

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

Maple Height Senior Center

October 6, 2021

MEETING CAUCUS

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with the following Council members present: Jackson, Shenett, Jones, Ostenson, Anderson, Madden and Trojanski. Councilwoman Agee arrived at 6:42 p.m. Also present were Law Director Frank Consolo, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Acting Service Director Bob Dloniak, Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Mayor Annette M. Blackwell arrived at 6:58 p.m. City Engineer Ed Hren was absent and excused.

Mr. Jackson said that Councilman Ostenson would have the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance for tonight's meeting. He asked Mr. Ostenson and Councilman Trojanski if they had any Committee Reports to which each responded in the negative. Councilman Shenett said that there would be a brief Community Life and Education Committee Report.

Mr. Jackson said there was one (1) Communication for tonight's meeting and an Addendum that would be added to the Agenda if there were no objections from Council. There were no objections.

Moving to the Legislation on tonight's Agenda, Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2019-61, As Amended** regarding the tree program would be staying in the Finance Committee.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2021-107** enacting new Sections of the City's Nuisance Abatement Ordinance regarding vehicle parking prohibitions had been discussed at Monday's Committee of the Whole Meeting. He asked if there were any further questions. There being no other questions, Mr. Jackson said Council would be voting on this Ordinance at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions on **Resolution No. 2021-109** providing for the Mayor's appointment of Frank Consolo and the Consolo Law Firm Co. LPA as Law Director/Prosecutor for the City. There being no questions, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this Resolution tonight.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2021-110** went with the previous Resolution and provided for the appointment of the Consolo Law Firm and John E. Thomas as Assistant Prosecutor/Law Director of the City. He asked if there were any questions from Council. There were no questions. Mr. Jackson said Council would be voting on this Resolution tonight.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2021-111**, Mr. Jackson said this Resolution authorized a two-year contract with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to provide health services for the City. He asked if there were any questions. There being no questions, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this legislation at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2021-112** authorized a contract with First Energy, Inc. to provide services for the Dunham Road LED Streetlight Replacement Project, Phase 1 and asked Council if there were any questions regarding this Resolution. There were no questions. Mr. Jackson said Council would be voting on this Resolution tonight.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2021-113** repealing Section 680.07 of the MH Codified Ordinances regarding the abatement of nuisances involving criminal activity and the costs of enforcement had been discussed by Mr. Consolo at Monday's Committee of the Whole Meeting. He asked Council if there were any additional questions or further discussion on this legislation. There were no further questions or comments.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2021-114** enacting new Chapter 853 of the Codified Ordinances regulating Mobile Food Service Operation would be on First Reading. He asked Council to direct any questions regarding this legislation to Mr. Consolo or Police Chief Hansen so Council would be able to vote on it at the next Council Meeting.

Moving to **Ordinance No. 2021-115**, Mr. Jackson said this Ordinance concerned the issuance and sale of general obligation refunding bonds. He said this legislation will be on first reading and be placed in the Finance Committee. Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Ostenson to schedule a date for a Finance Committee Meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2021-116** authorized the acceptance of a Cleveland Water Department SWMR funding award and that City Engineer Ed Hren had discussed this legislation at Monday's Committee of the Whole Meeting. He asked Council if there were any other questions. There were no other questions or discussion.

Mr. Jackson said Mr. Hren also discussed **Resolution No. 2021-117** regarding the Dunham Road Pavement Reconstruction Project and asked if there were any other questions. There being no questions he asked Council to vote on this Resolution at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions regarding **Resolution No. 2021-118** authorizing the purchase agreement for a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado work truck with snow plow package for the Fire Department. There being no questions he said Council would be voting on this Resolution at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2021-119** authorized the purchase agreement for a 2019 Ford F550 4X4 regular cab work truck with snow plow package for the Service Department. He asked if there were any questions regarding this legislation. There were no questions. Mr. Jackson said Council would be voting on this Resolution at tonight's meeting also.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions regarding **Ordinance No. 2021-120** adopting the Southgate Connectivity Study. There were no questions.

Moving to the List of Expenditures, Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion. There were no questions or discussion.

There being no other questions or comments, the Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Mr. Jackson called Council back into Caucus at 6:40 p.m. at the request of Law Director Consolo. Mr. Consolo said that Mr. Matthew Stuczynski from MAS Financial Advisory Services LLC had just arrived at the Caucus Meeting to discuss **Ordinance No. 2021-115**.

