

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

Maple Height Senior Center

November 17, 2021

MEETING CAUCUS

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jackson, Shenett, Jones, Ostenson, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Also present were Law Director Frank Consolo, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Acting Service Director Bob Dloniak, Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers, Mr. Jim Shea from Chagrin Valley Engineering on behalf of City Engineer Ed Hren and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Mayor Annette M. Blackwell and City Engineer Ed Hren were absent and excused.

Mr. Jackson said that Councilman Trojanski would have the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance for tonight's meeting. He said there was an Addendum that would be added to the Agenda if there were no objections from Council. There were no objections. Mr. Jackson said there was one (1) Communication for tonight's meeting concerning an appeal from Planning and Zoning Case No. 2021-PZ-49.

Mr. Jackson asked Councilwoman Jones and Councilman Shenett if they would be presenting any Committee Reports to which each responded in the affirmative.

Moving to the Legislation on tonight's Agenda, Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2021-138** authorizing the contract for the Northeast Quadrant Sewer Repairs Phase 3 Project would be on first reading at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2021-139** authorized Change Order No. 2 for the Police Department Locker Room Expansion Project and asked Police Chief Hansen to discuss this legislation.

Chief Hansen said this started with work on the detention center area of the Police Station which had been unused for over a decade. He said the grant money that had been received for this project was being used to repurpose the whole area and move the patrol area into this area.

Police Chief Hansen said the project was being done in phases and that this work under Change Order No. 2 was for this next phase of the project. He said the locker room phase was almost completed so the remaining grant money would be used for this next phase.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions regarding this Resolution. There being no questions, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this legislation at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolutions Nos. 2021-140 and 2021-141** each authorized Change Orders for the Dunham Road Greenway Tree Planting Project and introduced Mr. Jim Shea from Chagrin Valley Engineering who was in attendance at tonight's meeting on behalf of City Engineer Ed

Hren. Mr. Shea thanked Mr. Jackson and said the Dunham Road Greenway Project had been approved and was completed under budget. He said the remaining grant money could be used to purchase additional trees and install them to extend the project. Mr. Shea said originally seventy-one (71) trees had been purchased and that **Resolution No. 2021-140** would authorize the purchase of an additional nineteen (19) trees.

Mr. Shea said **Resolution No. 2021-141** went along with the previous resolution since it authorized the Change Order to install the additional trees for the Dunham Road Greenway Project.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions on either of these Resolutions.

Mr. Shenett asked where would these new trees be installed.

In response, Mr. Shea said the additional trees would be installed on Turney Road, Mendota Avenue, at the bus turnaround and south of Schreiber Road.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any additional questions. There were no questions or comments. Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on these Resolutions at tonight's meeting.

Moving to the Addendum for tonight's meeting, Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2021-142** authorized an agreement for the provision of health insurance for all full-time City employees. He asked Mr. Consolo to discuss this legislation.

Mr. Consolo said that as he had described in his memo to Council, the City was currently insured with Medical Mutual with a renewal date of January 1st. He said the Medical Mutual renewal proposal was not presented to the City until October 1st and would have required acceptance by October 26th. Mr. Consolo said this proposal was for two (2) years at a premium increase of 9.5% over the two (2) years or 4.75% increase on average each year. In the best interests of the City it was decided by the Administration to reject this proposal and asked The Fedeli Group and another broker, NFP, to go to market and seek other proposals.

Mr. Consolo said Medical Mutual of Ohio presented the City with a second proposal for a one (1) year renewal at a 5% premium increase which was also rejected by the City.

Mr. Consolo said that The Fedeli Group received quote on behalf of the City from Cigna, a national insurance company for a one (1) year health insurance plan identical to the City's current plan except the deductibles were lower and the premium cost would be 8% lower than the City's current premium cost. He said this plan would result in cost savings to the City of approximately \$150,000.00. Mr. Consolo said Cigna also offered the City credit up to an additional \$50,000.00 if the City selected this plan.

Mr. Consolo said NFP presented a proposal from the Summit County Consortium which was a regional consortium that offered a minimum three (3) year plan administered by Medical Mutual identical to the City's current plan except the deductibles would be lower (\$2800/\$5600) and the premium cost would be 5% lower than the City's current plan. He said this would result in cost savings of approximately \$95,000.00.

