

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

Maple Height Senior Center

February 16, 2022

MEETING CAUCUS

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jackson, Shenett, Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden and Agee. Councilman Trojanski was absent and excused. Also present were Law Director Frank Consolo, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Acting Service Director Bob Dloniak, Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers, City Engineer Ed Hren and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Mayor Annette M. Blackwell was absent and excused.

Mr. Jackson said Councilman Tatum had the Invocation and would be leading the Pledge of Allegiance for tonight's meeting. He said if there were no objections the Addendum would be added to the Agenda for tonight's meeting. There were no objections from Council. Mr. Jackson said there was one (1) Communication and a Council Committee Report from the Housing/Economic Development Committee.

Moving to the legislation on the agenda for tonight's meeting, Mr. Jackson asked Councilwoman Jones to discuss **Resolution No. 2022-14** approving the 2022 Exterior Maintenance Grant Program that was currently in the Housing/Economic Development Committee.

In response, Ms. Jones said this legislation was discussed at the Housing Committee's recent meeting and said the Committee had requested some revisions to the program guidelines. She said one (1) revision was to change the name of the grant program to the 2022 Exterior Home Repair Grant Program. Ms. Jones asked Mr. Consolo if the legislation needed to be amended on the floor to change the wording of the caption and body of the legislation.

Mr. Consolo said that if this would be the only change it could be done during the regular meeting by a motion to amend the legislation by striking out the old language and indicating the new language.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions regarding this legislation.

Councilman Shenett asked if this Resolution would be coming out of Committee at tonight's meeting and then Council would consider the motion to amend the legislation to change the title of it. Mr. Shenett said he wanted to share this legislation and program information with his residents who would be able to benefit from it.

In response, Ms. Jones asked Mr. Grogan-Myers if the attachment with the Resolution could be shared with residents to which Mr. Grogan-Myers responded in the affirmative. He said this attachment was a public document that could be shared.

Mr. Shenett said he would like to share this information with his residents at his upcoming Community Block Watch Meeting before he voted on the legislation. Mr. Shenett said he supported the legislation and thanked Mr. Grogan-Myers and the Housing Committee for working on this program.

Ms. Jones said she did not know about passage of the legislation on emergency so that the Building Department could work on the application form, etc.

Councilwoman Agee said she wanted to share the updated legislation with her residents before she voted on it.

Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote to remove **Resolution No. 2022-14** from Committee and place on Second Reading. He said Council would be able to share this legislation with its residents and then vote on it at the first meeting in March.

Mr. Consolo said that would give the Clerk time to amend the legislation, but the Administration would request that this Resolution pass on emergency at the March 2, 2022 meeting.

Ms. Jones asked Mr. Grogan-Myers if there was a timeframe for program.

In response, Mr. Grogan-Myers said the City would market the program as soon as possible so residents would have time to get the three (3) quotes for the repair work as required for the grant applications. He said the grant program would actually launch in early April.

Mr. Jones said she had no issue with the legislation being removed from Committee and placed on Second Reading at tonight's meeting and then pass on emergency at the March 2nd Meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-14** would be removed from Committee and placed on Second Reading.

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Hren to discuss **Resolution No. 2022-16** regarding the Safe Routes to School Program.

Mr. Hren said this resolution would authorize the Mayor and City Engineer to apply to ODOT for a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program grant. He said this grant application would cover work to add parking spaces at the Dunham schools for queuing parents when they come to drop children off to school and then go to pick them up after school. Mr. Hren said the cost for this project was estimated to be \$394,000.00. He said currently parents who driver their children to and from school were creating a safety problem for motorists and children.

Mr. Hren said the Mayor, Police Chief Hansen and himself met with representatives of the Maple Height Schools and discussed as part of the solution the addition of parking spaces on school property. He said an expanded parking area would allow drivers to wait on school property.

Mr. Hren said there were not a lot of funding sources for these types of projects and only the City as a local public agency was permitted to apply for this type of grant. He said should the City be successful in this application, it would work out a contract with the School District for the City to be reimbursed for any costs of administering the program.

Mr. Hren said this Resolution could be on First reading at tonight's meeting but requested that it be passed on emergency at the March 2, 2022 Council Meeting.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Shenett said thanked Mr. Hren for his time and work to resolve this traffic problem, especially near Rochelle Street. He said this was excellent work and asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor this legislation.