Mr. Stuczynski said that he was a registered Municipal Financial Advisor and that in 2010 he had advised the City at that time regarding the bonds that had been issued by the City. He said that these original issue bonds had a call date for optional redemption that was based upon the interest rate of the bonds. Mr. Stuczynski said this date was set in the future, for example 10 years out, which would protect the investors for those 10 years. He said the call date was not the actual redemption date of the bonds and that the call date for some of the City's bonds had occurred in December, 2019. Mr. Stuczynski said that beyond the call date the City usually would have had the luxury of refinancing these bonds, but with the City's financial situation at the time, it needed to meet two (2) criteria to be able to consider bond refinancing. He said these two (2) criteria were that the City needed to be out of fiscal emergency and that it needed to have had a clean audit. Mr. Stuczynski said that since the City had achieved both of these criteria, it was now eligible to consider this optional redemption.

Mr. Stuczynski distributed a handout he had prepared for Council and said that the first page was a copy of the cover sheet of the original bond issuance. He said approximately \$6,910,000.00 worth of bonds were eligible to be redeemed that would be due in 2025 to 2030. Mr. Stuczynski said the interest rate on these bonds was high compared to the current interest rate that was 2.50%. He said that by issuing the refunding bonds the savings to the City would be about \$700,000.00. Mr. Stuczynski stressed that this would not be an extension of the final date for the bonds and that the final date of the financing or debt would remain to 2030.

Mr. Stuczynski said that if Council would agree to this legislation, the City's Financial Advisors would prepare a term sheet that would be sent to various financial institutions such as PNC, KeyBank, Chase Financial, etc. He said after receipt of the term sheet these companies would submit proposals for the issuance of these bonds.

Mr. Stuczynski said the City was under no obligation to proceed unless the City reached certain benchmarks in the bond business, He said when considering the refunding of bonds, the City would seek reasonable value for the bonds and that a threshold of 3% to 5% was considered reasonable. Mr. Stuczynski reiterated that the City was a healthy candidate to consider refunding and that if the proposals received were unacceptable the City would reject those proposals.

Mr. Stuczynski asked if Council had any questions.

Councilwoman Jones asked what would be the cost to the City to refinance the bonds.

Mr. Stuczynski said the savings shown on Page 1 of the handout was net of fees. He said the estimated cost was \$60,000.00, but actual costs may come in lower at \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00. He said these fees were paid to the bond counsel for the various documents that would need to be prepared for the issuance including the legislation before Council, etc. Mr. Stuczynski said there

was also compliance work that would need to be done for the bond issuance. He said the legislation also included Financial Advisor fees not to exceed \$18,000.00. Mr. Stuczynski said the financing company may also have their own fees for their bond counsel, for example.

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Consolo and Ms. Tillman if they had any recommendations for Council.

In response, Mr. Consolo said he would recommend that this legislation be on First Reading and that a second meeting such as a Finance Committee Meeting or Committee of the Whole Meeting be scheduled before the second Council Meeting in October at which the Financial Advisor could also be present to discuss the bond issuance further. Mr. Consolo said Council could then vote on this Ordinance at the first Council Meeting in November when the legislation would be on Third Reading.

There being no other questions or comments, the Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 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 Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Law Director Frank Consolo, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, 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.

Councilman Christian Ostenson 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 Mr. Ostenson, to approve the Regular Meetings of Council Minutes of September 1 and September 15, 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 the transfer of a class "C" liquor permit (Permit No. 2714705) from 5270 WC RD INC at 5270 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio to MS. MULTANI LLC DBA KENILWORTH TAVERN (Permit No. 5379984) at 5270 Warrensville Center 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, announced that there would be a Community Life and Education Committee Meeting tomorrow, October 7, 2021, in Room 7, Maple Heights City Hall to discuss the Committee's Fall and Winter community events. He said the Committee will be discussing the Trunk or Treat event for later this month, the Thanksgiving turkey giveaway and the Youth Christmas event.

Mr. Shenett said KCA, a community-based radio station, would be a special guest at this meeting and would be recording it live.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department - Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas said that Fire Department calls for service to date were 4,438 and that the Fire Department responded to the following fires:

On September 18th at 12:48 a.m. an apartment fire in Bedford at 401 Mortimer Avenue. He said the damage was held to one (1) suite on the 5th floor and no injuries were reported.

On September 19th at 03:22a.m. a house fire in Garfield Heights at 10203 Robinson. The Fire Chief said two (2) occupants were rescued by Firefighters and reported minor injuries.

On October 5th at 09:50 a.m. a commercial oil fire in Warrensville Heights at 4500 Renaissance Parkway. He said one (1) injury was reported.