Mr. Consolo said that after reviewing the proposals it was determined that the City would recommend the Summit County Plan, even though it would generate less savings in the short term. He said this Plan would generate more savings down the road and offered premium rate increase protection compared to the Cigna Plan. Mr. Consolo said the Cigna Plan was for only one (1) year and could renew at a double-digit percentage rate increase should the City experience a large number of claims or a large dollar amount of claims in 2022. Mr. Consolo said that with the Consortium Plan it would be for three (3) years and the consortium was comprised of 18 other political subdivisions and had a more stable premium rate history. He said the average premium rate increase over the last ten (10) years was 3.7% with the highest increase being 6.8%. Mr. Consolo said the City was concerned with stability to help the City plan for the future in its budgeting process. He said under the Cigna Plan the City would be on its own whereas with the consortium there were reserves that could be used as may be necessary.

Mr. Consolo said a second consideration was the disruption to employees if the City shifted to Cigna. He said the City would not need to set up new HSA accounts and the employees could keep their claims benefits tracking and login procedures and medical providers would not need to be given new insurance information. Mr. Consolo said only new HSA ID cards would need to be issued.

Mr. Consolo said the Consortium Plan included a built-in wellness program, an EPA program and telemedicine provision.

Mr. Consolo said that based upon the foregoing, the Administration was requesting that this legislation be passed on emergency so NFP could work with the employees to implement this Plan as soon as possible.

Mr. Jackson asked if there any questions on this legislation. There being no questions, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this legislation at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson asked Ms. Tillman to discuss **Resolution No. 2021-143** authorizing the agreement with Zupka, C.P.A. Inc. for the preparation and filing of the annual GAAP financial statements for years ending December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2022.

In response, Ms. Tillman said that this was the same contract that renewed every year only for the GAAP financial statements.

Mr. Jackson asked if there any questions on this legislation. There being no questions, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this legislation at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said that both **Ordinance No. 2021-144** providing for amendment of the fiscal year 2021 annual appropriations and **Ordinance No. 2021-145** authorizing the appropriations for 2022 would both be on First Reading at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2021-146** authorized the contract for the pavement repair on Knoll Drive and asked Mr. Shea to discuss this Resolution.

Mr. Shea said the road repair authorized by this legislation was the result of a recent water main break on this street that had been repairs by the Cleveland Water Department. He said the Service Department was concerned that the condition of this road would not allow it to be adequately plowed in the winter. Mr. Shea said that due to the condition of the road and time of year to make this repair it was requested that this Resolution be passed on emergency.

Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote in this legislation at tonight's meeting.

Moving to the List of Expenditures, Mr. Jackson said there were no expenditures for review at tonight's meeting.

There being no other questions or comments, the Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Council members present: Jackson, Shenett, Jones, Ostenson, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Also present were Law Director Frank Consolo, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Acting Service Director Bob Dloniak, Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Mayor Annette M. Blackwell and City Engineer Ed Hren were absent and excused.

Councilman Richard Trojanski gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson called the roll.

ADDENDUM: There being no objections, the Addendum was added to the Agenda for tonight's meeting.

MINUTES: Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to approve the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes of November 3, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Shenett: Yes; Ms. Jones: Yes; Mr. Ostenson: Yes; Ms. Anderson: Yes; Ms. Madden: Yes; Mr. Trojanski: Yes; Ms. Agee: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of seven (7) ayes to zero (0) nays.

COMMUNICATIONS: There was one (1) Communication for tonight's meeting:

Appeal regarding Planning and Zoning Case No. 2021-PZ-49, Brandon Barski on behalf of Hope Alliance Baptist Church, Appellant.

Mr. Jackson asked if Mr. Barski or someone was present to discuss this Appeal.

Elder Scott Core and Assistant Pastor Erin Bell of Hope Alliance Baptist Church, appeared before Council to discuss this Appeal. Mr. Core said the reason for this appeal was that the Church wanted to install a fence as part of a beautification project for their property and also to

provide a level of security for the Church and the neighborhood. Mr. Core said that currently the Church did not have a fence and there have been fights on the property and also property damage. He said their property has been used as a park by people.

Mr. Core said the Church was concerned with their members' safety since they conduct Bible classes the finish at 7:30 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. He said without a fence there was access to their parking lot which has resulted in property damage including their bus being stolen and vandalized. Mr. Core said the loss of their bus was a serious problem for the Church since it was used for elderly people to attend Church services and also for youth activities such as the Church's after-school programs etc. Mr. Core said the Church had been trying to maintain its property with a level of security.