In response, Mr. Hren said Chief Hansen should also be thanked since he pointed out this problem to Mr. Hren. Mr. Hren said this was a good first step. He said the City did not have all the details worked out since this grant opportunity came up quickly, but they have preliminary plan sufficient enough to apply for the grant.

Ms. Jones asked if there were any preliminary drawings of this plan and what part of the school parking lot was being considered for the project.

Mr. Hren said the area being considered was the parking lot behind Steinway Boulevard where the track had been. He said this area lent itself well to this construction.

Ms. Jones said the residents on Steinway Boulevard had had flooding issues from the school property and asked if this project would help alleviate this problem, to which Mr. Hren responded in the affirmative. He said that included in the project budget was work on additional water diversion. Mr. Hren said this project could address some of the existing drainage problem and will try to resolve it if possible.

Mr. Jackson asked what was the problem on Dunham Road.

Mr. Hren said the problem was that parents will come early to drop off/pick up their children so they queue up on the side streets around Dunham Road, sometimes pulling into residents' driveways or blocking driveways. Mr. Hren said that although the purpose of the STRS Grant was to encourage students to walk to school or ride their bikes, this project would be appropriate because of the safety issues created by this problem.

Mr. Jackson asked if there was an estimate for the number of cars the new parking could accommodate. In response, Mr. Hren said that at this point he did not know, but the maximum area being considered was about 45,000 sq. ft. He said the number of cars would depend on the system that will be developed and that they were looking at a couple of options. Mr. Hren said the School District was also working on an app for parents that could help prevent the back-up of vehicles.

Ms. Jones asked what would be the start date for this project if the grant application would be approved.

Mr. Hren said the grant will not be awarded until FY 2025 so the earliest start date would be July 1, 2024 which was the start date for FY 2025.

Mr. Jackson asked what was the timeframe for Council to vote on this Resolution.

Mr. Hren said the grants were due March 4, 2022 so Council could place this legislation on First Reading at tonight's meeting, but he requested that Council pass it on emergency at the March 2nd Council Meeting.

Mr. Jackson said Council would skip to **Resolution No. 2022-18** regarding the contract for the Mendota Avenue Watermain Replacement Project and asked Mr. Hren to discuss this legislation.

Mr. Hren said this legislation would authorize the contract award for the Mendota Avenue Watermain Replacement Project. He said funding for this project included \$864,450.00 from the Cleveland Water Department and \$670,597.00 from the OPWC and would be the second part of the Mendota/Rowena Watermain Replacement Project. Mr. Hren said the work will be starting on the Rowena Project soon. He said the Mendota Avenue Project had a later start date because of the use of an above-ground water main during the course of the project.

Mr. Hren said the low bidder for this project was Fabrizi Trucking which was the same company that worked on the Dunham Road project. Mr. Hren said he would recommend that Council authorize the award of this contract to Fabrizi Trucking, but asked that this legislation be placed on First Reading at tonight's meeting and then be passed on emergency at the March 2nd meeting. Mr. Hren said presently there was a delay in the materials supply.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions on this Resolution.

Mr. Shenett asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor of this legislation and asked if the project would start in the spring/summer to be completed July 31st and included resurfacing of the road.

Mr. Hren said a clause was added to the contract to extend the deadline as may be necessary due to procurement problems. He said there may be delays of 3 to 4 months for supplies, but the project could be completed this construction season though November 1st.

Mr. Jackson said it would be completed before the winter of 2022 to which Mr. Hren responded in the affirmative.

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

Moving to **Ordinance No. 2022-17** regarding Chapter 1226 of the Codified Ordinances, Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Grogan-Myers to discuss this legislation.

Mr. Grogan-Myers said this legislation would amend and re-state Chapter 1226 to clarify the City's Side Lot Program as the City was currently operating it and would bring this Code section in line with the ORC requirements under ORC Chapter 5722 pertaining to Land Reutilization programs.

Mr. Grogan-Myers said the first change was in Section 1226.02 that requires notification to the Councilperson of the district where the property is located upon receipt of an application to the Side Lot Program. He said this amendment also allowed for a letter of support from the Councilperson.

Mr. Grogan-Myers said the second change was in Section 1226.02(c) to more accurately reflect the process being used now to include the completion of a survey at the applicant's expense, approval of the lot consolidation by the Planning and Zoning Commission which is done by the City on behalf of the applicant, and then all the documents including the consolidation plat and quit claim deed will be filed with the respective County departments at the same time.

