

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

Maple Height Senior Center

July 6, 2022

MEETING CAUCUS

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jackson, Shenett, Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Also present were Fire Captain Dan Sypen on behalf of Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Service Director Bob Gorentz, Planning and Development Director Joseph Duffy and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Law Director Frank Consolo arrived at 6:42 p.m. Mayor Annette M. Blackwell arrived at 6:45 p.m. Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Finance Director Tinita Tillman and City Engineer Ed Hren were absent and excused.

Mr. Jackson said Councilwoman Anderson would have the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance and that there will be (1) Council Committee Report for tonight's meeting.

Turning to the Legislation on the Agenda for tonight's Meeting, Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions on **Ordinance No. 2022-42** adopting the Alternative Tax Budget Information for the City of Maple Heights. There were no questions. Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this Ordinance at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2022-51** authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for deed in lieu of tax foreclosure with the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (CCLRC) for City-owned property located on Granite Road had been discussed at the last Council Meeting but was placed on First Reading at the request of the Law Department. Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Consolo if the Law Department had received the additional information needed to which Mr. Consolo responded in the affirmative. Mr. Consolo said he had talked with the City Engineer regarding an easement in the area and also talked with the CCLRC and MetroParks land conservancy so the City was ready to proceed with this agreement. Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this Ordinance at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2022-56, As Amended** will be on Second Reading at tonight's meeting and that the changes that have been made were highlighted in yellow.

Councilman Shenett said he had presented a counter-proposal in **Ordinance No. 2022-68** in which he suggested language for one (1) section of the 220 Rules that will be on First Reading at tonight's meeting. He requested the opportunity to discuss these two (2) items of legislation during Caucus which was granted by Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Shenett said that what he was proposing in **Ordinance No. 2022-68** was a suggestion to help the Council have functioning committees in which Council Members could select their committee assignments based upon their skills and abilities. He said if there would be a conflict in committee selection, Council would defer to the Council President and Pro Temp.

Mr. Shenett said he was concerned about the issue of forcing someone to be assigned to a committee and participate in something they were not interested or suited for. Mr. Shenett said people talk about it being difficult to legislate human behavior so it would not be appropriate for Council to sanction someone regarding this type of behavior. He said members of Council had individual roles and represented individual districts with differences, etc.

Mr. Jackson said he would consider these comments.

Mr. Shenett said he had an additional concern that the Council President and Pro Temp were assigned to all the Committees and that raised the problem that they would be required to attend all the meetings. Mr. Shenett said he did not agree with the fines in the rules, but fines were included then all members of Council should be subject to fines.

Mr. Jackson said the fines were not for Committee Meetings but only Council Meetings and Committee of the Whole Meetings and extended to the Council President and Pro Temp.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinances Nos. 2022-56, As Amended** and **Ordinance No. 2022-68** will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for August 1st.

Mr. Shenett said he had one final question whether **Ordinance No. 2022-56, As Amended** was an all-or-nothing proposition.

In response, Mr. Jackson said he would discuss this question with Law Director Consolo.

Ms. Madden asked with regards to the excused absence language of the 220 Rule would the Council President and Pro Temp still need to be approved.

Mr. Jackson said Council Members can send suggestions to him and the Council Members for consideration.

Moving to **Ordinance No. 2022-59** providing for Amendment No. 3 of the Annual Appropriations for FY 2022, Mr. Jackson said this legislation was discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting and the Committee of the Whole Meeting. He asked if there were any other questions on this legislation. There were no other questions or comments. Mr. Jackson asked Council to pass this legislation on emergency at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2022-60** authorizing the revised pay schedule for non-bargaining unit City employees for 2022 and 2023 and setting the pay range for the positions of Assistant Human Services Director, Assistant Service Director and Housing Administrator was also discussed at both the Finance Committee and Committee of the Whole meetings. Mr. Jackson said additional information had been requested which was received by Council. Mr. Jackson asked if Council would prefer to keep this legislation of First Reading or were they ready to vote on it at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Shenett said he was ok with keeping it on First Reading.

Mr. Consolo said the requested job description information had been sent to Council as requested. He also said that the salary range listed was the same and there will be no change from when the position was called Housing Manager.