The Chief said the Fire Department's call volume has increased due to the current Covid outbreak. He said that although the illness symptoms have been suppressed, especially in those who have been vaccinated, the hospital emergency rooms have been very busy. Fire Chief Kavaliunas said that the shortage of hospital personnel has further complicated the issue. He reminded everyone that flu-like symptoms warrant testing for Covid but not a trip to the ER unless the person was having severe symptoms. The Fire Chief urged everyone, especially the elderly and those with underlying health issues, to get the flu vaccine as this was a separate illness than Covid.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas concluded his report by reminding everyone that the burning of leaves and yard debris was not allowed in the City and that with the days getting shorter please be aware of children and pedestrians as it gets darker outside sooner.

Law Department – Law Director Mr. Frank Consolo said that on the Agenda tonight there was legislation, **Ordinance No. 2021-113**, that would repeal Section 680.07 of the Codified Ordinances regarding criminal activity nuisance abatement. He said this legislation was the result of two (2) neighboring communities with similar ordinances that have been sued and/or have settled lawsuits as the result of the enforcement of these ordinances. Mr. Consolo said that these ordinances allowed the enforcement of nuisance abatement provisions if two (2) or more criminal activity events happened on a property, including for example, domestic violence. He

said the City could assess the costs to abate this type of nuisance. Mr. Consolo said in one of the pending lawsuits that neighboring city had enforced their criminal activity nuisance provision and assessed costs of enforcement in excess of \$12,000.00 on the Plaintiff's property taxes.

Mr. Consolo said that the Courts have held that citizens have a Constitutional right to petition the government to address grievances no matter how often the resident called the police. He said this nuisance abatement provision was a civil proceeding instead of prosecuting the offenses under the Criminal Code.

Mr. Consolo said the City's insurance company has instructed cities to repeal these sections of their nuisance abatement ordinances and that if criminal activity problems occurred, these should be enforced by the Police Department under criminal procedures instead of through nuisance abatement. He said the repealing of this Section of the nuisance abatement ordinance will not be a free pass for people to engage in criminal activity however, but it will no longer be dealt with informally under nuisance abatement. Mr. Consolo said this change will affect the mediations done by the Law Department since nuisance abatement for criminal activity was often a deterrent to continuing nuisance behaviors.

Mr. Consolo said he was excited about **Ordinance No. 2021-115** regarding the possible bond financing for the City and was also very excited about the legislation re-appointing him and his law firm as Law Director/Prosecutor for the City of Maple Heights.

Mr. Consolo said on a more personal note that he was saddened by the recent passing of two (2) Cuyahoga County Judges, the Honorable Nancy McDonald and the Honorable Joe Russo. He said both of these judges were very well-respected and would always ask him about the community of Maple Heights. Mr. Consolo said they were concerned about our community.

Police Department – Police Chief Todd Hansen reported that the Police Department has responded to approximately 1,700 calls for service since the last Council Meeting and approximately 22,000 calls for service to date which was a little over last year's call volume to date. The Chief said that the number of calls for service per day for the Police Department averaged about 80 +calls per day including 5 reports a day and 10 tickets per day. The Police Chief also reported that the Police Department took 8 guns off the streets for the month of September and a number of drugs. He said that so far for the month of October the Police Department has issued 50 parking tickets.

Chief Hansen announced that the Police Department has been working to determine the installation areas for the new Flock license plating reading cameras and that it was anticipated that most of the installation areas will be decided by the end of this month. He said by the next Council Meeting or by the beginning of November the Police Department should have a firm date for the camera installation. Police Chief Hansen said the cameras would be installed before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Police Chief Hansen also announced that Halloween will be observed in the City of Maple Heights on Sunday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the Police Department will have all Officers and Auxiliary out on the road.

Police Chief Hansen concluded his report by stating that the Police Department was seeking a part-time Jail/Corrections Officer and a full time Records Clerk and that information on these positions was available on the Police Department Facebook page. The Chief also announced that the Police Department recently held a promotion service for Officer Crawford who was promoted to Sergeant and will assume the Patrol Sergeant position and that Sgt. Robert Voll has been assigned as Detective Sergeant in the Detective Bureau.

Human Services Department – Human Services Director Mrs. Linda Vopat announced that the HEAP Office will be open again at the Senior Center but will only be for Maple Heights residents. She said residents will need to call the Department of Human Services to make arrangements to visit the HEAP Office or to arrange for home visits.

