

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

Maple Height Senior Center

March 2, 2022

MEETING CAUCUS

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jackson, Shenett, Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Also present were Law Director Frank Consolo, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Service Director Bob Gorentz and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Mayor Annette M. Blackwell and City Engineer Ed Hren were absent and excused.

Mr. Jackson said Councilwoman Anderson had the Invocation and would be leading the Pledge of Allegiance for tonight's meeting.

Councilwoman Jones asked Mr. Jackson about the Planning and Zoning Appeals listed in the Communications section of tonight's agenda. She asked when would Council be voting on the appeals.

In response, Mr. Jackson said Council will only be hearing the appeals tonight, but would not be voting on them yet.

Moving to the legislation on the agenda for tonight's meeting, Mr. Jackson asked Ms. Jones if there was any further discussion on **Resolution No. 2022-14, As Amended** approving the 2022 Exterior Home Repair Grant Program or was the legislation ready for a vote.

In response, Ms. Jones said Councilmembers Shenett and Agee had wanted to discuss this legislation with their residents and asked if they had heard from their residents regarding it.

Mr. Shenett said he had talked with his residents regarding this grant program and that his constituents were overwhelmingly in support of it. Mr. Shenett said he thought this was an excellent program and asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor of this resolution.

Ms. Jones asked Councilwoman Agee if she had talked with her residents. Councilwoman Agee said she had talked with her residents and was ready to move forward with this legislation.

Mr. Jackson said there was a question from Monday's Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding when would the program start. He asked Ms. Jones if she had any information on a start date for the program.

Ms. Jones said the Housing Committee was working with the Administration to host a Housing Resource Fair on April 27th and that the applications for the home repair program should be available by then. Ms. Jones said the program application was not completed yet, but it could be e-mailed to Council as soon as it was available.

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

Councilwoman Madden asked if there was start date had been set for this grant program.

Ms. Jones said that as soon as the legislation was passed by Council the program application will be completed and will be sent to Council via e-mail.

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

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-16** authorizing the City to submit an application for the Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). He said City Engineer Ed Hren had discussed this resolution with Council and asked if there were any other questions or comments on it. Mr. Jackson said Mr. Hren has requested that Council pass this Resolution on emergency at tonight's meeting since the grant application will be due this Friday, March 4, 2022.

There were no questions regarding **Resolution No. 2022-16**, but Mr. Shenett, Ms. Jones and Mr. Jackson asked to be added as Co-sponsors of the legislation.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2022-18** authorizing the contract for the Mendota Avenue Watermain Replacement Project, Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions,

Mr. Shenett said he did not have any questions on the legislation, but asked to be added as a Co-sponsor of this Resolution.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2022-21** regarding amendment to Chapter 236 – Department of Planning and Development of the Codified Ordinances would be on First Reading at tonight's meeting at the request of the Law Department. He said **Ordinance No. 2022-22** amending and restating the authorized pay schedule for non-bargaining unit City employees would also be on First Reading tonight at the request of the Law Department.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions regarding these Ordinances.

Ms. Jones asked Mr. Consolo if the change in the name of Economic Development Department under **Ordinance No. 2022-21** would need to be made prior to advertising for this position previously held by Mr. Grogan-Myers.

Mr. Consolo said Ordinance No. 2022-21 would do more than just change the name of that department. He said the Planning and Development Department included more duties for that director such as administering the City's Side Yard Program. Mr. Consolo said he was not aware of any advertising for this position at this time.

Ms. Jones asked whether the fact that this legislation was not passed at tonight's meeting would hinder the search process for this position, to which Mr. Consolo responded in the negative. Mr. Consolo said he suggested that this legislation be placed on First Reading at tonight's meeting since some Councilmembers wanted additional time to check other cities regarding this department.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions on these Ordinances.

Mr. Shenett said **Ordinance No. 2022-22** concerned the salaries for the non-bargaining unit employees and asked Mr. Consolo if the HSA accounts fell into this same category, to which Mr. Consolo responded in the affirmative. Mr. Consolo said **Ordinance No. 2022-22** was restating everything from the prior salary ordinance. He said nothing was changed from that part of the previous ordinance. Mr. Consolo said the amendments concerned adding three (3) positions.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions.

Ms. Jones said in the list of positions she did not see Director of Economic Development.

In response, Mr. Consolo said that position was not included in the amended salary ordinance because of its connection to **Ordinance No. 2022-21**. Mr. Consolo said that was why it was requested that **Ordinance No. 2022-22** would be on First Reading since **2022-21** was also on First Reading.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions regarding these Ordinances. There were no further questions.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-23** authorized a software licensing agreement for the Finance Department and asked if there were any other questions. There being no further questions, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this Resolution at tonight's meeting.

