

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

Maple Height Senior Center

November 3, 2021

MEETING CAUCUS

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jackson, Jones, Ostenson, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Also present were Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, 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, City Engineer Ed Hren and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Councilman Shenett arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Jackson said that Councilwoman Madden 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.

Moving to the Legislation on tonight's Agenda, Mr. Jackson asked Councilman Ostenson if **Ordinance No. 2019-61, As Amended** regarding the tree program would be staying in the Finance Committee to which Mr. Ostenson responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2021-114** enacting new Chapter 853 of the Codified Ordinances regulating Mobile Food Service Operation was on Third Reading and asked if there were any questions regarding this Ordinance. Mr. Jackson said Council would return to this legislation after Mr. Shenett arrived since he had previous questions regarding it.

Moving to **Ordinance No. 2021-115**, Mr. Jackson said this Ordinance concerned the issuance and sale of general obligation refunding bonds. He asked Council if there were any questions regarding this legislation. There being no other questions or comments, Mr. Jackson said this Ordinance was on Third Reading so he would ask Council to vote on it at tonight's meeting.

Returning to **Ordinance No. 2021-114**, Mr. Jackson asked Councilman Shenett if he had any further questions regarding this legislation. In response, Mr. Shenett asked if the issue whether or not this Ordinance would apply to a mobile food service operation located on a business's private property had been resolved.

In response, Mr. Consolo said that in reviewing this Ordinance Section 853.02 covered mobile operations on both public or private property. He said even if the food service operation was on private property it would still need a permit.

Mr. Shenett asked if private property would include a business's private property such as Southgate to which Mr. Consolo responded in the affirmative. He said private property would also include a mobile food service operation at a private residence for a party, etc. He said it would still need a permit from the City.

Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this legislation tonight since it was on Third Reading.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2021-130** concerned another Side Lot Program Application requiring Council to determine that the unimproved residential City-owned lot at 19505 Longview Avenue was not needed for municipal purposes. He asked Councilman Trojanski if he had any comments regarding this legislation since it was located in District 6.

In response, Mr. Trojanski said he had spoken with the resident and that she was interested in expanding her yard to include a garden and fence. Mr. Trojanski said he supported this application and asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor of this Resolution.

Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this legislation tonight.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2021-131**, Mr. Jackson said this legislation would authorize the Mayor to enter into a MCIP grant program agreement with the NEORSD for the Southwest Sewer District Sewer Repairs Phase 2 Project and asked City Engineer Ed Hren to discuss this legislation.

Mr. Hren said this grant program agreement was similar to other MCIP agreements that the City had received from the NEORSD over the past year. He said this agreement was specifically for the Southwest Sewer District Sewer Repairs Phase 2 Project that would cover sewer work in the Turney-Dunham area. Mr. Hren said this project would address water quality and quantity issues with regards to the sewer infrastructure.

Mr. Hren said this grant agreement would be in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$292,320.00). He said approximately another \$125,000.00 for this project would need to be covered by the City which could be funded by Community Cost Share dollars. He said this would allow the City to do additional die testing of the storm and sanitary sewers in this area. Mr. Hren said that like other projects in the City the work would start with testing the sewer lines first and then would make any repairs as may be necessary.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions.

Councilwoman Jones asked Mr. Hren if this project would include testing and work on the laterals in the area to which Mr. Hren responded in the affirmative. He said the northern limit of the project would be Steinway and the southern limit would be Carol Drive. Mr. Hren said the southwest area would also include Glenwood to Dunham Road to E. 141st. Street.

Mr. Hren said this Southwest Sewer District Sewer repairs Project will take time and that it covered about (10) years-worth of work.

Mr. Hren said these projects typically involved a couple of types of grants including one type pf grant for the construction costs of the project and another type of grant for the design-only phase. He said this one is for the design part of the project.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions. There being no other questions, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this Resolution tonight.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2021-132** authorized an agreement with the NEORSD for Community Cost-Share (CCS) funds for the Lee Road and Mustang Drive sewer repairs. He asked Mr. Hren to also discuss this legislation.