Mrs. Vopat said that this past Saturday the Department of Human Services in partnership with Neighborhood Leadership held a Drive -Thru Baby Shower at Stafford Park in an effort to work to reduce the incidents of infant mortality in our area. She said Mayor Blackwell gave the introduction for this event and approximately 55 pregnant women and 15 fathers attended. Mrs. Vopat said attendees received food and baby items including car seats, etc. She thanked the Service Department and Acting Service Director Bob Dloniak and his staff for their assistance. Mrs. Vopat said she received compliments on the set-up for the event. Mrs. Vopat also thanked her staff for their work and said they too received compliments.

Mrs. Vopat said she wanted to remind residents that the next Community Shred Day will be this Saturday, October 9 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church. She said the Community Shred Days had been made possible by a grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District.

Mrs. Vopat said that on or about July 15, 2021 the Child Tax Credit Program under the American Rescue Act began which gave eligible families \$250.00/\$300.00 per child for child care. She said if families have not received this credit they can check the IRS website at www.childtaxcredit.gov for program eligibility and the instructions to apply to the program.

Mrs. Vopat announced that on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, Mayor Blackwell, the Economic Development Department and the Department of Human Services will be hosting a Community Resource Fair at the Senior Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. She said information will be available regarding utilities, property tax programs, financial assistance, etc. Mrs. Vopat said organizations participating in this event included Legal Aid, Cleveland Housing Network (CHN) and the County Treasurer's Office Real Estate Tax Division.

Mrs. Vopat concluded her report by stating that in November the Department of Human Services will be focusing on mortality from falls for older adults. She said the Senior Center in partnership with the Benjamin Rose Institute and the Fairhill Institute on Aging will hold a seminar entitled "a Matter of Balance" to discuss this issue. Mrs. Vopat said residents interested in attending can call the Senior Center to reserve a space for this class.

Finance Department – Finance Director Ms. Tinita Tillman announced that the Finance Department has hired Ms. Doreen Jordan to serve as the new Accountant in the Department. Ms. Tillman introduced Ms. Jordan, who thanked the Mayor, Ms. Tillman and Council for the opportunity to work in this position. Ms. Jordan said she was a 20-year resident of the City of Maple Heights and that previously she had taught in the City schools, volunteered in the City Schools and volunteered for various City activities.

Ms. Tillman said the Finance Department will be holding budget meetings with the Mayor and all City Directors to review the revenues and the necessities of each department. Ms. Tillman said after these budget meetings have been completed she will be meeting with the Mayor and will ask the Council Finance Committee to schedule a meeting to discuss the proposed budget.

Ms. Tillman concluded her report by stating that the Finance Department closed the month of September and that the unexpended balance in the General Fund was \$6,675,291.23 and that the unexpended balance for all funds was \$16,228,868.25.

Service Department – Acting Service Director Mr. Bob Dloniak reported that the Service Department completed fourteen (14) more water dig jobs to bring the total completed to sixty-one (61) so far this year. He said the asphalt truck has also been out patching various City streets.

Mr. Dloniak said Service Department staff have been trimming trees and have had the tree truck out throughout the City. He said the street sweeper was also out for four (4) days this past week.

Mr. Dloniak reported that the grass cutting work has been slowing down, with Service Department staff cutting grass only as needed. He announced that October 25, 2021 will be the first day of the Leaf Collection Program. Mr. Dloniak said the leaf collection program will start with one side of the City and that as the program continued the second leaf truck would be added as soon as it was able to be put into service.

Mr. Shenett asked if the leaf collection program would start on the east side or west of the City.

Mr. Dloniak said the leaf program will start North of Libby Road, then work South of Libby Road and then go to the West side of the City.

Mr. Shenett asked about the delay regarding the second leaf truck.

Mr. Dloniak said the second leaf vac was still being prepped by the manufacturer for delivery to the Service Department, but would be used as soon as possible upon receipt.

Economic Development Director: Economic Development Director Mr. Patrick Grogan-Myers reported that year-to-date almost \$6.9 million dollars in commercial investment and \$5.9 million dollars in residential investment has been made in the City of Maple Heights. He said this development can be seen across the City as the Clean Express Auto Wash has continued construction on Warrensville Center Road and as Amato Homes LLC has framed out two (2) new homes on Dunham Road. Mr. Grogan-Myers said that with more homes and more

construction to come this year and into next year, there will be more to look forward to in the City.

Mr. Grogan-Myers said this level of activity was also reflected in the Building Department's month-end report for September. He reported that 172 permits were issued and over \$47,500.00 in permit and registration fees were collected. Mr. Grogan-Myers said September was the second highest month for the number of permits issued in 2021, second only to July when 178 permits had been issued. He reported that over \$1 million dollars in commercial and residential investment was made in the month of September alone.