Ms. Shenett asked if this change was being done for consistency.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said that the new Housing Manager was currently employed as a director and that the title change indicated that the Administration wanted the Housing Manager to do a more particular job within the Housing Department. Mayor Blackwell said with the resignation of Mr. Zak and identifying the new applicant it was decided the position needed a more managerial title since that position reported right to the Planning and Development Director.

Mayor Blackwell said "Housing Administrator" title will be middle ground between a Director and Manager and came from research performed by HR Coordinator Linker.

The Mayor said the positions of Assistant Human Services Director and Assistant Service Director were created as succession plans for those departments and also for recruitment and retention purposes.

Mayor Blackwell said there was no change in the budget for the salaries of these newly created positions at this time. She said that will be Part 2.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions.

Councilwoman Agee asked the Mayor when the Housing Manager will be hired will it be under the change in the job title to which Mayor Blackwell responded in the negative. The Mayor said the new employee will be hired at the Housing Manager position.

Ms. Agee asked where was the position of Housing Manager included on the new pay schedule.

In response, Mr. Consolo said this Ordinance will be the replacement for the current pay schedule ordinance and the position of Housing Manager was in this current Ordinance. Mr. Consolo said that procedurally if Council passed the revised pay schedule, the Housing Manger will need to re-apply for the advertised position of Housing Administrator.

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

Mr. Jackson asked if Council was prepared to vote on this legislation at tonight's meeting. It was the consensus of Council that they were ready to vote on **Ordinance No. 2022-60**.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2022-61** requesting that the County Fiscal Officer advance taxes and assessments, Mr. Jackson said this legislation was done every year and that since it needed to go down to the County, Council would need to vote on it tonight. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or comments regarding this resolution.

Mr. Consolo said this legislation would allow the City to get the payment of property tax proceeds five (5) times a year instead of just in January and July. He said this legislation would allow the County to advance these tax proceeds to the City.

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

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions on **Resolution No. 2022-62** regarding the 2.0 mill tax renewal levy for the Fire Department. There were no questions. He also asked if there were any questions on **Resolution No. 2022-63** regarding the 2.0 mill tax renewal levy for the Police Department. There were no questions. Mr. Jackson said Council will need to vote on both of these Resolutions tonight since they needed to go to the Board of Elections the first week of August to be placed on the November ballot.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2022-64** authorizing application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for a grant for the Stafford Park Story Book Trail Project, Mr. Jackson said this legislation was discussed by the City Engineer at last evening's Committee of the Whole Meeting. He said this grant application was due on or before July 15, 2022 and required a copy of the legislation, so he would ask Council to pass this legislation on emergency at tonight's meeting.

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

Mayor Blackwell said the City wanted to make Stafford Park a destination spot for families. She said families rent the pavilions, the sprayground was opened, the baseball field was being used by the Boys League, that there will be the fitness trails and now adding the Story Book Trail. The Mayor said the idea for the Story Book Trail came out of a meeting with Gov. DeWine. She said the Maple Heights Library will help select the book for the trail project and secure the necessary approval from the author or publisher. The Mayor said this was part of the steps to reinvent Stafford Park.

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

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-65** authorizing the preparation of plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the Hansen, Watson, and Raymond Pavement Repair Project was also discussed by the City Engineer and went along with the water line and sewer work being done in that area of the City. He asked if there were any questions. There being no questions on this Resolution, Mr. Jackson asked Council to pass this legislation on emergency at tonight's meeting.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2022-66** regarding the Planning and Zoning appeal for Case No. 2022-PZ-14, Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Consolo to discuss this legislation.

In response, Mr. Consolo said this case and legislation was discussed in the Committee of the Whole Meeting and concerned the request to install a 6' fence in the front yard of property located on Broadway Avenue. He said per the City's Zoning Code front yard fences can only be 3' high and ornamental only. Mr. Consolo said the Applicant was denied by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Consolo said that the Applicant had not submitted any updated information to bring the fence within the Zoning Code and had not submitted anything to support the appeal. He said the Administration respectfully requested that Council affirm the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission and deny this appeal.

Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this Resolution at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Consolo said this Resolution did not require Council to suspend the rules, but rather a motion to consider **Resolution No. 2022-66**. Mr. Consolo also reminded Council that based on the wording of the Resolution, a "No" vote will affirm the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission and a "Yes" vote would deny the Planning and Zoning decision and overturn it.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-67** concerned another Planning and Zoning appeal and asked Mr. Consolo to discuss this legislation.