Mr. Hren said Community Cost-Share funds were collected by the NEORSD on behalf of the City as part of the residents' sewer bills and could be used for any type of sewer work in a community to improve storm water discharge and keep pollutants out of the storm sewers. He said the City had been able to use CCS funds for a number of projects such as the Lee-Libby Pocket Park, construction of the salt storage domes, lease of the street sweeper and purchase of leaf vac equipment.

Mr. Hren said in the area of Lee Road and Mustang Drive it was discovered that sewage was going into the sanitary sewer so this project will help to alleviate this problem.

Mr. Jackson asked if Council had any questions regarding this legislation. There being no questions, Mr. Jackson asked Council to move this legislation to a vote at tonight's meeting.

Moving to **Ordinance No. 2021-133**, Mr. Jackson said this legislation would authorize the contract with Waste Management of Ohio, Inc. for residential solid waste collection, disposal and recycling services for a period of five (5) years starting in 2022. He said Mr. Vince Crawford from Waste Management (WM) was in attendance at tonight's Caucus Meeting and asked Mr. Crawford to discuss this legislation.

Mr. Crawford thanked Mr. Jackson for the opportunity to discuss the contract proposal that Waste Management had submitted in response to the City's request for proposals. Mr. Crawford said the Company will continue the use of rubbish trucks powered by natural gas to help control costs and had worked with the previous Service Director to distribute a company video designed to help residents put out trash for more efficient trash collection. Mr. Crawford said that after discussions with Mr. Consolo, WM will also be producing a brochure for distribution sometime in early December regarding company procedures. He said the brochure will be out before the change-over to the new contract.

Mr. Crawford said one part of the new contract will allow residents to get another 96-gallon cart if needed to help with their trash collection.

With regards to the employment situation at WM, Mr. Crawford said that hiring had been very good the last six (6) weeks for the company. He said WM was doing better with extra employees available to work. Mr. Crawford said that the company Route Manager for Maple Heights has seen a reduced number of employee-related problems recently.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions for Mr. Crawford.

Councilwoman Jones said that in her district on the west side of Dunham Road was on a different recycling schedule and asked if the recycling scheduled could be changed so that both sides of Dunham Road could be at the same time. She said the current recycling schedule confused the residents.

Mr. Crawford said he would work with the Service Department to review the current schedule.

Ms. Jones said her district was on a Friday pick-up schedule and asked about the possibility of having drivers available on Saturday to complete the trash collection if necessary. Ms. Jones said she thought the company tracked driver hours so she wanted to make sure Saturday pick up was a possibility.

In response, Mr. Crawford said WM will have drivers available on Saturday on an “on-call basis.” He said if the Route Manger was contacted by 4:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Friday that a street has not been covered then that street would have a Saturday trash collection. Mr. Crawford said this service would not be available however, for just one (1) resident who did not put their trash out in time.

Ms. Jones asked if will there be a limitation imposed by the company on the amount of trash a resident will be able to put out each week to which Mr. Crawford responded in the affirmative. Mr. Crawford said under the new contract residents would be able to receive an additional 96-gallon cart and be permitted to put out the two (2) carts and two (2) additional items of trash or two (2) additional bulk items. He said any additional items that were more than two (2) mattresses or pieces of furniture fill up the truck.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions. There being no other questions, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this Ordinance tonight.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2021-134** established a Peace Garden at Stafford Park and asked Mayor Blackwell to discuss this legislation.

Mayor Blackwell said this idea had been presented to her by former Councilwoman Sharri Thomas so she has asked Ms. Thomas to come to the meeting tonight to discuss this Resolution.

Ms. Thomas thanked the Mayor and Council for asking her to attend tonight’s meeting and said that she and her husband had been working on this project for a long time. She said they had been trying to work on such a project since May 8th when a double homicide occurred in front of their home. Ms. Thomas said the community trauma from these incidents was very real.

Ms. Thomas said that more recently another tragedy occurred in Maple Heights when a 14-year-old was murdered this Monday. She said these tragedies caused trauma for the families and also for the community in general. Ms. Thomas said our community has been traumatized by violence this year with an unprecedented number of deaths in our City, County and State.