Mr. Grogan-Myers said that new businesses have also opened in the City and announced that mayor Blackwell and Councilwoman Madden welcomed Fresh Lyfe to Maple Heights. He said Fresh Lyfe was a healthy foods take-out restaurant located at 17203 Broadway Avenue that will offer a wide variety of healthy sandwiches, wraps and smoothies. Mr. Grogan-Myers said the City also recently welcomed Yum-Yum Hibachi Cuisine to the City, located at 5830 Lee Road South. He said this new restaurant offered a great variety of hibachi cuisine.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Ms. Gale Stevenson residing at 5641 Dunham Road said she lived across the street from Quality Sewing and asked if the speed detector sign near this store was part of the new camera system because it has made a difference with the speeding problem on Dunham Road. Ms. Stevenson said she has seen speeding on Dunham Road for a long time and that the motorcycle bikes speeding has been terrible.

Ms. Stevenson said there has also been a problem with neighbors keeping their trash containers out all week and the trash problems in general that have caused mice now in her house. She said the problem of cars being parked on grass made the City look bad.

In response to Ms. Stevenson's question about the speed sign, Police Chief Hansen responded in the negative.

In response to the resident's other concerns, Mr. Ostenson said he would give the resident his card and she would be able to contact him at any time. Mr. Ostenson said he would check with the Service Department and the Building Department regarding the trash can problem.

Ms. Leslie Henderson of 5077 Clement Avenue said she had talked with her Councilwoman, Ms. Anderson, about the problem of cars speeding through the STOP sign at the corner of Clement Avenue and Raymond Street. She said this was a school bus stop and said the City needed to have police at that corner.

In response, Police Chief Hanen said he would add this area on the Police Department watch list.

Ms. Imani Capri residing at 5961 Dunham Road said she had a question about youth programs available to residents and asked if the City had ways to get this information out to the residents

including the use of the City website. Ms. Capri thanked the City for including the meeting information on the City website.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said it was very frustrating to have significant youth engagement but a disconnect regarding information being available. The Mayor said information was available in the City's quarterly newspaper, Maple Heights Headlines, that was published by *The Neighborhood News* that listed all the youth activities. She said the Department of Human Services/Recreation Department also prepared and publicized a Youth Summer Schedule. Mayor Blackwell said activities were also announced at City Council Meetings, Committee Meetings and in Council newsletters, etc. The Mayor said that if residents wanted to find out about information, they needed to look for information and that residents needed to do their part too.

In response, Mr. Shenett said he concurred with Mayor Blackwell and said that the Community Life and Education Committee worked with the School District to district flyers at the schools, etc. regarding their youth activities. He said in addition the Committee has used banners to promote events such as the Hoop It up at Stafford Park.

Ms. Pamela Poe of 5920 Glenwood Avenue said she was concerned about the speed on Glenwood Avenue and that the rate of speed in that area was frightening. She said people who walked their dogs or children playing were threatened by the speeding. Ms. Poe said she did not know what could be done.

Ms. Poe said she wanted to announce the creation of her own non-profit business, C.O.O.R Mentoring Program, to help adolescent girls in Maple Heights by empowering and encouraging them to adopt positive self-images. Ms. Poe said she has met with School Superintendent Dr. Charles Keenan regarding her program and said it was important for parents to get involved with their children. She said that on October 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. her organization would be holding its inaugural fundraising event at St. Andrew Orthodox Church. Ms. Poe encouraged everyone to attend to learn about this mentoring program.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said that as Safety Director she received the call sheets from the Police Department indicating that the Police Department averaged 90 calls per day, but that with only 4 officers per shift the calls were handled by priority. She said speeding was a huge problem in the City and that the City was not ignoring the speeding problem. The Mayor said there was a staffing problem for the Police Department since it was down ten (10) officers.

A resident on Wheeler Road asked when would the road construction on Wheeler Road be started.

In response, Ms. Jones said that she had been informed that there had been a construction meeting and that the road work would begin shortly.

Ms. Deva Walker, Branch Manager of the Maple Heights Regional Library, announced that the Library will be continuing its Mobile Pantry the second Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and that they have seen at least 100 residents at the Pantry.

Ms. Walker said the Homework Center for Maple Heights School students was opened Monday through Thursday and that the Library was still in need of volunteers for this program.

Ms. Walker also announced that all Library branches had received Covid-19 Testing Kits and that the Maple Heights Branch had received close to 800 kits. She said this program would be a curbside program and that residents would need to call the Branch for specific program information.

Ms. Joanne Gray residing at 5159 Cato Street asked what could be done regarding flooding that occurred every time it rained.

In response, Mr. Jackson said he would contact the City Engineer regarding this issue.

