

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

Maple Heights Senior Center

March 30, 2022

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with the following Council members present: Jackson, Shenett, Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden and Trojanski. Councilwoman Agee was absent and excused. Also present were, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Ex. Lt. Brian Kevern and Clerk of Council Leonette Cicirella Johnson.

Councilman Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, to dispense with all regular agenda items except for the Legislation.

ROLL CALL on the motion to dispense with all regular agenda items: Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-27

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO TRADE-IN \$54,430.00 WORTH OF FIREARMS THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES TO KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY FOR CREDIT TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF \$45,779.20 WORTH OF NEW REPLACEMENT FIREARMS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Jackson asked Police Chief Hansen to give Council an overview of this legislation.

In response, Chief Hansen said he had sent out a memo to Council explaining his request for this legislation. He said this legislation would authorize him to trade in Police Department duty firearms that were ten (10) years old. He said these firearms were either 9 mm or 45 caliber Glocks. The Chief said all guns had a life span due to wear and tear plus there was newer technology available. He said the new guns to be purchased will all be 9 mm Glocks. He said this will allow the Police Department to only need to purchase one kind of ammunition which will also save money.

Regarding the newest technology which was now mainstream in law enforcement, Police Chief Hansen said the new guns have a larger site on the weapons with a red light. The Chief said the

weapons to be traded in were older weapons plus extra weapons that were not being use by the Police Department.

Police Chief Hansen said he bid this project out to four (4) different Police Supply companies, all of which were licensed Federal firearms distributors. He said Vance Supply and Kiesler were companies that had the State bid contract to supply ammunition. The Police Chief said this would be a hybrid deal with the guns to be traded in to be sold to Jansen Brothers and then the money from that sale will be sent to Kiesler for the purchase of new firearms. He said the Police Department will have a \$8,000.00 credit at Kiesler that could be used for ammunition. Chief Hansen said that currently there were shipping issues and a supply shortage of ammunition due to a copper shortage. He said ammunition orders were about two (2) years out. He said the Police Department will continue to place these orders that will come in one or two years.

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

Councilman Shenett asked if language regarding this three-way deal needed to be in the legislation to which Chief Hansen responded in the negative. The Chief said extensive records were maintained throughout the process because this was a law enforcement firearms transaction.

With regards to the ammunition shortage, Ms. Jones asked if the City had ammunition that could be used with the new weapons.

Police Chief Hansen said that about 2/3 of the Police Officers already carry 9 mm weapons and that the Police Department had been transitioning officers to the new weapons. He said only about 12 officers were using 45 caliber weapons. The Chief said the Police Department kept a variety of ammunition in stock to test guns that were forfeited and that were used by the Police Department for training. Police Chief Hansen said officers still carry rifles, etc. and have ammunition for that also.

Ms. Jones asked if the guns to be purchased would be able to use the Police Department's current stock of ammunition, to which Police Chief Hansen responded in the affirmative.

Councilwoman Madden asked how long would the transition to the new firearms take.

Police Chief Hansen said the ammunition was two (2) years out but the guns would be 3 to 4 months out. He said by mid to late summer the guns should be available. He said there will be training for the Officers and a transition program to include the new site training.

Chief Hansen thanked Council for scheduling this Special Meeting.

Mr. Jackson asked if there will be a price change regarding the guns, to which Chief Hansen responded in the affirmative. The Chief said a price change will go into effect April 1st.

Councilman Tatum said this purchase was an amazing deal and said that since guns lasted only 8 to 10 years, could the City establish a relationship with Jansen and Kiesler for the same deal in the future.

Police Chief Hansen said the City had changed weapons over the years and used the bid process. He said the Police Department maintained relationships with various dealers. The Chief said with the State bid prices the companies will not commit to price increases. He said the price increase could be 5% to 15%. Chief Hansen said that was why he wanted to proceed with this deal.

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

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

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

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Passed: April 20, 2022

ATTEST:

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Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council