Ms. Thomas said the project being proposed would be a Peace Garden where families affected by violence could memorialize their family members and the City could remember residents or

people who have died in the City. She said Mayor Blackwell found this location in Stafford Park that was a very tranquil place on the other side of the pavilions.

Ms. Thomas said she was asking Council to support this legislation which would be Phase 1 of this project. She said Phase 2 would encompass working with the Community Life and Education Committee to develop a program, develop the land and perhaps create a committee to work with Community Life and Education regarding this project. Ms. Thomas said this sub-committee would create the guidelines, etc. for this project.

Ms. Thomas said she and her organization would work closely with Council and the Administration during Phase 2 of this project and would be accountable to both the City and Council. She said the Peace Garden could last 20 or 30 years especially if an endowment can be established to maintain the facility. Ms. Thomas said this would be a community project and that Phase 1 was just securing the land.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions.

Councilwoman Agee said this project was a good idea but asked if the City would maintain the property.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said the garden would be maintained minimally by the City.

Ms. Thomas said perhaps local landscaping companies could volunteer their services for long-term maintenance of the garden.

Mr. Shenett asked if Ms. Thomas had envisioned names being included as part of a memorial garden.

In response, Ms. Thomas said she did have her own vision for this project, but since this was a community project those decisions would need to be made by the committee. Ms. Thomas said she would like to see a sitting area where people could meditate and perhaps a memorial service could be held yearly for anyone remembered in the garden.

Councilwoman Anderson asked how would this project be funded.

Ms. Thomas said Phase 2 of the project would include the committee seeking funding from donations, grant funding, corporate sponsors, etc. She said it would take about three (3) to six (6) months to find grants and other funding sources.

Mayor Blackwell said families affected by tragedy were looking for peace and this project would help. The Mayor said this legislation was not the format to flush out the details of the project. She said the challenge for the Administration was to find a place for this garden.

The Mayor said the City would not be able to expend funds to maintain it but that would be the responsibility of the families and the committee. She said the City would perform minimal maintenance like the Service Department currently does to cut the grass in the Park, etc.

Mayor Blackwell said this project was very timely with the recent tragedy in the City but the details will be flushed out working with the Community Life and Education Committee.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions. There being no other questions, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this legislation tonight.

Ms. Thomas thanked the Mayor for finding this area for the garden and thanked everyone for listening to her project.

Moving to the List of Expenditures, Mr. Jackson asked if Council had any questions on the expenditures.

Mr. Trojanski said he had one general question for Ms. Tillman regarding Item #050 concerning the fuel expense. He asked if the fuel cost had increased due to increased consumption or increase cost for fuel. Mr. Trojanski said in comparison to 2020, what was the reason for this cost increase.

In response, Ms. Tillman said that looking at the previous year the City saw a \$45,000.00 increase in fuel costs. She said last year the City paid approximately \$2.00 per gallon but this year the City has been paying about \$3.00 per gallon. Ms. Tillman said the increase was across the board for all City departments. She said the School District was up \$10,000.00, the Police Department was up \$11,000.00, the Fire Department was up \$18,000.00.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions. There were no questions.

Mr. Shenett said there would be a Community Life and Education Committee Report for tonight's meeting.

There being no other questions or comments, the Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following Council members present: Jackson, Shenett, Jones, Ostenson, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Also present were Mayor Annette M. Blackwell. 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. City Engineer Ed Hren was absent and excused.

Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden 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: Ms. Madden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski, to approve the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes of October 20, 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:

From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

Notice regarding an application for change of LLC membership interests for every location in Ohio filed by SPEEDWAY LLC including SPEEDWAY LLC DBA SPEEDWAY #4046 located at 16400 Rockside Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There was one (1) Council Committee Report for tonight's meeting.