Mr. Grogan-Myers said the third amendment to this Chapter is found in Section 1226.03 to specify the duties of the Economic Development Director with regards to this program as per the requirements of the ORC.

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

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-19** would authorize an agreement with the Auditor of State for an audit of the City's basic financial statements for FY 2021 and asked Ms. Tillman to discuss this legislation.

Ms. Tillman said this legislation would authorize the letter of agreement with the State Auditor's Office for the FY 2021 audit, a copy of which was included with the legislation.

Mr. Consolo said this legislation was similar to the legislation passed by Council for the 2019 and 2020 financial statements when Zupka was the City's auditors. He said this year the State Auditors will be doing the audit and the City will not have an independent auditor.

Mr. Shenett asked if this was part of the information for Council to which Mr. Consolo responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Jackson asked if there was a deadline for the agreement to be approved, to which Mr. Consolo responded in the affirmative. He said this legislation needed to be passed on emergency at tonight's meeting.

Ms. Tillman said the auditors were ready to begin so she pushed the auditors for a contract for this audit.

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

Moving to **Resolution No. 2022-20** regarding the revised professional services agreement to provide Assistant Prosecutor and Assistant Law Director services for the City of Maple Heights, Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Consolo to discuss this legislation.

Mr. Consolo said that in September when Council passed legislation to appoint John Thomas and other employees in his firm, he did not take into consideration that Ms. Ridenour, as a City employee, would receive the percentage increase like all other City employees. Mr. Consolo said this legislation would rectify this situation by increasing the professional services contract by \$36,000.00. Mr. Consolo said Mr. Thomas has more seniority than Ms. Ridenour so he wanted to keep them fairly equal.

Mr. Shenett asked if Mr. Thomas would receive the \$36,000.00 increase to which Mr. Consolo responded in the negative. He said Mr. Thomas would only receive a portion of this increase in the amount of \$33,000.00. Mr. Consolo said the balance of the increase would go towards his firm's operating costs, etc. for work performed for the City. He said Ms. Ridenour would still be ahead of Mr. Thomas though because as a City employee she was eligible for OPERS.

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

Moving to the List of Expenditures, Mr. Jackson said there were no expenditures to be reviewed by Council.

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

Ms. Madden said she had a question for Police Chief Hansen or Council President regarding the recent Police Officer Swearing In and asked why all of Council was not informed. She said some Council people had been informed and attended the ceremony.

In response, Police Chief Hansen said the recent swearing-in ceremony was not opened to other people since the City was not having open ceremonies during the pandemic. He said this ceremony happened to be in connection with the Civil Service Swearing-In. The Chief said no offence was meant or intended.

There being no other questions or comments, the Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. with the following Council members present: Jackson, Shenett, Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden and Agee. Councilman Trojanski was absent and excused. Also present were Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Law Director Frank Consolo, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, 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 Timothy Tatum gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson called the roll.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: On behalf of Council Members Stafford Shenett, Tanglyn Madden and Edwina Agee, Mr. Shenett said they wanted to share a special Black History Month presentation with their colleagues, the Administration and the residents. Mr. Shenett introduced Mr. Alfred Leak, a Maple Heights resident from District 7.

Mr. Leak thanked the Council Members for inviting him to tonight's Council Meeting and affording him the opportunity to participate. Mr. Leak gave a brief introduction about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and then performed a dramatic reading of Dr. King's "The American Dream" speech given during his commencement address at Lincoln University in 1961.

Mr. Leak said this speech became the precursor of Dr. King's memorable "I Have a dream" speech.

Mr. Shenett concluded this special presentation by presenting Mr. Leak a Certificate of Recognition for his gifts, talents and willingness to share the same.

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

MINUTES: Mr. Shenett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to approve the Special Meeting of Council Minutes of February 2, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Shenett: Yes; Ms. Jones: Yes; Mr. Tatum: Yes; Ms. Anderson: Yes; Ms. Madden: Yes; Ms. Agee: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.