Mr. Consolo said he provided Council with a memo regarding this appeal that involved POS violations for the property located at 5696 Garfield Avenue. Mr. Consolo said the violations concerned the existing concrete driveway that had been covered with an asphalt layer over it. He said the Building Department issued a violation notice based upon the City's Building and Housing Code.

Mr. Consolo said the contractor attempted to correct the Code violation by grounding off the old asphalt and then added a new asphalt layer. Mr. Consolo said the problem was that the asphalt layers do not last.

Mr. Consolo said the contractor appealed the violations because he did not think the wording of the POS notice was clear enough. Mr. Consolo said it was the position of the Administration that the POS language was very clear.

Mr. Consolo said the contractor also questioned whether the POS required replacement of the driveway. Mr. Consolo said the City's Building and Housing Code required replacement of the driveway with either 4" or 6" of concrete or replacement of the asphalt per ODOT specifications. He said property owners cannot put asphalt over an existing asphalt driveway.

Mr. Consolo said the Maple Heights Code and the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) which the City has adopted follow these requirements for driveways because asphalt driveways may look good but not after the first winter.

Mr. Consolo respectfully requested on behalf of the Administration that Council affirm the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission and deny this appeal.

Mr. Consolo said this Resolution, similar to the previous legislation, did not require Council to suspend the rules, but rather a motion to consider **Resolution No. 2022-67**. Mr. Consolo said that based on the wording of the Resolution, a “No” vote will affirm the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission and a “Yes” vote would overturn the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions. There were no questions on this legislation.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2022-69** regarding the assessment for boarding up houses, Mr. Jackson said this Resolution was on First Reading.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-70** authorizing the assessment for trash collection and disposal fees was also on First Reading.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-71** authorizing the assessment for weed and grass abatement was also on First Reading. He said **Resolutions Nos. 2022-69, 2022-70 and 2022-71** will have additional information for Council at later meetings.

Moving to the List of Expenditures, Mr. Jackson said there were no Expenditures over \$25,000.00 or Disclosures of Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00 for review at tonight’s meeting,

There being no other questions or comments, the Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:22 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 Captain Dan Sypen on behalf of Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Service Director Bob Gorentz, Planning and Development Director Joseph Duffy and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas and City Engineer Ed Hren were absent and excused.

Councilwoman 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. Shenett, to approve the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes of May 18, 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 no Communications for tonight’s meeting.

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

Community Life and Education Committee

Councilwoman Anderson, Chairwoman of the Community Life and Education Committee, announced that the Community Life and Education Committee will be sponsoring a Community Health Day on Saturday, July 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Maple Heights Library. She said this even will be held in partnership with Dedicated Seniors, the Cleveland Clinic and the National Center for Urban Solutions.

Ms. Anderson also announced that the National Center for Urban Solutions will be hosting a Wellness Walk on Saturday, August 20th to bring health awareness to African-American males. She said this event would be free and will include free health screenings. Ms. Anderson said the walk will begin at 8:00 a.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department – Fire Captain Dan Sypen on behalf of Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas reported that there were 485 calls for service in June and that 265 EMS patients were transported to hospitals. He said calls for service to date as of July 6, 2022 were 2,988 which was a slight increase over the calls to date at the same time for 2021.

Captain Sypen also reported there were sixty-eight (68) fire code inspections completed, forty-two (42) of which were follow-up inspections. He said the FPB monthly report was complete and will be sent out soon.

Fire Captain Sypen said the new utility pickup truck was at Fire Station 1 and that the lettering was complete. He said the Fire Department was just waiting on a recalled part to be replaced before the vehicle can be put into service and invited everyone to come see the new vehicle.

Captain Sypen announced that two (2) personnel were currently being processed for potential employment and were in the background-check process. He said the Fire Department will likely look to process a third employee with the anticipation of a retirement in October.

Fire Captain Sypen concluded his report by announcing that Captain Eric Kincaid recently attended the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland where he received training in Command and Control Decision Making. Captain Sypen said he was participating in a three-day course for Rescue Task Force that went hand-in-hand with active shooter response scenarios that was presented by the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management. He said this was a “train the trainer” course.

