

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

Maple Height Senior Center

April 6, 2022

MEETING CAUCUS

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, 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 Council would discuss the legislation on tonight's meeting Agenda out of order to discuss **Ordinances Nos. 2022-34 and 2022-35** regarding Zoning Text Amendments to Chapter 1261 – Definitions and Chapter 1282 – BCO Broadway Corridor Overlay Zoning District. He said representatives from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission were in attendance to discuss these items of legislation.

Ms. Nicole Laird of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission thanked Mr. Jackson and Council for the opportunity to attend tonight' meeting and said that these two (2) Zoning Code Text Amendments included the addition of terms to the Definitions Section and created a new Business District. She said the amendments changed the name of the business district, changed its boundaries and changed it from an overlay to a base district.

Mr. Jackson said the County Planning Commission had already presented these zoning text amendments to the Planning and Zoning Commission. He asked if there were any questions from Council regarding either of these pieces of legislation. There were no questions.

Mr. Consolo said the Planning and Zoning Commission passed a recommendation to Council to approve these changes. Mr. Consolo advised Council that the Law Department also recommended these zoning text amendments.

Returning to the beginning of the Agenda, Mr. Jackson said Councilman Trojanski would have the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions regarding **Ordinance No. 2022-25** concerning the use of the pavilions at Stafford Park. There were no questions or discussion on this legislation.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2022-28** that would authorize the purchasing participation agreement with ODOT for rock salt contracts to be awarded in 2022, Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions. He said this purchasing participation agreement had to be submitted by April 29th so he asked Council to vote on this Resolution at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-29** concerned the Planning and Zoning Appeal in **Case No. 2022-PZ-07**. He said this appeal was for the property located at 16901 Raymond Street and asked if there were any other questions or comments regarding this legislation.

Councilwoman Jones asked if Mr. Consolo could explain the “yes” or “no” vote on this legislation based upon the language of the Resolution.

In response, Mr. Consolo said the Resolution as written for Planning and Zoning appeals tracked the language of the Zoning Code that granted Council the power to overrule Planning and Zoning Commission decisions. He said the legislation was drafted therefore to overrule the P & Z decision. Mr. Consolo said a Council member will vote “Yes” on this Resolution if he or she wanted to overrule Planning and Zoning and will vote “No” if he or she did not want to overrule the P & Z decision. He said five (5) affirmative votes were needed to overrule the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission on appeal.

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

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-30** authorizing application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for funding regarding the Jackson Boulevard Recreational Trail Project would be on First Reading at the request of City Engineer Ed Hren.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2022-31** authorizing the contract for the Stafford Park Pool Locker Room Rehabilitation Project, Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions on this legislation. There being no questions, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this Resolution at tonight’s meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-32** regarding the contract for the Stafford Park Fitness Network Station Installation Project would also be on First Reading at the request of City Engineer Ed Hren.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-33** authorized the contract for the Southwest Quadrant Sewer Repairs Phase 1 Project and asked if there were any questions regarding this legislation.

Councilman Shenett asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor of this Resolution.

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

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinances Nos. 2022-34 and 2022-35** were discussed earlier regarding the Zoning Code Text Amendments. He asked Council to vote on these Ordinances at tonight’s meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2022-36** concerning amendment of Section 452.25 of the Codified Ordinances with regards to towing contracts and rates would be on First Reading at the request of the Law and Police Departments.

Ms. Jones asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor for both **Ordinances Nos. 2022-34 and 2022-35.**

Mr. Jackson asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor for both **Ordinances Nos. 2022-34 and 2022-35.**

Mr. Shenett asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor for **Ordinance No. 2022-35.**

Mr. Jackson said there were also two (2) motions on tonight's Agenda. He said the first Motion will be to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the Preliminary Plat submitted by PIHRL Acquisitions LLC regarding the Hazelwood Court Project.

Mr. Jackson said he will be asking for a motion to amend the Agenda for tonight's meeting regarding the second Motion to include the nomination and vote for Council's two (2) appointments to the CRA Housing Council.