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

From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

Notice regarding an application for the issuance of a new class "C" liquor permit (Permit No. 8774707) from TRT LLC. at 16939 Broadway Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

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

Housing and Economic Development Committee

Ms. Jones, Chairwoman of the Housing/Economic Development Committee presented the following Committee Report which is attached hereto and incorporated herein in its entirety.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department - Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas reported that Fire Department calls for service to date were 767 which was more than the City of Valley View would respond to in a year. He

reported that the Fire Department responded to the following structure fires:

February 2nd at 5:52 p.m. to a house fire at 8116 Garfield Boulevard in Garfield Heights;

February 6th at 1:27 a.m. to a house fire at 5537 Garden Street. The Fire Chief said one of the MH Firefighters through a hole in the second floor but he was luckily uninjured;

February 12th at 11:57 a.m. to a house fire in Warrensville Heights at 4354 Lee Heights Boulevard;

February 12th at 1:34 p.m. to a house fire in Bedford at 70 Pinecrest;

February 14th at 2:53 a.m. to a house fire in Garfield Heights at 4678 Burleigh;

February 16th at 1:50 p.m. to a commercial fire in Garfield Heights at 15437 NEO Parkway.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas said all of these fires were examples of the working relationship and automatic aid that has been established with our neighboring communities. He said continuing these agreements was paramount to our continued success with mitigating these fires quickly with all of our limited resources. The Fire Chief said thankfully no injuries were reported at any of these incidents.

The Fire Chief announced that the Fire Department recently received the 2022 Marcs radio grant from the State in the amount of \$5,950.00 that will cover the required re-programming of the Department's radios.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas concluded his report by stating that he attended a Civil Service Meeting yesterday at which time he requested a Captain's Promotional Exam to fill an upcoming vacancy in that position. He said the test will be scheduled in late March or April. The Fire Chief said the Fire Department currently still had FF/Paramedic vacancies in the Department and were currently accepting later transfer applications.

The Fire Chief wished Mr. Grogan-Myers the best of luck and said he would miss working with him.

Law Department – Law Director Mr. Frank Consolo thanked Council members Shenett, Madden and Agee for the Black History Month Presentation and said that D. King's words hit close to home for him since he worked in Employment Law. Mr. Consolo said it took the Civil Right Act of 1964 to get equal employment opportunities.

Mr. Consolo said the State recently passed a new fireworks law that will take effect in July, 2022. He said under the new law fireworks will be legal on some holidays starting July 1st and municipalities will have the right to "opt out" of this change so in the next few weeks he will be talking with the Mayor and Police and Fire Chiefs regarding this matter.

Mr. Consolo concluded his report by welcoming Mr. Herb Wilborn and Shirley Merritt to the Civil Service Commission.

Police Department – Police Chief Todd Hansen reported that the Police Department has responded to just over 3,000 calls for service to date. The Chief said Police Officers were issuing a lot of parking tickets and have been working with the Service Department to get residents to stop placing their trash containers in the streets. The Chief asked residents to just leave their containers at the end of their driveways. He said one of the City snowplow trucks recently rolled off the road into a ditch.

The Police Chief also welcomed the new members of the Civil Service Commission and announced that the Police Department would also be conducting a new hire test later this year. Police Chief Hansen said a Sargent's promotional test has also been approved for mid-April. He announced that the Police Officer sworn-in will start on Monday.

The Police Chief concluded his report by announcing that the Police Department received \$35,000.00 in grant funding from three (3) separate grants for body cameras, dash cameras in cars and for the storage of these films. The Chief also announced that starting March 1st Police Officers will start using the Police Substation at Turney-Dunham Plaza.

Human Services Department – Human Services Director Mrs. Linda Vopat announced that the next Mobile Farmers' Market will be held tomorrow, February 17th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church at 16029 Maple Park. She said volunteers from the Maple Heights High School National Honor Society will bring the produce to the cars.

Mrs. Vopat also announced that the Cuyahoga County Board of Health Covid Clinic at the senior Center will be held the last Wednesday of each month for February, March, April, May and June. Mrs. Vopat said Covid vaccinations will be available each of these days from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. She said the vaccinations will be administered by Board of Health staff, will be free of charge and no appointment will be necessary. Mrs. Vopat said other types of shots will also be available including flu shots, shingles vaccines, etc. She said the Board of Health was working with communities challenged by health care disparities.