Moving to the List of Expenditures, Mr. Jackson said there were no expenditures for review and by Council but one disclosure of purchase orders over \$10,000.00 Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions. There were no questions from Council on the List of Expenditures.

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

Ms. Jones asked that Housing/Economic Development Committee Members Jones, Tatum and Anderson be added as Co-sponsors for **Resolution No. 2022-14, As Amended**.

There being no other questions or comments, the Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 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, Tatum, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Also present were Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Law Director Frank Consolo, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Service Director Bob Gorentz and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. City Engineer Ed Hren was absent and excused.

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson called the roll.

ADDENDUM: There was no Addendum for tonight's meeting.

MINUTES: Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski, to approve the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes of January 19, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Shenett: Yes; Ms. Jones: Yes; Mr. Tatum: 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.

Mr. Shenett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski, to approve the Special Meeting of Council Minutes of February 22, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Shenett: Yes; Ms. Jones: Yes; Mr. Tatum: 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 were two (2) Communications for tonight's meeting.

Planning and Zoning Appeal regarding Case No. 2021-PZ-53

Appellant Tim Baker of Improve Your Home For Less failed to appear before Council at tonight's meeting to present his appeal to Council regarding **Case No. 20221-PZ-53**. As this appeal was on a continuance from the February 2, 2022 Council Meeting, this Appeal will be dismissed. The decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission in **Case No. 2021-PZ-53** will stand.

Planning and Zoning Appeal regarding Case No. 2022-PZ-07

Appellants Jason Young and Lisa Evans appeared before Council and presented the following appeal regarding **Case No. 2022-PZ-07** (see copy of handout provided to Council which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.)

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions from Council.

Mr. Shenett said the Appellants made a good presentation and asked with regards to the hardship aspect of the variance request if it would be a hardship to remove the deck since it was already built.

In response, the Appellants said they thought Mr. White from the Building Department would be representing them at the Planning and Zoning Meeting so they were not as prepared for that meeting.

Mr. Shenett asked if the backyard of the property was small, to which the Appellant responded in the negative. The Appellants said the backyard had a covered patio approximately 24'x 18'.

Ms. Anderson said the Appellants presented very well to Council and said that she was in support of this appeal. She asked the other Councilmembers to drive by the property, since the pictures did not do it justice. Ms. Anderson said the Appellants were aware of the penalties regarding this situation.

Ms. Jones said she was an advocate for porches on the street to give residents the opportunity to keep eyes on their streets, but said this deck looked unfinished. She suggested that if the posts would meet the railings it would be more complete.

In response, Mr. Young said they didn't take it all the way up to have some sight lines.

Mr. Shenett asked for clarification that the penalties referred to in Ms. Anderson's comments referred to no building permit being pulled for this project and not in reference the size the deck should be to which Ms. Anderson responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Consolo if he had any input in this discussion.

Mr. Consolo said that he was present at the February 14, 2022 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting and that the Commission was informed that this deck was built without any permits. He said the property was in the process of being purchased by the Appellants from the County Land Bank. Mr. Consolo said the Chief Building Official had denied a permit for this deck based upon the Zoning Code since the deck did not meet the characteristics of the neighborhood. He said the Chief Building Official had determined that there was nothing similar in the neighborhood and that it was not a replacement for an existing porch. Mr. Consolo said only the concrete area was existing.

Mr. Consolo said the Commission agreed with the Building Commissioner regarding the deck not being in the character of the neighborhood and had concerns the way it was laid out to look more like fencing on a farm.

Ms. Anderson said she saw other porches in the City that were large.

Mr. Consolo said he had not been prepared to fully address Council regarding this appeal at tonight's meeting but he wanted to clarify the fact that this project was a deck and not a porch since a porch is defined in the City's Zoning Code as having a roof and could be used at all times.

At this time Mr. Jackson ended the discussion on the Planning and Zoning Appeal in **Case No. 2022-PZ-07** and advised the Appellants that Council will consider this matter and make their decision at a later Council Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no Council Committee Reports for tonight's meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department - Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas said that Fire Department calls for service to date were 1,010.