Mr. Consolo said Council will first open the floor to nominations for these appointments and then after the nominations were closed will make ballot selections to vote for not more than two (2) of the nominees. He said there will be a Roll Call vote by District to have the votes read into the record. Mr. Consolo said the two (2) nominees with the highest number of votes will be Council's appointments to the Housing Council.

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

Moving to the List of Expenditures, Mr. Jackson said there were no Expenditures over \$25,000.00 for review at tonight's meeting, only one (1) Disclosure of Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00.

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

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.

Councilman Richard Trojanski 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.

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA: Mr. Jackson asked for a Motion to Amend the Agenda for tonight's meeting to include the nomination, vote and appointment by Council of their selections to the Community Reinvestment Areas (CRA) Housing Council.

So moved, by Councilman Shenett and seconded by Mr. Trojanski.

ROLL CALL on the Motion to Amend: 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.

MINUTES: Ms. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski, to approve the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes of March 2, 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 was one (1) Communication for tonight's meeting.

From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

Notice regarding an application for the issuance of a new class "C2" liquor permit (Permit No. 76696940005) from AFEFA SADIK DBA SOUTHGATE DELI & BEVERAGE at 5312 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

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 1.546 and that the Fire Department responded to the following structure fires:

- On March 24th at 5:15 a.m. to 4677 Hillside Avenue, Garfield Heights for a house fire;
- On March 25th at 3:52 a.m. to 25165 Randolph Road, Bedford Heights for a house fire.

He reported that there were no injuries in either incident.

The Fire Chief reported that in the month of March the Fire Department completed 32 fire inspections for a total of 110 inspections completed this year, with 642 remaining to be completed. The Chief said that of the 32 inspections, 13 sites passed and 19 received corrective notices that will be followed up on.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas concluded his report by announcing that the Fire Captain Exam was given on March 28th and that three (3) Lieutenants took part in the exam. He said the Fire Department will be posting the approved Captains List after the upcoming Civil Service Meeting this month.

Law Department – Law Director Mr. Frank Consolo said he would defer his report to introduce Judge Sergio Di Geronimo of the Garfield Heights Municipal Court. Mr. Consolo said Judge Di Geronimo had been appointed by Governor Mike DeWine to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term held by Judge Jennifer Weiler.

Justice Di Geronimo thanked Mr. Consolo for the opportunity to meet Council and the City Administration. The Judge said he wanted to recognize Council and the Administration, since often times residents do not realize the hard work that was involved in City government. Justice Di Geronimo said that prior to being appointed to the Garfield Heights Municipal Court he had been Law Director for the City of Brecksville. He said public service work was always noticed, but not always appreciated.

Police Department – Police Chief Todd Hansen thanked Justice Di Geronimo for attending tonight’s meeting and said it was good to have the vacancy in Garfield Heights Municipal Court filled.

The Police Chief reported that the Police Department has responded to approximately 1,400 calls for service since the last Council Meeting and approximately 6,300 calls to date. The Chief said that the number of calls for service per day averaged about 76 calls per day, which was down a little since last year, and included about 4 reports a day, 10 tickets per day and 2 arrests per day.

Police Chief Hansen said he was happy to announce that the Police Department has received a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the State for five (5) more body cameras to bring the total number of body cameras at the station to ten (10). He said the Police Department also received a grant for 54 terabyte storage for the body camera footage. The Chief said the Police Department received a body armor grant in the amount of \$11,000.00.

The Police Chief reported that there were seven (7) motor vehicle accidents recently with the nice weather. He said drivers had “spring fever” and reminded everyone to please slow down and watch their speed and other drivers.

Police Chief Hansen concluded his report by announcing that eleven (11) candidates participated in a recent Police Department Promotional Exam. He said this was a 2-part test, with the first part being the written portion. The Chief said the oral exam will be later in the month and that the promotion tests will be completed in May.