Law Department –Law Director Mr. Frank Consolo thanked Fire Captain Dan Sypen for his continuing help with the Human Resources Department regarding the Covid protocols that still needed to be followed. Mr. Consolo said the City was still dealing with Covid with regards to some of its employees.

Mr. Consolo announced that the Law Department has been working with the Mayor's Court Magistrate Simon (?) regarding certain cases involving Building Code violations. Mr. Consolo said he has convinced Mr. Simon to try a different procedure. He said they used a few trial test cases in which the offender was given jail time the would be suspended contingent on the offender completing the repairs that were required in the violation notices. Mr. Consolo said so far, the message has worked. He said one person has continued correcting the violations. He said the Law Department and Mayor's Court will continue to work with people who need assistance to correct violations.

Mr. Consolo said there had been questions regarding the new State Fireworks Law that he had discussed with Council earlier this year in February or March. He said the City has decided to not opt-out of the new law. Mr. Consolo said it was the consensus of the Police and Fire Departments that people would shoot off fireworks anyway. He said the results over the Fourth of July Holiday were satisfactory. Mr. Consolo said part of the problem was the publicity surrounding the new law and said if anyone needed more information regarding it to contact the Law Department.

Police Department –Police Chief Todd Hansen reported that the Police Department has responded to a total of approximately 13,000 calls for service to date which was on pace for this time of year. He said the City followed the new State fireworks law during the Fourth of July Holiday and the City did not have any major issues as a result of that. The Chief said people followed the new law that had a built-in time frame from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. He said there were significantly less fireworks after 11:00 p.m. so people listened to what was in the news. Police Chief Hansen said there were some citations since the new law had provisions requiring clean-up of the debris. He said people can get cited if fireworks were shot off in the streets.

Police Chief Hansen announced that recent Federal legislation was passed called the “Bipartisan Safer Communities Act” that will increase money to States, Counties and Cities for various mental health and firearms provisions. He said this law will enhance background checks for firearm purchases and will prohibit anyone under age 21 from purchasing hand guns. The Chief said it will also encourage states to pass “red flag” laws through funding mechanisms. Police Chief Hansen said the new federal law will also increase funding for mental health programs and to promote school safety. He said the Police Department had received a 3-page flyer describing this new legislation.

Police Chief Hansen said the increased funding has also led to the creation of a new suicide hot line. The Chief said effective July 16, 2022, individuals will be able to call 988 if they have a mental issue to talk with a counselor. He said the City will be receiving more information from the State regarding this program.

Chief Hansen said the State Attorney General will be partnering with the Federal ATF to enforce their areas of jurisdiction. He said the State has had a lot of contact with the federal Firearms division since shell cases retrieved at scenes by BCI were sent to the ATF and were added to the federal database. Police Chief Hansen said these databases can trace different weapons to different crimes and that sometimes the process was only an hour long.

Police Chief Hansen said the Police Department recently swore in two (2) new Police Officers, and promoted three (3) Officers to the rank of Sergeant: Sgt. George Allen, Sgt. Deann Frazier and Sgt. Jividen.

Police Chief Hansen concluded his report by announcing that the Police Department will be hosting another Coffee With a Cop on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at the Northfield Road McDonald's from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Chief said he will be attending this event with another Officer. The Police Chief also announced that a MH Police Officer and a couple of Auxiliary Officers may be in attendance at the Music in the Park to be held later that evening on July 12th.

Human Services Department – Human Services Director Mrs. Linda Vopat invited everyone to attend the next Music in the Park on Tuesday, July 12th featuring Just Charnise. Mrs. Vopat said the concert will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Stafford Park.

Mrs. Vopat also announced that the next Mobile Farmers' Market will be held on Thursday, July 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church on Maple Park Drive.

Mr. Vopat said the HEAP office has started the Summer Cooling Program and that Maple Heights residents can receive help to fill-out the applications for this program.

Mrs. Vopat said the Senior Center recently hired a new van driver, Clarence Williams, to replace a driver who resigned. Mrs. Vopat said Mr. Williams was a resident of Maple Heights in District 2 and that he was also trained at the greater Cleveland Food Bank for the Food Pantry.