Mrs. Vopat said she was pleased to announce that Jump Start Sports will be offering soccer for children ages 3- 9 at Benhoff Fields from mid-June to mid-July. She said the Maple Heights Boys League would also be returning for 2022 for boys and girls ages 5-14. She said registrations will be accepted at the Senior Center February 19th, 20th and 26th. Mrs. Vopat said flyers for all of these activities were included in the packets distributed to Council and asked that this information be shared by Council with their residents.

Mrs. Vopat concluded her report by saying that she too enjoyed the special presentation and wished Mr. Grogan-Myers luck in his future endeavors.

Finance Department – Finance Director Ms. Tinita Tillman said the Finance Department closed January 2022 and that the unexpended balance in the General Fund was at \$6,027,484.71 and that the unexpended balance for all Funds was \$14, 605,550.91.

Ms. Tillman said the City audit was underway and that there were three (3) auditors on site including an Audit Manager.

Ms. Tillman said the engagement letter included two (2) single audits. She said last year the City had its first single audit. Ms. Tillman said if a City received any federal funding or federal grants this needed to be included on a federal schedule. She said usually auditors will pull different samples from programs, but a single audit was used if a City had expended at least \$750,00.00 in federal grant dollars. Ms. Tillman said the auditors will be testing two (2) programs including the CCBG program for \$300,00.00 regarding the 2021 elevator project and the COPS grant for \$163,00.00. She said all transactions for these specific programs will be checked. Ms. Tillman said this would increase the chances of the auditors catching any mistakes. She said the audit normally was due June 30th but due to the single audits the deadline for this audit completion will go to September 30th.

Service Department – Acting Service Director Mr. Bob Dloniak thanked Chief Hansen for his comments regarding the trash containers being placed in the streets. He said Service Department crews were out on Sunday and Monday during the recent storm and tried to keep up as best as they could despite some equipment breakdowns. Mr. Dloniak reminded residents that with temperatures in the teens or lower salt will barely work.

Mr. Dloniak said two (2) cold patch trucks were out filling potholes.

Mr. Dloniak concluded his report by thanking the Mayor, other Directors and the Chiefs for their help during his time as interim/acting Service Director. Mr. Dloniak said he learned a lot and appreciated the experience.

Economic Development Director: Economic Development Director Mr. Patrick Grogan-Myers said he was very thankful for his time at the City of Maple Heights and said he felt a lot had been accomplished.

Mr. Grogan-Myers said the Annual Report for the Building Department and Economic Development Department was being finalized and will be distributed shortly. He said that as a brief summary 1, 557 permits had been issued, representing \$16.3 million dollars invested in the City. He said there were agreements for five (5) new homes to be built in the City and one (1) agreement for four (4) new homes to be built in 2022. Mr. Grogan-Myers said 5,000 inspections were completed including complaints and permit work and approximately \$36,000.00 in income tax revenue was generated from GOJO, Inc.

Mr. Grogan-Myers thanked everyone for their hard work and said he had enjoyed working with the residents.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Mitchell Todd of 5550 Sunny Lane Road distributed copies of documents to Council and said this was in response to comments made against him to Council by his neighbor Mr. James Lemon. Mr. Todd said he had to clear his name.

In response, Ms. Jones asked Mr. Todd to stay and talk with her, the Law Director and Police Chief Hansen after the meeting.

In response, Police Chief Hansen said that since this was ongoing case it could not be discussed in public.

Mr. Shenett asked if this was in reference to the Citizen's Comment made at a previous Council Meeting to which Chief Hansen responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Ozell Dobbins residing at 19608 Longview Avenue said he had a couple of questions about the garbage situation in the City. He said when Waste Management sent out the paperwork there was a mistake on the recycling schedule.

Mr. Dobbins said his second question was about couches that had been put out for rubbish before the storm that he had brought to Mr. Trojanski's attention. Mr. Dobbins said the Service Department was contacted by the Councilman and they sent an employee to wrap everything in plastic. Mr. Dobbins said Waste Management took the chair but not the couch.

Mr. Dobbins said there was a problem with a lot of move-outs.

In response, Mr. Dloniak said the flyer from Waste Management had been misprinted and company would be sending out corrected schedules.

Regarding the couch situation, Mr. Dloniak said Waste Management will only take two (2) extra item which was why the couch was left. He said for move-out complaints, the Building Department needed to be contacted first so they will cite the person, then they will contact the Service Department for the clean-up.

Mr. Robert Gillette of 5228 Camden Avenue said the Council and Administration was doing a good job. He said a number of residents were on limited income and did not have the money to deal with the branches and limbs that were left on peoples' properties from all the trimmed trees.