The Fire Chief said that the Fire Department conducts fire inspections of major occupancies in the City, checking for fire code violations, updated entry keys and alarm codes and updated contact information. The Chief said the goal will be to complete every occupancy in the City on a yearly basis. Fire Chief Kavaliunas said that prior to 2013 the Fire Prevention Bureau had a total of one (1) Lieutenant and two (2) inspectors. He said currently Captain Sypen performed the inspections. The Chief said that with their call volume it was not possible to have the on-duty crews complete the inspections and the all the follow-up involved. Fire Chief Kavaliunas said that this year the Fire Department worked with the Mayor and the Finance Director to include in the Department's 2022 budget a program where they could have certified inspectors in the Fire Department come on non-tour days to complete these inspections. The Chief reported that the Fire Department has completed their first full month of this program, and announced the following statistics: 81 inspections were completed with 671 remaining to be completed. He said the members participating in this program completed 8 hours of update training. The Chief said of the 81 inspections, 23 sites passed, 3 passed with corrective comments and 57 received corrective notices that will be followed up. He said this was a lot of great work by all involved in a short time.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas said this program was also in cooperation with the Building Department in an attempt to ensure the safety of our residents and guests of the City. The Chief thanked the Mayor and Ms. Tillman for their help with this endeavor and announced that he would be giving a monthly report on the progress of this program.

The Fire Chief announced that the Fire Department was currently processing two (2) individuals for the three (3) vacancies in the department presently. He said they were conducting interviews for the third vacancy.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas concluded his report by congratulating Captain Richard Blacksmith on his retirement from the Fire Department after almost 32 years of service to the City. The Chief said he and Captain Blacksmith were sworn in together in July of 1990. The Fire Chief offered him best wishes to the Captain on his retirement.

Law Department – Law Director Mr. Frank Consolo reported that for the first two (2) months of 2022 the City has prosecuted 183 criminal cases and 77 traffic cases in Garfield Heights Municipal Court and 100 cases in Mayor's Court for a total of approximately 360 cases.

Police Department – Police Chief Todd Hansen reported that the Police Department has responded to approximately 4,000 calls for service to date which was slightly lower then the number of calls at this time last year. He said the Police Department recently responded to a shooting on Warrensville Center Road. The Chief said the victim will survive and that one (1) person was in custody but the Police Department was still investigating the incident. He said the Police Department was also still issuing parking tickets.

The Police Chief concluded his report by announcing that the Police Department recently hired a new Officer and that the Police Department Westside Substation located in the Turney Dunham Plaza started yesterday. Police Chief Hansen invited everyone to attend the Substation Grand Opening that will be held on March 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Human Services Department – Human Services Director Mrs. Linda Vopat said the next Covid Clinic will be held on March 23rd from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. She said the Cuyahoga County Board of Health has been pleased with the turn-out for the clinic. Mrs. Vopat said individuals receiving their first Covid vaccination will receive a \$100 gift card.

Mrs. Vopat announced that the City has received a \$6,000.00 grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for two (2) Community Shred Days and also to distribute informational material about recycling.

Mrs. Vopat also announced that the Department of Human Services recently received an e-mail from The Illuminating Company that the moratorium on shut-offs for non-payment of bills has been lifted. She said residents in need of assistance can contact the Senior Center/ Department of Human Services to get residents on to payment plans. Mrs. Vopat said the moratorium was also lifted for Dominion East Ohio Gas and the Cleveland Water Department.

Mrs. Vopat concluded his report by stating that the Ms. Whitted, Director of the Maple Heights Food Pantry recently surveyed clients of the Food Pantry regarding the conditions at the Food Pantry, the food selection, etc. She said the Food Pantry received a number of positive comments including “the staff was friendly,” “the food pantry was clean,” “liked choosing their own food,” and “were treated with a sense of dignity.”

Finance Department – Finance Director Ms. Tinita Tillman said the Finance Department has just closed February 2022 and that the unexpended balance in the General Fund was at \$6,793,082.91 million dollars and that the total unexpended balance for all funds was \$15,885,042.23 million dollars.

Ms. Tillman asked Council to consider Resolution No. 2022-23 which would update the Finance Department accounting system. She said the present system was 30 years old and glitches in this system can no longer be fixed. Ms. Tillman said under the new system versus the old system all the budgetary processes will be upgraded and a new payroll module will be included. She said this will allow employees to check their pay vouchers and the employers/directors will be able to upload their staff timesheets. Ms. Tillman said the total cost of the upgraded software will be paid incrementally with 10% down and then 60% by the end of 2022. She said the remaining balance will be paid in February 2023.

Ms. Tillman said the auditors were still on-site and she had not heard about any problems.