Mr. Core said the Planning and Zoning request was for a 2 ft. variance to install a 5 ft. aluminum fence since a 3 ft. fence would still allow easy access to the property which was both a property issue and a safety issue. He said the description of the fence to be installed was ornamental metal and it included a gate of the same appearance that would be locked during off hours.

Mr. Bell thanked Council for hearing their appeal and said they were requesting the variance for the purpose of securing their property. He said the Church has served the City for 26 years and that despite incidents on their property, the Church continued to make improvements including a new parking lot. He said the Church had plans to upgrade their property with both exterior and interior upgrades that had always included a fence. Mr. Bell said the fence would afford a level of security for the staff and the people the Church served. He said it would not put people at risk.

Mr. Jackson thanked Mr. Core and Mr. Bell for attending and said Council would not decide this appeal tonight but will discuss it at a Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Anderson said she thought this was a good proposal and that she appreciated what the Church did for the community.

Mr. Shenett asked if there was a time-frame to decide this appeal.

Mr. Core said with the supply chain issue there may be a 3 to 4-month delay in getting the materials for the project with construction not until mid-winter.

Mr. Shenett said given this response would Council still wait to discuss it again at a later meeting to which Mr. Jackson responded in the affirmative. Mr. Consolo said Council could make their decision on the appeal at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson polled Council if each was ready to make their decision with regards to this appeal.

Ms. Madden said she would like to hear from the Councilperson from the District where the property was located.

In response, Mr. Ostenson said he would vote to wait on this decision.

Ms. Agee asked Mr. Ostenson if he had had an opportunity to visit the Church to which Mr. Ostenson responded in the negative. Mr. Ostenson said that he had reached out to the Church but had not received a call back. Mr. Ostenson asked if it would be possible for him to meet with someone from the Church on Saturday. Mr. Core said that would be possible.

Mr. Jackson said Council would wait then to render its decision on this appeal, but it would not be a long delay.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were two (2) Council Committee Report for tonight's meeting.

Housing/Economic Development Committee

Ms. Jones, Chairwoman of the Housing/Economic Development Committee presented the following report which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Community Life and Education Committee

Mr. Shenett, Chairman of the Community Life and Education Committee, reported that the Committee met on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 in Room 7. He said the meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m. with Committee Members Shenett, Madden and Agee in attendance. Mr. Shenett said the agenda included a discussion of the current youth violence in the City with Members of the MH School Board and a number of community activists including the following:

Ms. Sharri Thomas from the "Rivers in the Dessert" organization who discussed the Heal the Land Project and also the Peace Garden to be created here in Maple Heights;

Ms. Adrienne Carr from Community Voice and Hands are Here to Help;

Mr. Erin Pope from Project E who discussed his work to develop an after-school program to assist at-risk students;

Mr. Lawrence Lane from Truth & Vision organization who has purchased the Garfield Theater and has been working on programs to assist young people;

New Era Cleveland and Hamza Khaur, both part of "Rivers in the Dessert" that also work with young people;

Maple Heights School Board President Rosalind Moore and Vice-President Connie Roseman discussed the services offered to assist students involved in violence and also how the School District was dealing with the mental health conditions of the students.

Mr. Shenett said the Committee also discussed their work as a liaison with these community activists and school officials with the City and the larger community. He said the Committee will also help to steer the community, parents and the youth to these organizations. Mr. Shenett said this work would include media opportunities to get information about these resources out to the public via social media and other venues.

Mr. Shenett said the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department - Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas said that Fire Department calls for service to date were 5,072.

The Fire Chief said he was happy to announce that the Fire Department ambulance that was scheduled for delivery in March of this year was completed and will be going from the manufacturer to the dealership this Friday, November 19th. He said the Fire Department hoped to have this unit in service in the first two (2) weeks of December.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas said planning continued for the refurbishment of the Department's 2002 fire pumper truck. He said it was tentatively scheduled to go to the manufacturer the first week of January 2022.

The Fire Chief said the Fire Department wanted to remind all residents to use diligence when decorating for the Holidays, specifically the use of extension cords, not overloading sockets, not blocking front entrance doors with trees or decorations and keeping live trees properly watered and discarding them as soon as the needles begin to fall.