Human Services Department – Human Services Director Mrs. Linda Vopat said Council should have received information regarding the Maple Heights Aquatic Program and frequently asked questions regarding it. She said the information also described the tentative sprayground layout.

Mrs. Vopat announced that the first Community Shred Day will be held this Saturday, April 9th at Stafford Park from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. She said the shredding company will be working rain or shine and that participants will receive a jar opener. Mrs. Vopat said the shred day was made possible by a grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District.

Mrs. Vopat said the City will be sponsoring a Community Resource Fair on Wednesday, April 27th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Citadel of Faith Ministries located at 5250 Arch Street. She said participants from all over the County including a number of different agencies such as the Treasurer's Office, the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA), utility companies, financial institutions and City Departments including Building, Housing, Human Services and the Maple Heights Food Pantry will be at the Resource Fair to assist residents.

Mrs. Vopat said the next free Covid Clinic at the Senior Center will also be held on Wednesday, April 27th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. She said second Covid booster shots will be available at the Clinic and all shots will be administered by staff from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

Mrs. Vopat concluded her report by announcing the results of a recent audit of the Maple Heights Food Pantry by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and United Way. She said for the month of December 2021, approximately 250 individuals and 115 household were served by the Food pantry. She said that for the month of March 2022, 546 individuals and about double the number of households had been served. Mrs. Vopat said this increase was the result of a number of factors including the increase in inflation and the number of food choices at the Food Pantry.

Finance Department – Finance Director Ms. Tinita Tillman said the Finance Department just closed March 31st yesterday and reported that the unexpended balance in the General Fund was the highest it has been since she was hired at \$7,234,065.32 and that the unexpended balance for All Funds was \$17,296,886.12. Ms. Tillman said copies of the monthly report had been sent out to Council and the Administration.

Ms. Tillman said the City's audit was continuing and that the Finance Department was currently working with two (2) sets of auditors, one for the financial statements and the State Auditor's Office that will audit those statements. She said the financial statements were due by the end of May and that after the financial statements were completed, then the auditors will work on the GAAP reports and then the federal audit. Ms. Tillman said the audits will be completed within the next couple of months.

Service Department –Service Director Mr. Bob Gorentz reported that the Service Department was continuing to cold patch the larger potholes throughout the City. He said the hot patch (asphalt) plants were opened and the City will be using hot patch as soon as possible to make more permanent street repairs.

Mr. Gorentz said the street sweeper had been out the past couple of weeks, starting with Districts 1 and 2 and will continue until all city streets have been cleaned. He said after the sweeper has cleaned the streets, then the repairs have been completed.

Mr. Gorentz concluded his report by announcing that the Service Department will be starting clean-ups and cutting grass at the City parks and city-owned lots.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Ms. Monisa Pitts residing at 5497 Dalewood Avenue said she was concerned about the trees destroyed at the back of her property for the new senior development project. Ms. Pitts said it looked like a tornado had hit the area and that she was told that the company was waiting for a permit to clear the trees. She said the company did not give them enough time to move items from their areas and that her neighbor's American Flag got pulled down. Ms. Pitts said she was told by the contractor that they were building a driveway so she was also concerned that people will be cutting through their properties. She asked if a privacy fence will be installed. The resident said she had been told the company could not build on wetlands, but said they were building on the area now.

In response, Mayor Blackwell asked the resident to leave her name and phone number. The Mayor said there had been five (5) or six (6) public meetings regarding this development and that the plans had been put out to the public. The Mayor said constructions would be beginning on this \$14 million-dollar senior housing development.

In response, Ms. Madden asked the residents to talk with her after tonight's meeting and said a lot of information about this project had been presented at these meetings.

Ms. Carmella Pope of 5249 Milo Avenue said she has continued to have problems with raccoons and other wild animals because of a vacant house near her home that was in terrible condition. She said the raccoons have been tearing her roof and there were a number of ground hogs. Ms. Pope said the address of the vacant house was 5255 Milo Avenue.

In response, Mayor Blackwell asked the resident to leave her name and phone number and the Mayor will call her to discuss her complaint.