Mr. Robert Gillette of 5228 Camden Road said he was concerned about trash collection problems regarding Waste Management. He said the trash collection this month has been terrible. Mr. Gillette said he can understand the problem when there were cars parked on the street but that was not the problem recently.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said the City may stay with Waste Management if their bid was the most competitive. She said the problem for Waste Management, as with the other companies, was that there were not have enough drivers. The Mayor said drivers have left this business because they were concerned about Covid and concerned about bed bugs from unwrapped mattresses and furniture. She said there have been a number of days when drivers did not show up for work. Mayor Blackwell said there were only four (4) waste collection companies in our area and asked residents to be patient with the Administration.

Mr. Parrish Mines of Woodbrook Avenue said that in response to the resident with the flooding concern there was a back-flow preventer program available between the County and the City that would help to pay a portion of the cost for the installation of this valve. He said the resident would need to get their own contractor who would work with the Building Department and City Engineer. Mr. Mines said this program was described in the City's Codified Ordinances.

In response. Police Chief Hansen said the Police department had also needed to install a back-flow preventer valve and it did help the flooding problem at the Police Department.

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. 2021-107

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 680.01(a)(7) DEFINING CERTAIN VEHICLE STANDING AND PARKING PROHIBITIONS AS NUISANCES AND NEW SECTION 680.08(c) PROVIDING PROCEDURES TO ABATE SUCH STANDING AND PARKING NUISANCES AS PART OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF 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 Ordinance on emergency. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion on this legislation.

Mr. Shenett thanked Councilwoman Agee and the Administration for this legislation that has been long-needed. He said vehicles parked on the grass did make the City look bad. Mr. Shenett said this legislation would put more resources toward this problem.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or discussion. There being no further 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: Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: 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. 2021-109

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF FRANK CONSOLO AND CONSOLO LAW FIRM CO., LPA AS LAW DIRECTOR/PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR SUCH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Ostenson 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.

Mr. Shenett said Mr. Consolo and his Law Firm were very deserving of this contract and that his work with the City went beyond even legal work. He said Mr. Consolo has embraced the City. Mr. Shenett said he was honored to have Mr. Consolo as our Law Director.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or discussion.

Mr. Jackson said he concurred with Mr. Shenett.

There being no further 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. 2021-110

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CONSOLO LAW FIRM CO., LPA AND JOHN E. THOMAS AS ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR AND LAW DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR SUCH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 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: Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: 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. 2021-111

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS FOR THE YEARS 2022 AND 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Madden 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: Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: 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. 2021-112

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FIRST ENERGY, INC. TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE DUNHAM ROAD LED STREETLIGHT REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PHASE I, 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.

Mr. Shenett thanked Mr. Grogan-Myers and Mr. Hren for their work to bring this project forward. He said it will make the street safer and that he was very excited about this project.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or discussion. There being no further 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: Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: 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. 2021-113

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 680.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE PROCEDURES TO ABATE NUISANCES INVOLVING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND COSTS OF ENFORCEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Jones 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: Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: 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.

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.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

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.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

Mayor Blackwell said she had wanted to leverage the City's ability to reduce its interest on the City's outstanding debt.

Mr. Consolo said during the Caucus Meeting the City's Financial Advisor said he would be available to discuss the bond issuance at another Finance Committee Meeting or Committee of the Whole Meeting before the next Council Meeting in October at which time the legislation would then be on Second Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-116

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING AWARDS FROM THE CLEVELAND WATER DEPARTMENT SUBURBAN WATER MAIN RENEWAL (SWMR) PROJECT FUND AND DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, BID SPECIFICATIONS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE FRANKLIN ROAD, HILLGROVE AVENUE, AND TABOR AVENUE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND TO PROVIDE THE ADVERTISING FOR BIDDING SAID PROJECTS 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.

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: Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: 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. 2021-117

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO BEGIN THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE DUNHAM ROAD PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION 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.

Mr. Shenett said this was another project in District 1 but would be on the north side of Dunham Road and would be shared by parts of Districts 2 and 3. He said this project would also benefit the Safe Routes to School Program.

Ms. Jones said residents have seen a lot of legislation being approved for infrastructure work that needed to be done, but it was for future work to be done in 2023. Ms. Jones said these projects were group efforts and involved a number of different agencies.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or discussion. There being no further 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: Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: 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. 2021-118

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR FIRE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH TIM LALLY CHEVROLET FOR A 2022 CHEVROLET SILVERADO WORK TRUCK WITH SNOW PLOW PACKAGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00), 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: Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: 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. 2021-119

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY FORD TRUCK INC. FOR A 2019 FORD F550 4X4 REGULAR CAB WORK TRUCK WITH SNOW PLOW PACKAGE IN AN AMOUNT

NOT TO EXCEED NINETY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$90,200.00), 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: Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: 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. 2021-120

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2021 SOUTHGATE CONNECTIVITY STUDY

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

Ms. Jones asked to be added as a Co-sponsor of this legislation.