Community Life and Education Committee

Mr. Shenett, Chairman of the Community Life and Education Committee, on behalf of Committee Members Councilwoman Madden and Councilwoman Agee that the Community Life and Education Committee thanked the Mayor, City Administration, School District Members and Council for their participation in the Committee's Annual Trunk or Treat Event that was held on Sunday, October 24th at Stafford Park. He said there was a very good turn-out for this event.

Mr. Shenett announced that the Committee's next event will be the Annual Thanksgiving Turkey and Ham Giveaway. He said the Committee will be meeting to discuss the details of this event.

Mr. Shenett said the Committee will also continue to support families during the Christmas season with the Youth Christmas Event. He said the Committee will follow-up with additional information and details and as they become available.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department - Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas said that Fire Department calls for service to date were 4,852 and that the Fire Department responded to the following structure fires:

On October 23rd at 10:30 p.m. to 14450 Rockside Road for a house fire with fire on the second floor;

On October 29th at 4:30 p.m. at 15720 Broadway Avenue for an electrical fire in a restaurant;

On November 2nd at 8:24 p.m. at 16811 Libby Road for a house fire, again on the second floor. He said there were no injuries as a result of these incidents.

The Fire Chief said that the Dominion East Ohio Gas Line Replacement Project was continuing on Libby Road and that this phase should be completed soon.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas said the Fire Department has been out service testing repaired fire hydrants and painting the ones that had been replaced.

The Fire Chief said the Department wanted to announce the passing of Eddie Zelasko who had started with the Maple Heights Fire Department in 1971 and had retired after 25 years of service. He said Eddie would be greatly missed.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas said on a happier note he had attended the “Trunk or Treat” event at Stafford Park and that there was a great turnout, even with the cold rain. He said the fire truck was always a hit with the kids and the adults.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas concluded his report by thanking the Bedford Eagles for the very generous donation to the Fire Department which was a very appreciated tradition of support of our cities first responders.

Law Department – Law Director Mr. Frank Consolo announced that the first session of the City’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training will be held on Monday, November 8th from Noon to 3:00m p.m. at the Senior Center, 2nd Floor. He said this session was open to all elected officials and City Directors and will focus on identifying diversity, equity and inclusion. Mr. Consolo said the second session will be held on November 18th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and will focus on identifying explicit and unconscious bias.

Mr. Consolo said this training will be conducted by Dr. Tameka Taylor, President and Co-founder of Compass Consulting. He said Dr. Taylor had an extensive background in this area.

Mr. Consolo said currently this training will be available to Directors, and envisioned to eventually include other employees.

Ms. Jones asked if this program will be taped so Council Members who work could still be able to participate.

In response, Mr. Consolo said he will work with the Mayor about this and perhaps the City could use the Owl system to tape it.

Police Department – Police Chief Todd Hansen reported that the Police Department has responded to approximately 25,000 calls for service to date. The Chief said that the number of calls for service per day for the Police Department averaged about 85 calls per day including 5 reports a day and 11 tickets per day.

The Police Chief also reported that the Police Department took 10 guns off the streets, but unfortunately not the gun recently used in the shooting death of a 14-year-old. He said this was a tragic week for everyone and that the Police Department was working with the schools who have grief counselors available for all the students and staff. Police Chief Hansen said all of the people

involved in this shooting were very young and that there certainly are no winners. He asked parents to help their children to understand the seriousness of gun violence and how endemic gun violence is in our society including television, movies and music. Police Chief Hansen said the schools were starting some projects to deal with these problems and the Police Department will be working with them also.

The Police Chief said that two (2) juveniles were in custody and will be charged in this incident. He said everyone who was involved has been identified and will be dealt with. Chief Hansen thanked the people in the community who gave Police information regarding this incident and helped the Police to identify the suspects.

Police Chief Hansen concluded his report by reminding everyone that Thursday, November 11th will be Veterans' Day and that there will be a ceremony at the Maple Heights City Hall Veterans Honor Roll at 11:00 a.m. that day to celebrate all Veterans. He said American Legion Post 309 will be sponsoring this event and asked everyone who will be attending to arrive by 10:45 a.m.