Ms. Tillman concluded her report by announcing that the Finance Department has hired a new Purchasing Agent who began on February 22nd. Ms. Tillman said the new software system will also update the Purchase Order process.

Service Department –Service Director Mr. Bob Gorentz reported that the Service Department staff had completed a lot of cold patching on the streets in the City. He said the Service Department has purchased and applied approximately 25 tons of cold patch with two (2) sometimes three (3) crews working daily to repair the roads.

Mr. Gorentz said the Service Department has also had the brush chipper out to clear branches from the recent storm damage. He said department staff were also working with the Building Department to give notices to residents regarding trash and recycling containers left out after trash day. He said excessive trash was also a source of contention between Waste Management and the City. Mr. Gorentz said the guidelines under the current trash collection and disposal contract include the container and two (2) additional items of trash. He said perhaps residents are just not used to the new guidelines.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Ms. Rosemary Rozell of 5152 Theodore Street said she was a 32-year resident of the City and that she was very upset about the litter and trash problems in the City. She said another problem was a van parked on the street every single day and night. Ms. Rozell said there was a truck with ladders parked over the weekend. The resident said she did not want to keep calling the Police every time. She said the truck has been ticketed but the driver has continued to park on the street.

In response, Mr. Shenett asked Police Chief Hansen if commercial vehicles were not permitted park on the streets to which Police Chief Hansen responded in the affirmative.

In response, Ms. Anderson said she has reported this same vehicle a couple of times and the Police have responded.

Mr. Mitchell Todd of 5055 Sunny Lane said that at a recent Council Meeting his neighbor complained about him. He gave Council copies of police reports, etc. and said he had come tonight to defend his honor.

In response, Mr. Shenett asked if this was the same neighbor issue at a couple of meetings ago to which Mr. Jackson responded in the affirmative. Mr. Jackson said that was the neighbor complaint.

In response, Mr. Consolo also responded in the affirmative and said these residents were currently in Garfield Heights Municipal Court where the issues will be worked out. Mr. Consolo said this was a civil matter and also a criminal matter that will be handled by the Court.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14, As Amended

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

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

Mayor Blackwell said she wanted to apprise Council that it will be difficult to administer this program since Mr. Grogan-Myers has left so she was not sure if this fact will alter Council's consideration of this legislation.

Mr. Shenett said Mr. Zak has been very helpful with this program so he did not think Council needed to hold its vote on this legislation.

Mayor Blackwell said she just wanted to address any expectations about the program and that she was not sure the Administration would be able to move forward without someone to administer it.

Ms. Jones said Mr. Zak did not say anything about the legislation being implemented, but she asked if the City could accept the grant funding from the County for this program and could Council still pass this legislation or should Council wait to pass the legislation until the program can be established.

Mr. Jackson said there was no start date yet for the program.

Mr. Shenett said even if the City did not have someone now to oversee the program, the structure was there so Council could vote on this Resolution.

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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 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.

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

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

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ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes. Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 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.

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

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

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ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes.; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2022-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-STATING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 236 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING THE AUTHORIZED PAY SCHEDULE FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES FOR 2022 AND 2023, AND PROVIDING A HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN WITH A HEALTHCARE SAVINGS ACCOUNT (HSA) AND ESTABLISHING CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS TO THE HSA ACCOUNTS FOR FULL-TIME NON-BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES BEGINNING 2022 AND 2023, AND SETTING THE PAY RANGE FOR THE POSITIONS OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR, AND INTERN, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-163, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND ACCEPT A SOFTWARE LICENSING AGREEMENT AND QUOTES 1545 AND 1558 WITH SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS INC. FOR A LICENSE FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO USE AND OPERATE CERTAIN PROPRIETARY COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR ACCOUNTING, PAYROLL, ASSET MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENTAL PURCHASING AND TIME ENTRY, EMPLOYEE PORTAL, AND ANALYTICS, IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$103,750.00), 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 further discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote for passage on emergency.

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes. Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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 \$25,000.00:

Mr. Jackson said there were no Expenditures over \$25,000.00 for review at tonight's meeting, only the Disclosure of Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00 from the Finance Department.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Blackwell thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and thanked new Service Director Bob Gorentz for the Service Department work to repair the potholes in the City. The Mayor said the City has received a lot of calls about potholes.

The Mayor responded to the Appellants of the Planning and Zoning Appeal and said she understood their significant investment in their property. She said residents should use the City website to get Building Code information before working on projects.