Mayor Blackwell asked Mr. Grogan-Myers to discuss this legislation.

Mr. Grogan-Myers said that in 2018 the City received a Transportation for Livable Community Initiatives (TCLI) Grant to study the Southgate area. He said a series of public meetings were held with various stakeholders to consider ideas on how to improve the traffic flow and patterns in the Warrensville Center Road, Libby Road and Northfield Road areas. Mr. Grogan-Myers said the study considered all mode of transportation. He said after a plan was proposed that would reimagine the public roads in this area and improve safety, community feedback was sought.

Mr. Grogan-Myers said this plan, which is before Council in this legislation, will be on the City website and included some changes to lane configurations to contemplate three (3) lanes to include bike lanes and recommended new signage to be used in the area.

Mr. Grogan-Myers said this would be the starting point for the City to hear from the community. He said this plan was not in executable form yet, but that there would be a continuation of this project with other meetings and funding requests to come before Council, etc.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or discussion. There being no further 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: Ostenson: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: 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: 2021-046

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the **List of Expenditures over \$3,500.00: 2021-046**. There were no questions or discussion.

There being no questions or discussion on the List of Expenditures over \$3,500.00, Ms. Jones 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 said she wanted to reiterate the Child Tax Credit information presented by Mrs. Vopat and that the link for it would be added to the City website.

The Mayor said the Drive Through Black Baby Shower was an amazing event and said she stressed black babies since black babies were dying from infant mortality at a ratio of 3 to 1. Mayor Blackwell said the City was working with Case Western Reserve University, First Year Cleveland and Neighborhood Leadership for a possible grant to have a part-time professional available to reduce the number of infant mortality deaths.

Mayor Blackwell said the City Resource Fair was developed in response to the number of calls the City departments have received from people needing help with basic needs. She said people were okay with food distributions, but needed help with mortgage assistance, foreclosures, etc.

The Mayor said some people were upset with the increase in their property valuations, but stated that the City did not set the values of the homes. She said properties were appraised by the County. Mayor Blackwell said a number of items of legislation that were passed involved grants which the City needed. She said the City of Maple heights had the second highest level of property tax delinquencies in the County. The Mayor said the first source of City revenue was from income tax collections, then property tax collections, followed by the Local Government Fund from the State and the balance came from grants.

The Mayor said the City has a number of issues and that major infrastructure work had not been done in over ten (10) years. She said residents needed to be involved and needed to pay their tax bills or go on a payment plan if necessary. Mayor Blackwell said the City was a big business that came with big expenses to provide services to residents and businesses.

Mayor Blackwell said the City has been working with Tri-C regarding the Workforce Success Course and announced that the next 1-credit course will be held on October 28th at Maple Height High School. The Mayor said the City was also working with Y.O.U. Opportunities and Jump Start Sports for youth activities.

The Mayor announced that at a recent City Managers/Mayors Association Meeting it was discussed that with the new redistricting map there will be a loss of a Congressional seat and the City will lose Rep. Brent as the City's State Representative. She said Maple Heights will now be represented by the State Representative from Solon.

Mayor Blackwell said Law Director Consolo has played a large part in the City's involvement with the opioid litigation settlement. The Mayor said he filed the claim on behalf of the City and that the Attorney General's Office recently announced an \$808 million-dollar settlement. She said 85% of the settlement will go to local governments in the form of 30% as a direct payment and 50% to agencies that assist communities. The Mayor said a number of Fire Department calls had involved drug overdoses.

The Mayor said that she had received a commendation letter for the Fire Department regarding an emergency on Watson Road. She said the patient was experiencing a serious cardiac event and that Firefighters/Paramedics who treated this patient saved his life. Mayor Blackwell said this was a true testament to the knowledge, training and dedication of the City's Firefighters. She said our Firefighters were lifesavers in our City.

Mayor Blackwell concluded her report by announcing that she had been informed by the President of University Hospitals that UH Bedford will be reducing the number of ICU beds at Bedford Hospital and will be limiting the number of routine transports to the Bedford UH Emergency Department. She said given this news the Fire Department will need to do more lifesaving.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Christian Ostenson, District 3 thanked Mr. Grogan-Myers for taking care of an issue in his District and also thanked the Service Department for the asphalt work in District 3.