Human Services Department – Human Services Director Mrs. Linda Vopat announced that the Department of Human Services was still taking appointments for the Maple Heights Mammogram Clinic to be held on Friday, November 19th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. She said the first mammogram clinic had been cancelled due to a lack of participation but that the City was happy to offer this one again in cooperation with The Cleveland Clinic Tussig Cancer Center. She said residents without insurance or who are underinsured will be covered and that all insurance programs were accepted. She said for more information or to schedule a mammogram, residents should call 216-346-8511 and that flyers regarding this event were available on the back table.

Mrs. Vopat said the Maple Heights Food Pantry had applied to the Giant Eagle Foundation for a grant and that she was notified recently that the Maple Heights Food Pantry had received a \$3,000.00 grant from this program. Mrs. Vopat said the Giant Eagle Foundation was eager to partner with the Food Pantry to address the issue of food insecurity.

Mrs. Vopat said a number of the organizations and agencies who had participated in the City's recent Resource Fair were pleased by the turn-out and that all of the providers were looking forward to doing this type of event again perhaps in the Spring. She said this program was very beneficial for the residents.

Mrs. Vopat concluded her report by announcing that Sen. Brown will be working with the Department of Education and other agencies to encourage student loan reforms to simplify the student loan process and make it easier for students and families to pay back these loans.

Finance Department – Finance Director Ms. Tinita Tillman announced that the Finance Department closed the month of October on November 1st and that these Finance Reports were sent out on Tuesday, November 2nd. Ms. Tillman reported that for the month ending October 31, 2021 the General Fund unexpended balance was \$6,371,403.62 and the unexpended balance for all funds was \$14,660,355.29.

Ms. Tillman said the Finance Department was currently working on the budget for 2022 and that the Finance Committee will probably need to schedule two (2) or three (3) Finance Committee Meetings to finalize the 2021 budget and prepare the 2022 budget.

Service Department – Acting Service Director Mr. Bob Dloniak reported that the Service Department is in leaf season having completed the Leaf Collection Program one time throughout the City. He said the Service Department was halfway through the second collection round throughout the City.

Mr. Dloniak reported that Service Department staff were still cutting grass and staff were also finishing asphalt work. He said there has been a backlog for communities requesting asphalt before the plants close for the season.

Mr. Dloniak said the street sweeper has also been out and that the Service Department completed seven (7) more dig jobs to bring the total to eighty (80) dig jobs for the year. He said this was probably the end of the dig jobs for this year.

Economic Development Director: Economic Development Director Mr. Patrick Grogan-Myers reported that for the month of October 2021 the Building Department issued 155 permits and collected almost \$58,000.00 in permit and registration fees. He said almost \$1.5 million dollars in commercial and residential investment was made in the month of October alone. Mr. Grogan-Myers said that in comparison, the Building collected about \$53,000.00 in October 2020 and almost \$46,000.00 in October 2019. He said that year to date the Building Department has collected over \$40,000.00 more in fees compared to 2020 and approximately \$20,000.00 more in fees compared to 2019. Mr. Grogan-Myers said that year to date the amount of investment in the City which was \$14.2 million dollars was more than double the investment in the City in 2020 and over \$4 million dollars more than in 2019.

Mr. Grogan-Myers announced that a Public Hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Maple Heights Senior Center regarding 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and 2022 Community Development Supplemental Grant (CDSG) applications. He said this Public Hearing will also be broadcast via Zoom and that the purpose of the public hearing was to allow residents to give feedback on potential projects. Mr. Grogan-Myers said flyers were available at the back table as well as on the City's website and social media.

Mr. Grogan-Myers said the Building Department was also seeking residents' feedback through a brief housing survey that will be posted on the City's website and hardcopies that will be shared with Council Members and will be available at the Maple Heights Senior Center and at City Hall. He said the survey will ask questions about residents' current and future housing needs so the City will be able to ensure that local housing policy supports current residents and provides a framework for the future.