Mrs. Vopat reported that the Stafford Park Sprayground has been opened since June 5th and the City has been encouraged by the number of children using the facility. She said the sprayground was being operated by Hastings Water Works and they have estimated that when the temperature was over 80 degrees approximately 75 to 124 children visited the sprayground. Mrs. Vopat said the sprayground was opened every day except Wednesday, from Noon to 7:00 p.m. and was free to residents.

Mrs. Vopat said Service Department staff clean the pavilions early Saturday and Sunday and that one weekend someone had vandalized all the pavilions by spraying graffiti on them. She said Bill Brantsch from the Service Department did a great job cleaning and painting over the graffiti. Mrs. Vopat thanked the Service Department personnel for their work at Stafford Park.

Finance Department – Finance Director Ms. Tinita Tillman said the City's audit was still ongoing, but the Finance Department had completed the financial reports for the month ending June 30th. Ms. Tillman reported that the unexpended ending balance for the General Fund as of June 30th was \$7,506,017.96 and the unexpended balance for all funds was almost \$17 million dollars (\$16,994,211.64).

Ms. Tillman said the City was doing well financially and that it has been able to update vehicles for the Police and Fire Departments. She said the gas tax holiday was still being discussed. Ms. Tillman said the City has been affected by the high cost of gasoline for its vehicles.

Service Department – Service Director Mr. Bob Gorentz said the Service Department was very busy this past month. He said Service Department staff were trying to respond to calls regarding pot holes. Mr. Gorentz said there have been some especially hazardous trees that had fallen recently due to the poor conditions of the trees. He said a very large tree recently fell on the roof of a house that the City had to hire a contractor to remove.

Mr. Gorentz said Service Department work regarding vacant homes and trash clean-ups have been picking up again. He announced that the Animal Warden had returned to work, but would need time to get caught-up with the trapping of nuisance animals.

Mr. Gorentz said he was working on an assessment of all the tree lawn trees in the City which can cause damage. Mr. Gorentz said the Service Department will need to hire a contractor to do this project since his department did not have the personnel or proper equipment for this work.

Mr. Gorentz said he wanted to remind everyone that the amount of trash permitted for pick-up per resident was the WM trash container and two (2) additional items only and that this was based upon the City's contract with Waste Management.

Mr. Gorentz concluded his report by complimenting the Parks staff which included one (1) full-time employee, Bill Brantsch and one (1) part-time/seasonal employee, John Robinson. Mr. Gorentz said these two (2) employees maintained the City parks themselves and do a fabulous job. He said they do a great job trying to keep up with the demands of the City.

Planning and Development Department: Planning and Development Director Mr. Joe Duffy said he was concluding his first month with the City since he started in this position on June 6, 2022. He said this has been a valuable time for him and that he was getting familiar with the Building and Housing Departments.

Mr. Duffy reported that for the month of June, the Building Department processed a total of 933 different transactions, including permits, rental registrations, contractor registrations and Planning and Zoning applications. He said the Building Department was also working through a major IT transfer from the current IMPACT system to Citizenserve which will enable the City to eventually have various applications completed online.

Mr. Duffy said he was developing a New Hire packet and a program for Building Department staff to be cross-trained. Mr. Duffy said if anyone had a Building/Housing complaint to contact him directly and he will route the complaints to one of the City's Code Enforcement Officers. He said the City employed two (2) full-time and one (1) part-time Code Enforcement Officers and that the Building Department was following a pilot program with one Code Enforcement Officer assigned to each side of the City.

Regarding the area of economic development, Mr. Duffy said he was excited about the recent vote by the Planning and Zoning Commission to recommend to Council the Central Business District Zoning Map Amendments.

Mr. Duffy said he was working on a business/commercial properties inventory to determine what spaces were available to interested businesses. He said this inventory will assist in the “match-making” process the City was often involved in with potential businesses or developers. Mr. Duffy said the Planning and Development Department was also preparing a “Business Welcome Packet” that will assist new businesses with the SBA loan process and the City’s CRA tax abatement program. Mr. Duffy said two (2) new tax abatement applications have been submitted for review.

Regarding the Exterior Home Repair Grant Program, Mr. Duffy announced that forty-two (42) applications had been approved and that one (1) project for a new roof had been completed.