Chief Kavaliunas also reminded everyone to be very careful if using a turkey fryer, making sure it was not used in the house or garage or cooking a frozen turkey. He also reminded residents and businesses to make sure addresses on houses and buildings were visible for emergency services. He said a number of properties were missing addresses or have addresses that were covered by shrubs.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas concluded his report by wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving on behalf of the Fire department.

Law Department – Law Director Mr. Frank Consolo thanked Council for considering the health insurance renewal legislation that was on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Consolo said that the December meetings Council will be receiving legislation to approve a new salary ordinance to include the 2% wage increase for non-bargaining unit employees to match the wage increase under the City's collective bargaining agreements.

Mr. Consolo concluded his report by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Police Department – Police Chief Todd Hansen reported that the Police Department has responded to approximately 25,000 plus calls for service to date. The Chief said that the number of calls for service per day during November for the Police Department averaged about 90 calls per day including 5-6 reports a day, 12 tickets per day and about 4 arrests per day. The Police Chief also reported that the Police Department took 12 guns off the streets so far in November.

The Police Chief said in the area of personnel the Police Department had three (3) Officers who were doing their field training and that one Officer, Officer Lowe, was almost done. The Chief

reported however that two (2) Officers would be retiring this year, Ex. Lt. Mocsiran and Det. Sperie.

Police Chief Hansen concluded his report by reminding everyone that the Police Department was once again participating in the Shop With a Cop Program this year. He said there will not be shopping again this year, but the Officers will be giving \$150.00 gift cards to children. Chief Hansen said the tickets for Shop With a Cop were \$1.00 each or six (6) for \$5.00 and that everyone's support would be appreciated. Police Chief Hansen wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Human Services Department – Human Services Director Mrs. Linda Vopat announced that the Department of Human Services had been recommended for funding from the Department of Senior and Adult Services for 2022 and 2023 in the amount of \$57,400.00 for each year. Mrs. Vopat said this program was a two (2) year grant and that she was very pleased with the work done by her staff to receive this grant.

Mrs. Vopat also announced that the next Mobile Farmers' Market will be Thursday, November 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church. She said fresh fruits and vegetables will be available.

Mrs. Vopat said the Maple Heights Food Pantry will be open Monday, November 22nd from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, November 23rd from Noon to 3:00 p.m. but will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Vopat said on Tuesday, November 23rd transportation to the polls will be available for seniors and disabled residents of District 6 to vote in the recall election.

Mrs. Vopat announced that CHN Housing Partners has made available a program to help residents with delinquent property taxes with grants up to \$10,000.00. She said the program was only available to Cuyahoga County residents who were not in foreclosure. Mrs. Vopat said the home must be the owner's primary residence and that more information on the program was available by calling her at the Senior Center.

Mrs. Vopat concluded her report by wishing everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving on behalf of the staff of the Department of Human Services.

Finance Department – Finance Director Ms. Tinita Tillman said this was the busiest time of the year for the Finance Department and that for 2021 the spending cut-off was this past Friday with the exception of all essential and emergency expenditures.

Ms. Tillman reported that the 2022 budget was about 75% complete and that she just needed the benefits numbers to include in it. She said once the draft budget for 2022 was completed it will be reviewed with the Mayor and Council Finance Committee.

Ms. Tillman concluded her report by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving from the Finance Department.

Service Department – Acting Service Director Mr. Bob Dloniak reported that the Service Department had to make emergency asphalt repairs on Maple Park Drive and that staff were working on the third pass through the City for the Leaf Collection Program. He said the second truck may go out tomorrow at the area South of Libby and then go to the Westside. Mr. Dloniak said if there would be snow this will stop the leaf collection momentarily, but staff would continue with the leaf collection after the snow stopped.

On behalf of the Service Department Mr. Dloniak wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Economic Development Director: Economic Development Director Mr. Patrick Grogan-Myers announced that CHN Housing Partners has launched their Delinquent Property Tax Program which can help homeowners with up to \$10,000.00 in grants to assist with delinquent property taxes due to Covid-19. He said the program was designed to address delinquent property taxes for individuals who have experienced a Covid-19 hardship after January 21, 2020. Mr. Grogan-Myers said funds were limited so the City was trying to spread the word to as many people as we can and help Maple Heights keep homeowners in their homes. He said more information on this program was available on the City website, including the link to the application.