Mr. Grogan-Myers concluded his report by stating that the Building Department was concluding its review and summary of the 2021 Paint the City Program, but wanted to give a preview of the results. He said this program represented the first grant program offered to residents by the City

in over 5 years. Mr. Grogan-Myers said it assisted income-qualifying residents with painting the exterior of their home and garage and the results have been inspiring. He said before and after photos showed houses and garages with chipping and peeling paint now the pride of the street. Mr. Grogan-Myers said seven (7) families in five (5) districts of the City participated in this program.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mr. George Grisin of 6272 Dunham Road commented on Mr. Trojanski's community service and his performance as a council representative.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-61, As Amended

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 660.16(C) CREATING A COST-SHARING PROGRAM WITH PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS FOR REMOVAL OF DEAD, DISEASED, OR DAMAGED TREES AND THOSE TREES WHOSE ROOTS HAVE ADVERSELY IMPACTED SIDEWALKS AND SEWERS FROM TREE LAWNS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance remained in the Finance Committee upon the recommendation of Mr. Ostenson, Chairman of this Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-114

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 853 – MOBILE FOOD SERVICE OPERATION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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: Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: No; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of six (6) ayes to one (1) nay. The Ordinance passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-115

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,115,000 TO REFUND A PORTION OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING VARIOUS PURPOSE IMPROVEMENT AND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: 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. 2021-130

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE UNIMPROVED RESIDENTIAL LOT OWNED BY THE CITY AT 19505 LONGVIEW AVENUE, PPN 782-09-071, IS NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Trojanski 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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-131

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMBER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) FOR THE SOUTHWEST SEWER DISTRICT SEWER REPAIRS PHASE 2 PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Shenett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ostenson, 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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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-132

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) FOR COMMUNITY COST-SHARE PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE LEE ROAD AND MUSTANG DRIVE SEWER REPAIRS IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Madden 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.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2021-133

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO, INC. FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022-DECEMBER 31, 2026, WITH THE OPTION FOR TWO (2) ONE-YEAR RENEWAL PERIODS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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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: Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: 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. 2021-134

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A PEACE GARDEN AT STAFFORD PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ms. Agee asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor of this legislation.

It was the consensus of Council that all members would be added as Co-Sponsors.

Mayor Blackwell said this project was initiated by former Councilwoman Thomas as a memorial for the people who have died in the City as a result of violence. She said it would be for families who have lived here or for family members who have died here. The Mayor said there have been a number of tragedies in the City.

The Mayor said this legislation authorized the use of City-owned property for this project and that this was the first step in the process. Mayor Blackwell said people see these types of

memorials in other cities and that it would be similar to the Veterans' Memorial in front of City Hall for those who have served our Country.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions. There being no other 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: Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: 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: 2021-049 through 2021-050

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the **List of Expenditures over \$3,500.00: 2021-049 through 2021-050**. There were no questions or discussion.

There being no questions or discussion on the List of Expenditures over \$3,500.00, Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ostenson, to approve the **List of Expenditures over \$3,500.00**.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Blackwell announced that NOPEC and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel have worked to secure a settlement with First Energy in the amount of \$306 million dollars in consumer refunds. She said this was a record settlement amount and that if approved by the PUCO approximately 2.1 million consumers will get an average of \$85.71 in utility refunds. The Mayor said these refunds will be required under a 2008 utility ratemaking law, Senate Bill 221, that required refunds of charges for "significantly excessive" utility profits.

The Mayor said these credits will be through 2025 and that \$96 million dollars will be refunded within 30 days of PUCO settlement approval. She said residential consumers will receive a lump-sum payment of about \$26.91 on their electric bills and non-residential consumers will receive \$2.68 per mWh. Mayor Blackwell said starting in 2022 residential consumers will receive monthly bill credits of \$1.87 per month per consumer for a total amount of \$80 million dollars to be credited in 2022. She said the amount credited reducing proportionally from 2023 through 2025.

Mayor Blackwell reminded residents that the Annual Veterans' Day Ceremony will be held at City Hall on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. and that Small Business Saturday will be held on

November 27th. The Mayor said several new businesses have opened in the City and encouraged people to visit them that weekend.