Mr. Duffy said he will be evaluating the City’s landbank, including where the City had the most parcels, to develop different options for land use under the City’s current Master Plan. He said the Planning and Development Department was also working with the Maple Heights Home Owners Program (MHHOP) that had vacant homes available for purchase. He said this type of program has been the most effective response to the foreclosure crisis in the City.

Mr. Duffy concluded his report by introducing Ms. Sharra Thomas as the new Housing Manager.

Ms. Sharra Thomas said she was very excited to join the City staff as the Housing Manager.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS:

A resident residing at 20649 Centuryway asked Mr. Trojanski as a member of the LGBTQ Community why he had not sponsored legislation to recognize June 2022 as Pride Month as he had done in 2021. The resident also asked him why nothing was done this year since he was a member of the Community Life and Education Committee. The resident said Mr. Trojanski was just using the LGBTQ Community.

In response, Mr. Trojanski said he did not introduce the legislation this year since he did not have the support for it. Mr. Trojanski said just because he did not introduce this legislation this year he has been involved with a number of initiatives within the gay community. Mr. Trojanski said the resident could have contacted him with some ideas to recognize Pride Month.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said she does support what Council people do and respected all the residents of the City. The Mayor asked the resident to contact her office to discuss ideas and that she would look for direction from the resident.

Mr. David Copley of 15801 Steinway Boulevard said there was a pool at a vacant lot that was not secured by a fence. Mr. Copley also complained that he made several calls to the Police Department regarding a group of motorbikes that were parked on the sidewalk like it was a parking lot. He said there were also fire and safety issues at the Dollar General and the Speedway on Rockside because the businesses locked half of their doors. Mr. Copley said he called these businesses and was told the doors were locked for security reasons.

In response, Mr. Shenett said the Dollar General was in Dunham Plaza and he will work with the management and the Fire Department about this issue.

Mr. Alan Borsi residing at 18907 Longview Avenue said there was a problem with a fire hydrant that needed to be corrected. The resident also said he had requested that the street be repaired at the corner of Camden and Raymond Streets but nothing had been done.

Ms. Venita Sanders of 5224 Garden Street said there was a problem with fireworks on her street. She said cars were parked on both sides of the street and the fireworks continued until 2:00 a.m. Ms. Sanders said there was no emergency access on the street and no one came when she contacted the Police Department.

Ms. Sanders said she also was concerned about the move-out process and that there was one on Lafayette Avenue that took a whole month before the trash was picked up. Ms. Sanders asked if the City could hire a company to do these clean-ups if the City did not have the personnel. Ms. Sanders said she felt bad for the residents on Lafayette having to look at that trash.

In response, Ms. Madden said she had received call regarding the fireworks and the cars parked on both sides of the street and she reported it by calling the non-emergency Police telephone number. Ms. Madden said she was advised the police would be sent, but was not sure if that occurred.

Ms. Madden said the trash problem had been reported, including pictures she had taken of the trash. Ms. Madden said he talked with the appropriate administrative staff. Ms. Madden said this trash problem was across the street from a Church and she did not think that it was right that it took so long to be corrected.

Ms. Joyce Zarycki residing at 5473 Elmwood said he and her husband were awakened by the Police the other day at 2:00 a.m. and told to come out of their house. Ms. Zarycki said they were told that the Police were looking for some guy named Tray, but they had the wrong house. Ms. Zarycki asked if this had been a problem with dispatch and asked why the Police came with their rifles. The resident said she had contacted the Mayor's Office and the Police Chief to discuss this incident.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said she had not received the resident's message so she would defer to the Police Chief.

In response, Police Chief Hansen said that Tray's girlfriend had made an erroneous call to police dispatch and gave the wrong house address. He said the correct address was actually in Akron. Police Chief Hansen said the police responded to the information they had received and that it was not a mistake by the dispatcher. He said the Police need to assume that the information is correct and that the police practice is to respond with their weapons.

Mr. Willie Hardwick residing at 16655 Anthony Street complained about the trash problem in the City and said that the condition of Raymond Street was almost unrepairable. Mr. Hardwick

also complained about a neighbor who was barbequing in their front yard with smoke all over the place. He said Ms. Anderson told him residents could do that.

