not to approve the contract. Mr. Adams withdrew his motion for adoption and Mr. Trojanski withdrew his second of the motion for adoption. Council President Albers withdrew the resolution as introducer.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-86

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-08 TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL AND FINAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski, to adopt the legislation. ROLL CALL: Adams: Yes; Jones: Yes; Cefaratti: Yes; Jackson: Yes; Brownlee: No; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes. The vote was six (6) ayes, one (1) opposed, the motion passed. The Resolution passed and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

ORDINANCE NO: 2015-87

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO APPROVE, ADOPT, ENACT AND PUBLISH NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

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

RESOLUTION NO: 2015-90

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S 2015 FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN REQUIRED BY OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 118.06 FOR SUBMISSION TO THE FINANCIAL PLANNING AND SUPERVISION COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to adopt the legislation. ROLL CALL: Adams: Yes; Jones: Yes; Cefaratti: Yes; Jackson: Present; Brownlee: No; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes. The vote was five (5) ayes, one (1) opposed and one (1) present, the motion passed. The Resolution passed and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO.: 2015-91

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1286 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS BY ADDING A ZONING TEXT CHANGE TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE INDUSTRIAL USES FOR THOSE EXISTING STRUCTURES THAT ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES IN THE OFFICE/INSTITUTIONAL ZONING DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AS CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to suspend the rules and place this ordinance on its third and final reading. ROLL Call: Adams: Yes; Jones: Yes; Cefaratti: Yes; Jackson: Yes; Brownlee: No; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes. The vote was six (6) ayes, one (1) opposed, the motion passed. Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to adopt

the legislation. ROLL CALL: Adams: Yes; Jones: Yes; Cefaratti: Yes; Jackson: Yes; Brownlee: No; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes. The vote was six (6) ayes, one (1) opposed, the motion passed. The Ordinance passed and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

FIRST READING:

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015-92

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 6, 2016 TO BE HELD AT THE MAPLE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF THE MAYOR ELECT, THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT ELECT AND ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Trojanski withdrew the legislation as introducer.

EXPENDITURES OVER \$1,000.00: 2015-105 through 2015-106

Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the expenditures over \$1,000.00 numbered **2015-105 through 2015-106**. ROLL CALL: Adams: Yes; Jones: Yes; Cefaratti: Yes; Jackson: Yes; Brownlee: Abstain; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes. The vote was six (6) ayes, none opposed, one (1) abstention, the motion passed.

Mr. Jackson made a motion on the floor to move the venue for the next council meeting scheduled for January 6, 2016 which will be the swearing in ceremony for all the newly elected City officials to the Maple Heights High School for the reason that the regular meeting location will not be able to accommodate the anticipated crowd.

Mr. Trojanski seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Adams: Yes; Jones: Yes; Cefaratti: Yes; Jackson: Yes; Brownlee: No; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes. The vote was six (6) ayes, one (1) opposed, the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackie Albers adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Passed: February 17, 2016

ATTEST:

S/S Leonette F. Cicirella, Clerk of Council