Mr. Lamar Means residing at 5422 Elmwood Avenue said he was concerned about the overall conditions of the City. He said he was concerned about the amount of trash out on trash day and the containers being left out. Mr. Means said these residents needed to be cited. The resident also complained about the problem of pot holes in the City. He said there was hole on Northfield Road that has been there about a year. Mr. Means said there were a number of little problems in the City that needed to be addressed.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said the City was trying to cite residents regarding the trash issues and that Mayor' Court was now hearing housing violations. The Mayor said the Service Department was working with the Building Department regarding the clean-outs. She said the charges for this work was assessed on the property taxes so the City was able to recoup its labor and supplies.

Regarding the potholes, the Mayor said after the difficult winter this year, the City was waiting for hot patch to be available to make the road repairs.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1062.07(e) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS REGARDING THE USE OF THE PAVILIONS AT STAFFORD PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski, 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 asked if this legislation concerned the rate increase for the pavilion use to which Mr. Jackson responded in the affirmative.

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.

ROLL CALL on the motion to suspend the rules: Trojanski: Yes; Agee: No; Shenett: No; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: No. The motion to suspend the rules requiring five (5) affirmative votes failed by the vote of four (4) ayes to three (3) nays.

This Resolution was on Second Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) FOR CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2022 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: Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes. Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: 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. 2022-29

A RESOLUTION OVERRULING THE DECISION BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2022-PZ-07 TO DENY THE APPLICATION OF JASON YOUNG FOR APPROVAL OF A VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECT. 1298.35(C) OF THE MAPLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CONSTRUCT A 10' X 16' DECK ON THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE THAT IS NOT SIMILAR TO OTHER HOUSES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN A RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY-MEDIUM DENSITY (RSF-M) ZONING DISTRICT AT 16901 RAYMOND STREET.

Mr. Trojanski 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.

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: Trojanski: Yes; Agee: No; Shenett: No; Jones: No; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: No. The motion and Resolution failed by the vote of three (3) ayes to four (4) nays. The decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission in Case No. 2022-PZ-07 will stand.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-30

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM AND/OR CLEAN OHIO TRAILS FUND PROGRAM FOR THE JACKSON BOULEVARD RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution was on First Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-31

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE STAFFORD PARK POOL LOCKER ROOM REHABILITATION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to suspend the rules and pass this 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: Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes. Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: 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. 2022-32

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE STAFFORD PARK FITNESS NETWORK STATION INSTALLATION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution was on First Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-33

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SOUTHWEST QUADRANT SEWER REPAIRS PHASE 1 PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, 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: Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: 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. 2022-34

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1261 DEFINITIONS OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on emergency.

Mr. Jackson said there were representatives from the County Planning Commission in attendance at tonight's meeting and asked if they would let the public know what **Ordinances Nos. 2022-34** and **2022-35** were regarding.

In response, Ms. Nicole Laird of the County Planning Commission said these proposed Zoning Text Amendments would make changes to the BCO Broadway Corridor Overlay Zoning District including a change from an overlay to a base district and a change in name from BCO to the Central Business District.

Ms. Laird said the Zoning Text Amendments to Chapter 1261 made changes to some of the Definitions and included some new terminology. She said these Zoning Text Amendments had been presented to the City's Planning and Zoning Commission who had recommended them for approval by Council.

Mayor Blackwell thanked the County Planning Commission Members for attending tonight's meeting and for their work to review the City's BCO District and suggesting these Zoning Text Amendments.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or comments. There being no other questions or comments, 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: Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: 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. 2022-35

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1282 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS CONCERNING THE BCO BROADWAY CORRIDOR OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: 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. 2022-36

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 452.25 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS CONCERNING TOWING CONTRACTS AND RATES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

Mr. Shenett made the following Motion, seconded by Ms. Jones:

MOTION: Motion pursuant to Cod. Ord. Sec. 1242.02(b)(6) to accept the March 14, 2022 recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission in Case No. 2022-PZ-12 and to approve the Preliminary Plat submitted by PIRHL Acquisitions LLC, contingent upon ownership of the 18 parcels being purchased by PIRHL Acquisitions LLC as part of its Hazelwood Court Development Project (which parcels are listed in PIRHL's February 22, 2022 Building Dept. Application and shown on the Preliminary Plat) is transferred from the Maple Heights Land Reutilization Program to PIRHL Acquisitions LLC, or its assignee, before the Final Plat is submitted pursuant to Cod. Ord. Sec. 1242.03.