Mr. Hardwick said there was a dump truck by a house in District 3 and there was garbage all over the place. He said the City also had cars parked on lawns. Mr. Hardwick said the taxpayers of the City were entitled to better than what they were getting.

A resident living on Hollywood Avenue asked how many of the City employees lived in Maple Heights and said if more employees lived in the City they would take more pride in their work. He said the City should hire residents only because they would care more if they lived here.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said the last hires were Maple Heights residents and that of the 100 employees has tried to hire City residents. The Mayor said the residency requirement for all municipalities was removed a number of years ago by law and the City cannot require it.

Ms. Pearl Means of 5422 Elmwood Avenue said the potholes in the 5500 block of Elmwood were terrible and that there was a sink hole near Waterbury that needed to be repaired. This resident also complained about the number of trash cans still out over the weekend and asked if this problem could be addressed.

Ms. Yolanda Keys residing at 5847 West Glenn Drive said she was told the street would be repaved or repaired but it has not been repaired yet. The resident said her car has been damaged due to the condition of the street.

Ms. Deva Walker, Branch Manager of the Maple Heights Library, thanked the Mayor for the City distributing the Summer Resource Program. She said it has helped the Library. Ms. Walker said several MH HS students participated in the practice SATs.

Ms. Walker also thanked everyone for putting up with the mess in the library parking lot. She said the drive-up window will be installed by August and the picnic tables will be available for use whenever the Library was open.

Ms. Walker announced that next week the Library would be sponsoring a Food Drive-Thru and that free Covid tests would be available at the Library.

Ms. Jackson, Branch Manager of the Dollar Bank, located at 5180 Warrensville Center Road said she wanted to let residents know that Dollar Bank was here to help them finance home repairs projects, etc. and to let everyone know that the average home prices in Maple Heights were from \$100,000.00 to \$180,000.00

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-42

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION

OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023; SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Jones 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: 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 Ordinance passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-51

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR DEED IN LIEU OF TAX FORECLOSURE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION (CCLRC) THEREBY TRANSFERRING PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY ON GRANITE ROAD, PPN 786-20-004, TO CCLRC WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT CCLRC WILL THEN DONATE THE PROPERTY VIA A PASS-THROUGH AGREEMENT TO THE CLEVELAND METROPARKS, 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.

Ms. Jones said she did not have any questions, but asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or discussion. 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 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: 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 Ordinance passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-56

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING COUNCIL'S RULES OF ORDER SET FORTH IN SECTION 220.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on Second Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-59

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT NO. 3 DATED JULY 6, 2022 OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Jones 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: 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 Ordinance passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-60

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 ASSISTANT HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT SERVICE DIRECTOR, AND HOUSING ADMINISTRATOR AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-22, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tatum, 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: 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 Ordinance passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-61

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER ADVANCE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Jones 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.

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. 2022-62

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.19(I) AND 5705.25 SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING 2.0 MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES FOR FIRE FIGHTERS IN THE DIVISION OF FIRE, AND PROVIDING, MAINTAINING AND

OPERATING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS AND SITES, 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.

Ms. Jones said that at the recent Committee of the Whole Meeting Resolutions Nos. 2022-62 and 2022-63 were discussed. She said the Fire and Police levies would not increase taxes, but were renewal levies. Ms. Jones said the levies would help retain five (5) Firefighters and five (5) Police Officers. She said these departments were trying to get up to capacity, but if the levies fail these departments will lose staff.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or discussion. 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: 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. 2022-63

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.19(J) AND 5705.25 SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING 2.0 MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES FOR PERMANENT POLICE PERSONNEL IN THE DIVISION OF POLICE, AND PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT USED DIRECTLY IN THE OPERATION OF THE POLICE DIVISION, 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: 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. 2022-64

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 STAFFORD PARK STORY BOOK TRAIL PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS 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.

Mr. Shenett said he did not have any questions, but asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or discussion. 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: 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. 2022-65

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO BEGIN THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE HANSEN, WATSON, AND RAYMOND PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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.

Mr. Trojanski said he did not have any questions, but asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor.