Mr. Grogan-Myers said the Small Business Administration (SBA) has estimated that small businesses across the country generated 44% of the total economic activity in the country and employed half of all private-sector jobs. He said supporting small businesses in our community by shopping and eating locally was one of the best ways to do our part to support the present and future of the City. Mr. Grogan-Myers announced that next Saturday, November 27th was Small Business Saturday and said that this was one day where we can raise awareness of small businesses in our community and support them. He asked that as we shopped for gifts for the holidays, groceries to cook, or restaurants to order food from we consider the dozens of small businesses in Maple Heights.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Ms. Tina Marbury residing at 5223 Homewood Avenue said that she was once again collecting toys for the “Toys for Tots” Program and that information regarding this toy drive was available via email at: allaboutouryouth@gmail.com.

Ms. Janie Allen of 20803 Clare Avenue made a statement regarding the District 6 recall election which was interrupted by Mr. Jackson since campaign language was not permitted at Council Meetings.

In response, Mr. Consolo said statements made either way was considered campaign language.

Mr. Alonzo Spears residing on Clare Avenue said this street was in very bad condition and that as a resident he pays his taxes so he would like to see something done.

Mr. Albert Harrison residing on Longview Avenue said he appreciated his Councilman.

Mr. Henry Anderson residing on Clare Avenue said his 14-year old son was killed by young boys 12 and 13-years old. Mr. Anderson said he wanted something done about this problem of youth violence and that there needed to be something for kids to do after school like Boys & Girls Clubs. Mr. Anderson said he moved his family to Maple Heights ten (10) years ago and now his daughters and another son were scared to go out.

Mr. Anderson said the problem of kids killing kids started at home and that the system will not work for kids.

In response, Councilwoman Agee extended her condolences to Mr. Anderson and said that she had attended the balloon release for his son. Ms. Agee said the Community Life and Education Committee held a meeting on November 10th to discuss this problem of youth violence and another meeting will be held on November 30th to listen to what young people have to say.

Mr. Shenett said he concurred with Ms. Agee and said that the Community Life and Education Committee has tried to help children with various activities. Mr. Shenett said he prayed that the death of Mr. Anderson's son would not be in vain.

Ms. Amy Gardner residing on South Boulevard extended her condolences to Mr. Anderson on the death of his son and said that her organization, Hart House, worked to help at-risk teens in the foster children system.

Ms. Gardener said the community must be involved with this problem and that children needed a safe space to speak. She said a teen summit would give youths the opportunity to say what was important to them and give them a voice. Ms. Gardner asked everyone to stand with her in solidarity.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-138

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NORTHEAST QUADRANT SEWER REPAIRS PHASE 3 PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution was on First Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-139

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR CAVES ROAD CONSTRUCTION FOR THE MAPLE HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT LOCKER ROOM EXPANSION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Ostenson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion on this legislation.

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules. On the motion to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency, all voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Jackson asked if there was any discussion on this Resolution. There being no discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote for passage on emergency.

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of seven (7) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Resolution passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-140

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR KLYN NURSERIES INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TREES FOR THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTHY TREE CANOPY PROGRAM DUNHAM ROAD GREENWAY TREE PLANTING PROJECT (COUNTY PROJECT NO. MAP-21-01) IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Shenett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion on this legislation.

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules. On the motion to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency, all voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Jackson asked if there was any discussion on this Resolution. There being no discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote for passage on emergency.

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of seven (7) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Resolution passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-141

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR Z-SCAPE LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TREES FOR THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTHY TREE CANOPY PROGRAM DUNHAM ROAD GREENWAY TREE PLANTING PROJECT (COUNTY PROJECT NO. MAP-21-01) IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shenett, to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion on this legislation.

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules. On the motion to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency, all voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

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ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of seven (7) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Resolution passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-142

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SUMMIT COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN A REGIONALIZATION PROGRAM WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH INSURANCE AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE TO ALL FULL-TIME CITY EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Ostenson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on emergency. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion on this legislation.

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules. On the motion to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on emergency, all voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Jackson asked if there was any discussion on this Ordinance. There being no discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote for passage on emergency.