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

Mr. Jackson said Council will now discuss Council's nominations and vote for members of the City's CRA Housing Council.

Mr. Consolo said the floor was now open for nominations for Council's appointments to the CRA Housing Council.

Mr. Shenett nominated Ms. Pamela Poe, seconded by Ms. Agee.

Ms. Agee nominated Ms. Parrish Mines, seconded by Ms. Madden.

Mr. Jackson nominated Ms. Laketia Gaston, seconded by Mr. Trojanski.

Mr. Consolo asked if there were any other nominations. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed. He said Council Members had received ballots with the names of the nominees listed and will be asked to hand write their vote for two (2) of the three (3) nominations. Mr. Consolo said a roll call vote will then be taken so the vote can be read into the record.

ROLL CALL for appointment of nominees to the CRA Housing Council: Shenett: Ms. Poe and Mr. Mines; Ms. Jones: Mr. Mines and Ms. Gaston; Mr. Tatum: Mr. Mines and Ms. Gaston; Ms. Anderson: Ms. Gaston and Mr. Mines; Ms. Madden: Mr. Mines and Ms. Poe; Mr. Trojanski: Mr. Mines and Ms. Gaston; Ms. Agee: Ms. Poe and Mr. Mines.

Tally: Nominee Poe received a total of three (3) votes; Nominee Mines received a total of seven (7) votes; Nominee Gaston received a total of four (4) votes.

At this time, Mr. Shenett made a Motion pursuant to Cod. Ord. Sec. 898.01(g), seconded by Ms. Jones, to appoint Mr. Parrish Mines and Ms. Laketia Gaston to the Community Reinvestment Areas (CRA) Housing Council.

EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000.00:

Mr. Jackson said there were no **Expenditures over \$25,000.00** for review at tonight's meeting, only one (1) Disclosure of Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00.

Before proceeding with the Mayor and Council Reports, Mr. Jackson excused Ms. Agee and Mr. Shenett.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Blackwell thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Regarding the Community Resource Fair, the Mayor said the City was deliberate who they invited to participate. She said representative from the County Treasurer's Office would be available to explain property tax valuations and payment plan options. Mayor Blackwell said other participants included RITA, several banks, the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, utility companies, black infant mortality and Tri- C will have information on work force development programs.

Mayor Blackwell said it was exciting about the number of grants received by the Police Department. She said grants helped the General Fund and that the City has had positive fund balances since 2019. The Mayor said the City was turning things around.

Mayor Blackwell said she was also excited about a \$45,000.00 grant the City has received from the County Planning Commission for the Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Program. The Mayor said this area had a high degree of respiratory problems and that healthy trees helped the condition of the air and water wherever they were planted.

The Mayor said the City pool had been closed when the City went into fiscal watch and although the City still had challenges and resident had legitimate complaints, the City had received a grant from the State Capital Fund to reopen the pool. Mayor Blackwell said Phase 1 was the aquatic sprayground that Mrs. Vopat mentioned in her report. The Mayor said the tentative opening date for the sprayground will be June 5th and that a number of toys will be included in the sprayground. Mayor Blackwell said the City will continue to update residents about the sprayground. The Mayor said another grant will be used for Phase 2 which will be the full aquatic center to be opened in 2023.

Mayor Blackwell said the Resource Fair was organized in response to the number of financial problems resulting from the pandemic and now everyone was faced with the effects of increasing inflation. The Mayor said the State legislature has proposed Senate Bill 277 that will temporarily reduce the motor fuel excise tax and registration taxes to help residents deal with inflation.