Mayor Blackwell said the City has significant vacancies in the Building Department with the loss of Mr. Grogan-Myers and being down one (1) Code Enforcement Officer. The Mayor said the City has made an offer for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer who was a former Councilperson. The Mayor said the Administration will continue to work with the Building Department to improve communications.

The Mayor said she received another call from a resident who was very grateful to the Fire Department for their assistance. Mayor Blackwell said that with these calls she gets the human picture and the human impact of the Fire Department in the community.

Mayor Blackwell said she was a member of the Cuyahoga County Reinvestment Committee and they will be working with local banks such as Key Bank in LMMI communities to address the issue of loans to residents in these communities. The Mayor announced that the Home Repair Resource Center was having discussions with the City.

The Mayor said she has also received an e-mail regarding strange helicopters from the UBI patrol that will be in our area for the next 2 -3 weeks. She said this project involved studying transmission lines in the City.

Mayor Blackwell concluded her report by announcing that she will be attending a youth mentoring through basketball program at Euclid. She said the cities of Euclid and Cleveland Heights will be presenting youth mentoring best practices to keep basketball safe that was based on a model from Chicago. The Mayor said the City will be bringing the basketball courts back this summer and also the sprayground.

The Mayor said she was also working with the School Board to offer a full spectrum of youth programs. She said some of the programs will be paid and some will be with volunteers. Mayor Blackwell said Y.O.U. will be coming back this year also. She said the Administration will put information on the various programs together.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, District 4 announced that on Thursday, March 31, 2022 the District 4 and District 6 Town Hall Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Maple Heights Library.

Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5 announced that the next District 7 and District 5 Fresh Fruits and Vegetables distribution will be held on Saturday, March 12th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at 5345m Warrensville Center Road. Ms. Madden said she wanted to recognize all of the wonderful volunteers who help at the food distribution and give back to the community. Ms. Madden said she extended a hand of gratitude to these volunteers.

Councilman Richard Trojanski, District 6 said that on February 19th he participated in a Financial Literacy Café at sponsored by the National Council of Black Women that was held at Castle High School on Warrensville Center Road. Mr. Trojanski said a number of different financial workshops were presented and over 100 attendees participated.

Mr. Trojanski announced there will be important infrastructure work being completed in District 6 concerning storm and sanitary sewer repairs on various streets including Hansen, Watson, Raymond, Franklin, Hillgrove, Clare and Gardenview. He said there would be three (3) phases to this project. Mr. Trojanski said the first phase will include checking and repairing sewers as needed, the second phase to be done in June would be the work to line the sewers and the last phase would be the resurfacing work on Hansen and Watson Roads to be done in August and September.

Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7 – No Report

Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, District 1 reported that there was a major investigation in District 1 regarding a missing tree on Dunham Road. He said a resident pulled out one of newly planted trees on Dunham Road.

Mr. Shenett thanked Ms. Jones for her work on Ordinance No. 2022-14, As Amended. He said the residents in District 1 were extremely excited about this repair program. Mr. Shenett said he also understood the Mayor's concerns since Mr. Grogan-Myers would was to have been administering this program has left.

Mr. Shenet said there will be infrastructure work on Rowena Drive and asked residents for their patience. He said traffic will be re-routed since the street will be down to one (1) lane. Mr. Shenett thanked Mr. Gorentz and City Engineer Ed Hren for their help to have the damage repaired that occurred in the right-of-way at Rowena Drive. He said the damage had been done by some of the heavy equipment used for the sewer work.

Mr. Shenett said he was excited about the Bridge the Gap youth basketball. He said it was important to meet youth where they are and that it was important to bridge the gap with you and the Police Department.

Mr. Shenett said he sends his prayers to families in the Ukraine. Mr. Shenett said he did not want to see such injustice and that he will continue to pray for them.

Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2 announced that the second week of April Districts 2 and 3 will be holding their bi-yearly Town Hall Meeting at St. Andrew Orthodox Church.

Ms. Jones said the District 2 Newsletter will also be out in the next two (2) weeks to let residents know what was happening in District 2.

Councilman Timothy Tatum, District 3 said he was working to get to know everyone in his district and was building an e-mail address list, etc.

Mr. Tatum thanked Mr. Gorentz for his work to do what was necessary to handle a situation on one of the streets in District 3.

Council President Ron Jackson asked everyone to continue praying for the people in Ukraine.

Mr. Jackson said that with the weather warming up and people coming out of wearing masks, he asked everyone to shop in Maple. He said if people patronized the local businesses more businesses will want to come to the City.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Passed: April 6, 2022

ATTEST:

S/S
Leonette Cicirella Johnson Clerk of Council