Mr. Ostenson thanked all the residents who attended the Districts 2 and 3 Forum and said there was a great turn-out.

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, District 4 said Sen. Brown has introduced a bill to provide tools to communities to address mental health issues.

Ms. Anderson announced that on Saturday, October 16th the District 4 Community Clean-Up Day will take place from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and asked all volunteers to meet at Longview and Camden Roads at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Anderson also announced that on October 28th Districts 4 and 6 will host a combined Town Hall Meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Maple Heights Library. She said Mayor Blackwell, Mr. Grogan-Myers and Council President Ron Jackson will be the guests.

Ms. Anderson concluded her report by reiterating that the Maple Heights Food Pantry needed volunteers so please contact Mrs. Vopat if interested.

Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5 said a number of the issues in her report had already been addressed, but that she was still concerned about speeding in the City and the problem of trash.

Ms. Madden thanked Mr. Consolo for attending the District 5 and District 7 Community Meeting to explain the Charter Amendments to residents. She said Mr. Consolo addressed a number of residents' questions.

Ms. Madden concluded her report by stating that Fresh Lyfe will be a great asset to the residents and thanked Mrs. Vopat for her assistance with a resident in District 5.

Councilman Richard Trojanski, District 6 reported that on September 29th he hosted a Community Day and Ice Cream Social with Dedicated Senior Medical. He said the event was held at East Castle High School on Warrensville Center Road and included free health screenings in addition to the Ice Cream Social. Mr. Trojanski thanked Dedicated Senior Medical for their participation in this event.

Mr. Trojanski announced that the District 6 and District 4 Community Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, October 16th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. He said District 6 volunteers will meet at Longview and Maple Heights Boulevard. Mr. Trojanski said everyone needed to be involved to improve the curbside appeal of their neighborhood.

Mr. Trojanski said that there will be a number of infrastructure projects in District 6 including water and sewer work and road resurfacing. He said this work will be transformative for District 6 and that he looked forward to seeing the flooding stopped and the roads resurfaced. Mr. Trojanski said the City was working to do the best it could with the resources available to it.

Mr. Trojanski concluded his report by wishing everyone a safe weekend.

Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7 – No Report.

Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, District 1 thanked the Building Department and Service Department for being so responsive to the residents in District 1. He said the Building Department assisted a resident with a lot of trash on the tree lawn that Waste Management was not able to handle.

Mr. Shenett also thanked City Engineer Ed Hren and Mr. Grogan-Myers for keeping the City informed and updated regarding well-capping work being performed on a vacant residential lot on Turney Road near Dunham Road.

Mr. Shenett thanked the Police Department for its help with a street rider and thanked Ms. Agee for the introducing the legislation to prohibit vehicles from parking on grass. He said a lot of cars park on grass in his district since parking was prohibited on main streets. Mr. Shenett said he usually would send a courtesy letter to these residents to advise them that this was not permitted.

Mr. Shenett said he was excited about the two (2) new homes on Dunham Road and that he had talked with Mr. Amato. He said the homes looked good.

Mr. Shenett thanked Mayor Blackwell for keeping the Police Department Sub-Station alive in District 1 and thanked Mr. Grogan-Myers and Mr. Hren for the Dunham Road LED street lighting project.

Mr. Shenett concluded his report by reminding residents that the 2020 and 2021 State of the City and State of the School Address will be held on Tuesday, October 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Milkovich Middle School and would also be available by Zoom.

Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2 said she concurred with Mr. Ostenson regarding the number of people who attended the District 2 and District 3 Community Forum. She said a lot of information was discussed and thanked Mayor Blackwell, Mr. Grogan-Myers and Police Chief Hansen for attending.

Ms. Jones asked the Mayor if it would be possible for her to assist with the Community Resource Fair since she had a lot of housing information that could be shared with the residents.

Ms. Jones announced that Yum Yum Hibachi has opened in District 2 and asked residents to please support the local businesses.

Ms. Jones concluded her report by announcing that Third Federal Savings & Loan had a new “Fixer-Upper” Loan program to help owners repair their homes. She said these were small loans from \$1,000.00 to \$9,000.00 with a 20-year term.

Council President Ron Jackson said that at the November 2, 2021 General Election there will be six (6) Charter Amendment Issues on the ballot and announced that the information regarding these issues has been published in today’s issue of *The Neighborhood News* and will also be in the October 13th issue of the newspaper.

Mr. Jackson concluded his report by thanking everyone who attended the meeting tonight.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Passed: October 20, 2021

ATTEST:

S/S Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council