The Mayor said ODOT will pay to maintain state routes and the County will pay to maintain county routes, but the City depended on the local portion percentage of the state fuel excise tax to repair City streets. Mayor Blackwell said during Covid people were not driving as much so they did not use fuel and the City did not get much fuel tax revenue. She said this Senate Bill would also reduce this tax. The Mayor said there were 15 sponsors of this bill and it has been referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. Mayor Blackwell said if this legislation passed it will affect how much money the City will receive but the City will continue to repair as many streets as possible.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Richard Trojanski, District 6 said the joint District 4 and District 6 Town Hall Meeting that was held on Thursday, March 31st had a good turn-out and he thanked Mayor Blackwell, Council President Jackson and Service Director Gorentz for attending this meeting and talking with the residents.

Mr. Trojanski said the District 6 March/April Newsletter has been delivered. He announced that the water and sewer infrastructure work in District 6 has begun and apologized for any inconvenience this work may cause the residents.

Mr. Trojanski announced that he has organized the District 6 Clean-Up Day to be held on Saturday, April 30th. He asked volunteers interested in participating to meet at Longview and Maple Heights Boulevard at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Trojanski said gloves and bags will be provided.

Mr. Trojanski also announced that April 3rd to April 9th was National Library Week, celebrating libraries and recognizing the work libraries perform in our communities. Mr. Trojanski said he wanted to recognize the Maple Heights Regional Library for its various programs and services to our community. He said in addition to providing library services, it also worked to alleviate food insecurity, offered pandemic testing and vaccination clinics and has provided a number of workshops.

Mr. Trojanski concluded his report by announcing that there would be a Finance Committee Meeting on Monday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 7, Maple Heights City Hall.

Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7 was excused after the vote on the Legislation.

Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, District 1 was excused after the vote on the Legislation.

Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2 said copies of the District 2 Newsletter were available on the back table and that she wanted to remind residents that the District 2 Town Hall Meeting with District 3 will be held on Tuesday, April 19th at St. Andrew Orthodox Church from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She said refreshments will be served.

Ms. Jones announced that April has been designated as National Fair Housing Month in recognition of the federal Fair Housing Act passed in April 1968 as part of the broader Civil Rights Act. Ms. Jones said the Fair Housing Act prohibited discrimination in the sale, financing and renting of housing and included a number of categories of protected classifications such as race, sex, age, national origin, religion, etc. Ms. Jones said she was a Board Member of the Fair Housing Center that conducts research on various housing issues. She said this was a well-organized group of housing professionals. Ms. Jones said currently the Fair Housing Center would like to add income as a protected classification. Ms. Jones said Secretary of HUD Marcia Fudge recently declared housing to be a human right which would be geared to people who were homeless.

Councilman Timothy Tatum, District 3 – No Report.

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, District 4 said the Districts 4 and 6 Town Hall Meeting was well-attended and that she will be holding a Block Watch Meeting and invite the Police to attend. Ms. Anderson said she has been asked by residents to have street meetings again.

Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5 announced that the next fresh Fruit and Vegetable Distribution will be held this Friday, April 8th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Southgate.

Ms. Madden said the meeting to discuss the State's new gun law will be held on Thursday, April 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., but the venue has been changed to Milkovich Middle School. Ms. Madden said this meeting was being held in collaboration with Districts 1 and 7 and that she was pleased to announce that State Sen. Kenny Yuko will be attending this meeting. Ms. Madden said she hoped everyone will be able to attend.

Council President Ron Jackson said that although there were still issues in the City, he said Maple Heights continued to receive a number of grants. He said the City had more money in its treasury than it had eight (8) years ago. Mr. Jackson said all of the Directors and Council have played a part in recouping from fiscal emergency. He hoped and prayed for continued growth. Mr. Jackson concluded his report by thanking everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Passed: May 4, 2022

ATTEST:

S/S
Leonette Cicirella Johnson Clerk of Council