In response, Mr. Consolo said the City did not trim the trees, but that CEI had hired a company to do this tree trimming. Mr. Consolo said he would follow-up with this company to resolve this problem.

Ms. Jackson, Branch Manager for Dollar Bank, 5180 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights said she wanted to introduce herself to Council and the Administration. Ms. Jackson said she was also a resident of Maple Heights. She said Dollar Bank was open and available to assist residents with all their banking needs. Ms. Jackson said she also wanted to ask the Service Department to repair the potholes on Glenwood and Rockside Roads.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AWARD FUNDING TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

As this Resolution was in the Housing/Economic Development Committee, Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tatum, to remove this Resolution from Committee.

ROLL CALL on the motion to remove: Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Agee: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.

Ms. Jones thanked Council for removing this legislation from Committee.

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tatum, to amend **Resolution No. 2022-14** to change the caption and all necessary sections to reflect the name change of the grant to the 2022 Exterior Home Repair Grant to match the attachment.

ROLL CALL on the motion to amend: Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Agee: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.

This Resolution as amended was on Second Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ENGINEER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM (SRTS) ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution was on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-STATING CHAPTER 1226 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS CONCERNING LAND REUTILIZATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Joes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shenett, 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: Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Agee: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Ordinance passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE MENDOTA AVENUE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution was on First Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE FOR AN AUDIT OF THE CITY'S BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF, AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED, DECEMBER 31, 2021, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$27,470.00), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Jones 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: Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Agee: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Resolution passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REVISED AND RE-STATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CONSOLO LAW FIRM CO., LPA TO PROVIDE ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR AND LAW DIRECTOR SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Agee: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Resolution passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000.00: There were no Expenditures for review at tonight's meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Blackwell announced that Mr. Grogan-Myers had resigned as the City's economic Development Director and wished him a great deal of success. She said Mr. Grogan-Myers had brought a number of changes to the City and facilitated much development in the City. The Mayor said the two (2) homes on Dunham Road sold for \$200,000.00 each that will change the comparable sales for the area and help to improve home values.

The Mayor said she also wanted to thank Councilwoman Jones who helped bring the Slavic Village Home Ownership Program to the City and develop the Maple Heights Home Ownership Program.

Mayor Blackwell said she was very grateful to Mr. Grogan-Myers for all his work as was indicated in the Building Department and Economic Development Department Annual Report. She said he was a great asset to the Economic Development Department.

The Mayor said City Engineer brought the SRTS program to the City's attention and this program will have several partners including ODOT and NOACA to help address the problem of congestion around the City's elementary schools on Dunham Road. She said there were three (3) schools on that campus. Mayor Blackwell said the City was working with the School

Superintendent and his Facilities Manager on the project. She said the City continued to spur development in the area and that grant funding will be used for the SRTS project.

Mayor Blackwell concluded her report by stating that the City was doing its best to move forward even with challenges.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Timothy Tatum, District 3 said he was currently working on a District 3 Newsletter that will be out within the next 2 or 3 weeks.

Mr. Tatum said a number of residents helped their neighbors with snow removal during the recent storm. He also thanked April in the Service Department for her help to get some potholes repaired on E. 141st. Street.

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, District 4 announced that on Saturday, February 19th District 4 and 6 will be partnering with Castle High School and to host a Financial Café. She said 105 registrations have been received for this event.

Ms. Anderson said the District 4 March Newsletter will be out shortly and that on March 21st Districts 4 and 6 will be holding a Town Hall Meeting.

Ms. Anderson concluded her report by stating that it had been a pleasure working with Mr. Grogan-Myers and wished him well.

Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5 said she had received a number of complaints regarding trash containers being left out and especially being left out in the streets. She reminded residents that the streets needed to be clear for the Service Department to plow the snow.

Ms. Madden thanked the Fire Chief his communication to her regarding the fire at the home on Garden Street. She said prayerfully no one was injured in it.

Ms. madden concluded her report by telling Mr. Grogan-Myers that he will be truly missed. She said he was an inspiration to the residents of District 5. Ms. Madden said a number of things have happened in District 5 because of Mr. Grogan-Myers and one more thing will be happening there with the new Senior Housing Project that he started. She said that will be a great asset to the City. Ms. Madden said Mr. Grogan-Myers always had an open door for Council and that she really appreciated him.

Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7 invited residents of District 1 and 7 to join her and Mr. Shenett on Thursday, February 17th for the Districts 1 and 7 Annual Combined Block Watch Meeting at the maple heights Library.

Ms. Agee also announced that the Annual District 7 Business Owners Meeting will be held Thursday, March 24th at the Maple Heights Library.

Ms. Agee concluded her report by thanking Mr. Grogan-Myers for his two (2) years of service to the City. She said it was much appreciated.

Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, District 1 thanked the Police Department for their assistance with parking issues in District 1 because of the snow and snow ban. Mr. Shenett said a few residents had inquiries about the condition of the sidewalks around the schools being snow covered and the children were walking in the streets. Mr. Shenett said he contact Dr. Keenan about this situation and there will be ongoing discussions about it.

Mr. Shenett announced that the Annual Districts 1 and 7 Combined Block Watch meeting will be held on February 17th at the Maple Heights Library, Large Meeting Room. He said this was an opportunity for once-a-year fellowship for residents of these two (2) districts.

Mr. Shenett concluded his report by telling Mr. Grogan-Myers that he was the best. He said Mr. Grogan-Myers was prompt in his responses to inquiries. Mr. Shenett said he appreciated Mr. Grogan-Myers' professionalism, expertise and knowledge. Mr. Shenett said he was grateful for Mr. Grogan-Myers' help with Valley Ranch and the new homes being built in District 1.

Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2 introduced herself to the Branch Manager of Dollar Bank as her Councilwoman.

Ms. Jones thanked Mr. Dloniak and the Service Department for their help on Edgewood and Maplewood Court had been immobilized by the cold, snowy weather. Ms. Jones said Service Department workers spent a couple of hours on these streets and dragged the garbage containers and bags to the street for Waste Management to pick-up.

Ms. Jones thanked Police Chief Hansen for the Police Department ticketing and towing cars to allow the snowplows to be able to clear the City streets. She said when the weather was so bitterly cold it made their jobs harder.

Ms. Jones concluded her report by thanking Mr. Grogan-Myers for his hard work and dedication to the City. She said Maple Heights will be a better place because of him. She said Mr. Grogan-Myers left the City a legacy.

Council President Ron Jackson said a lot of good information has been put out at today's meeting. Regarding Mr. Grogan-Myers, Mr. Jackson said he tried to bribe him to stay here at the City of Maple Heights.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Passed: March 16, 2022

ATTEST:

S/S
Leonette Cicirella Johnson Clerk of Council

Housing and Economic Development Meeting

February 9th, 2022 6:30PM Room 7

Attendance: Committee members Councilman Tim Tatum and Councilwoman Dana Anderson

Guests: Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers, Housing Manager Brendan Zak

Others in attendance: Council President Ron Jackson and Planning and Zoning member Tina Marbury

Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM with roll call.

First order of business on the agenda was the 2022 Exterior Home Maintenance grant.

ED Director Grogan-Myers spoke to the modification of the program to include the project cost to be dependent on the homeowner's income using the 2021 Income Limits summary used by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to clarify the grant amount allowed based on income.

Further discussion and revision changes included clarifying the name of the program to ensure there is no ambiguity describing home repair vs home improvement.

Possibly including some verbiage regarding any exterior nuisance violations on the property such as debris accumulation, junk vehicles or trash.

Clarifying that property tax must be current on the property or in a payment plan. Those applicants that may have a property tax delinquency will be referred to CHN Housing Partners for assistance.

Second item agenda was to clarify the steps for obtaining vacant lots for side yard usage. The amendments clarifying the duties of the director of economic development as follows:

the Economic Development Director to inform the Council person in whose district the parcel is located to give the Councilperson the opportunity to provide a letter of support, and the Director shall establish and keep record of inventory of such lots to include all transactions relating to the land reutilization program.

Further clarification to show that the applicant agrees to the lot consolidation expense prior to the transfer of property and be approved by the City's Planning and Zoning Commission prior to filing with the recorder's office. This eliminates the placing of money in escrow for the lot consolidation.

Other business that was discussed was the scheduling of a City wide Housing Fair to take place on April 27th, where the Housing and Economic Development Committee will be joining in the planning of the event.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

Minutes of the meeting taken by Councilperson Toni Jones, Chair.