Mayor Blackwell said that at the Joint State of the City and State of the Schools Address it was very exciting to learn from the School Report Card that the School District had one of the highest graduation rates in the county at 92.9 percent. The Mayor said Maple Heights had the 4th highest graduation rate in the county surpassing Warrensville Heights, Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights.

The Mayor said she received another Thank-you card from a resident thanking Councilwoman Madden, the Police and Fire Chiefs and Mr. Grogan-Myers.

Mayor Blackwell said she was a guest speaker on a panel for the Akron-Cleveland Board of Realtors regarding a notice in The Plain Dealer regarding the Building Department's door-to-door exterior maintenance inspection program. The Mayor said the purpose of this program was to encourage people to take care of their properties. She said the City recognized that maintenance can be expensive though, so the City was hoping to include an exterior grant program in the upcoming budget.

The Mayor concluded her report by thanking everyone who attended tonight's meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5 said the Trunk or Treat event turned out to be fabulous and was very enjoyable despite the weather.

Ms. Madden said several residents have spoken up about the number of cars speeding and running STOP signs in the area of Mapleboro and South Boulevard. She said the residents were very concerned that children will get injured since this is a school bus stop area. Ms. Madden asked Police Chief Hansen if this area could have periodic police patrols to perhaps deter traffic from speeding and running the STOP sign.

Ms. Madden concluded her report by thanking all the residents who came out to vote and said that the number of calls and messages was really appreciated.

Councilman Richard Trojanski, District 6 thanked everyone who attended the Joint District 6 and District 4 Town Hall Meeting and also thanked the Mayor, Council President Jackson and Mr. Grogan-Myers for also attending.

Mr. Trojanski said he has received tons of complaints regarding trash cans being left out throughout the week and that he has forwarded numerous complaints to the Service and Building Departments. Mr. Trojanski said he has prepared a flyer that reminds residents when to put out their trash containers and when to bring them back after trash day. Mr. Trojanski said that as he walks his district he will put these flyers on the containers and move them to residents' driveways to encourage them to bring their containers back in a timely manner. He said taking

care of the trash containers was necessary to enhance the quality of life for other residents and was a part of being a good neighbor.

Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7 – No report.

Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, District 1 thanked Mr. Dloniak and the Service Department for removing the deer at the bus turnaround.

Mr. Shenett also thanked Mr. Grogan-Myers for his assistance regarding the door-to-door inspection program and said that he will continue to work with Mr. Grogan-Myers, the Building Department, the Mayor's Office and the Law Department regarding this program. Mr. Shenett said he understood the principle behind it and that Mr. Grogan-Myers answered his questions. Mr. Shenett said he would like to have a meeting with his residents to help them better understand this program.

Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2 said the residents on Wheeler Road really appreciated the street repair work.

Ms. Jones said the occupant of a house on Northwood next to Southgate Park had vacated the property and it was now owned by the County landbank and that the owner of a house in the 14000 block of Rockside Road whose tenant had been bothering other neighbors has renovated the home to be for sale.

Ms. Jones announced that there will be a Housing/Economic Development Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall Room 7.

Ms. Jones concluded her report by saying that she had seen post on Facebook regarding Veterans' Day that she wanted to share that said "some Veterans pay with their lives but others pay with their lifetimes."

Councilman Christian Ostenson, District 3 thanked the Community Life and Education Committee for inviting him to participate in the Trunk or Treat event. He said it was very special to see all the children and families that participated.

Mr. Ostenson said the food drive held on October 30th had another great turnout.

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, District 4 thanked Mayor Blackwell, Mr. Grogan-Myers and Council President Ron Jackson for attending the combined Town Hall Meeting.

Ms. Anderson said she attended the Resource Fair and that it was very beneficial.

Ms. Anderson concluded her report by announcing that Districts 4 and 6 along with Castle High School will be sponsoring a Coat Giveaway on Saturday, November 20th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

Council President Ron Jackson thanked everyone who voted yesterday despite the chilly weather. He said in addition to the offices up for election there were the Charter Amendment Issues for the City of Maple Heights.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Passed: November 17, 2021

ATTEST:

/S/ Leonette Cicirella Johnson Clerk of Council