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of seven (7) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Ordinance passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-143

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JAMES G. ZUPKA, C.P.A., INC., TO PREPARE AND FILE THE ANNUAL

GAAP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE CITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Ostenson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion on this legislation.

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Mr. Jackson asked if there was any discussion on this Resolution. There being no discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote for passage on emergency.

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes. Madden: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of seven (7) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Resolution passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-144

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-145

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-146

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAVEMENT REPAIR ON KNOLL DRIVE IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski, to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion on this legislation.

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules. On the motion to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency, all voted aye, none opposed, the motion passed.

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ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes. Madden: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of seven (7) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Resolution passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

EXPENDITURES OVER \$3,500.00: There were no expenditures for review at tonight's meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Richard Trojanski, District 6 said he was proud to attend the Castle High School Career Week that was held November 15th to November 19th to discuss careers in local government work. Mr. Trojanski said he felt it was important to expose young people to work in this area since careers in local government work accounted for approximately 60% of jobs.

Mr. Trojanski said with regards to the recent youth violence it was important to engage the youth of the City and start the conversation with them. He suggested that a youth council be created to give young people a voice in our community.

Mr. Trojanski announced that on Saturday, November 20th the Districts 4 and 6 Coat Giveaway will be held in partnership with Castle High School. He said the event will be held at Castle High School from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

Mr. Trojanski concluded his report by wishing a Happy Hannaka to those who celebrate the Holiday and a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7 – No report.

Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, District 1 said that he had been privileged to present a proclamation to District 1 residents Rev. John Currie and Mrs. Ruth Currie in commemoration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. He said it was an awesome experience for him.

Mr. Shenett said that the District 1 Newsletter for the month of December 2021 will be coming out soon and will be available at various businesses on Dunham Road and in the Turney-Dunham Plaza including Huntington Bank and China Works.

Mr. Shenett announced that St. Martin of Tours Church on Turney Road would hold its Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Church. He said parishioner Raine Austen will host and perform at this event.

Mr. Shenett also announced that the Community Life and Education Committee will be sponsoring the 5th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Gobble Gobble which will be a drive-thru free turkey giveaway, ham giveaway and produce giveaway. He said it will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00mp.m. at Southgate USA. Mr. Shenett said this event was for Maple Heights residents only and that reservations were required in advance. He said the deadline for reservation was Sunday, November 21st.

Mr. Shenett concluded his report by wishing everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2 said she wanted to commend the members of the Community Life and Education Committee for bringing together as many community leaders as they did who all had youth at the core of their work. She said this amount of talent and passion was phenomenal. Ms. Jones said a consortium that got everyone together to share their expertise and put their strengths together was important.

Ms. Jones extended her condolences to Mr. Anderson and said she felt his pain, that it was palpable.

Mr. Jones thanked Mrs. Vopat and Mr. Grogan-Myers for the information regarding the CHN Housing Partners Delinquent Property Tax Assistance Program. She said there had never been a program to offer this type of assistance. Ms. Jones said ESOP had grants available last year for property owners age 62 and older or disabled. She said there were limited funds available and had the information for this link. Ms. Jones said social media was a good way to get information out for people to be able to take advantage of these programs.

Ms. Jones concluded her report by wishing everyone a great Thanksgiving!

Councilman Christian Ostenson, District 3 wished everyone a safe Thanksgiving holiday and reminded residents to reach out to their neighbors to make sure they were safe during the holidays

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, District 4 reiterated that the District 4 and 6 Coat Giveaway with Castle High School would be held this Saturday, November 20th and that in addition to coats, scarves, hats, gloves and socks would be available.

Ms. Anderson concluded her report by wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5 extended her condolences to Mr. Anderson and told him that she too attended the balloon release for his son and that it was very powerful. She said the heartbreak was very touching.

Ms. Madden said we all needed to reach out to our children, talk with them and let them know we care. She said the Community Life and Education Committee was trying to work with various organizations regarding this issue.

Ms. Madden concluded her report by wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Council President Ron Jackson extended his condolences to Mr. Anderson and said that there were no words to describe the loss of a child.

Mr. Jackson said with the coming holidays from Thanksgiving to New Year's people always seemed friendlier. He said may this kindness continue throughout the year. Mr. Jackson concluded his report by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Passed: December 1, 2021

ATTEST:

/S/ Leonette Cicirella Johnson Clerk of Council