Ms. Anderson asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or discussion. 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: 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. 2022-66

A RESOLUTION OVERRULING THE DECISION BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2022-PZ-14 TO DENY THE APPLICATION OF CERTURIA DOWDY FOR APPROVAL OF A VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECT. 1298.19(F)(2)(b)(3) OF THE MAPLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INSTALL A 4' GALVANIZED CHAIN LINK FENCE IN THE FRONT YARD OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN AN OFFICE/INDUSTRIAL (O-I) ZONING DISTRICT AT 17170 BROADWAY AVENUE, MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO.

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski, to approve **Resolution No. 2022-66**.

ROLL CALL on the Motion to approve this Resolution: Anderson: No; Madden: No; Trojanski: No; Agee: No; Shenett: No; Jones: No; Tatum: No. The motion failed by the vote of seven (7) nays to zero (0) ayes. The decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission in **Case No. 2022-PZ-14** will stand.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-67

A RESOLUTION OVERRULING THE DECISION BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2022-PZ-16 TO DENY THE APPEAL OF LEVELL WOODRUFF REQUESTING RELIEF UNDER SECT. 1262.03(E) AND SECT. 1440.24 OF THE MAPLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES FROM INSPECTION ORDERS ISSUED FOR 5696 GARFIELD AVENUE, MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, LOCATED IN A RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY-MEDIUM DENSITY (RSF-M) ZONING DISTRICT.

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shenett, to approve **Resolution No. 2022-67**.

ROLL CALL on the Motion to approve this Resolution: Anderson: No; Madden: No; Trojanski: No; Agee: No; Shenett: No; Jones: No; Tatum: No. The motion failed by the vote of seven (7) nays to zero (0) ayes. The decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission in Case No. 2022-PZ-16 will stand.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-68

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 220.01(e)(1) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS REGARDING COUNCIL COMMITTEES COMPOSITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on its First Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-69

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER THE SUMS DUE TO THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS WHICH WERE EXPENDED FOR BOARDING UP HOUSES AND OTHER UNSAFE STRUCTURES PURSUANT TO CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 680.06, 1440.27 AND 1440.28, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution was on its First Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-70

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ASSESSING THE EXPENSE OF GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER THE COSTS DUE TO THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS FOR GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution was on its First Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-71

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER THE SUMS DUE TO THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS WHICH WERE EXPENDED FOR WEED AND GRASS CONTROL PURSUANT TO CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 660.15 AND 680.05, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution was on its First Reading.

EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000.00:

Mr. Jackson said there were no **Expenditures over \$25,000.00 or Disclosures of Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00** for review at tonight's meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Blackwell said the City employees care about the City and work through lunch and overtime, but it was difficult to control human behavior. She said the Police and Fire Departments respond to a number of calls.

Regarding the condition of the City streets, the Mayor said the City was trying to do its best. She said the streets have been subject to fifteen (15) years of deferred maintenance. She said the Administration has committed \$1 million dollars to repair the streets. Mayor Blackwell announced that the City has received a funding award from the County in the amount of \$250,000.00 under the County's "50-50 Program" to fix main county streets in the City such as Lee Road. She said the receipt of these funds will free up money to repair side streets.

Regarding the trash can problem, Mayor Blackwell said she did not know why people acted the way they do.

Mayor Blackwell said she appreciated Dollar Bank for helping residents with home repair loans. He said homes are peoples' biggest investments. The Mayor said it took a lot to reinvest in the City and asked residents to consider Street Clubs so that everyone would be able to work together in the community and invest in the community. Mayor Blackwell said residents were putting responsibility for the trash cans and grass on the City staff instead of putting it back on the residents. She said residents needed to save their neighborhood.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Walker from the Library and concluded her report by paraphrasing a letter the City had received from the Garfield Heights Fire Department thanking the MHFD for their assistance with a house explosion in that City. She said this was a fine example of the teamwork between cities and that the fast work helped contain this fire.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, District 4 announced that the Community Life and Education committee will be sponsoring a Community Health Day on Saturday, July 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Maple Heights Library and that she would be hosting a Unity and Community Block Party for District 4 on Saturday, August 20th.

Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5 said the tree removal at Hazelwood Court made a tremendous difference to clean up that area.

Ms. Madden announced that the next Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Distribution will be held on Friday, July 8th at 5345 Warrensville Center Road from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Regarding the 2022 Roadway Repair Program legislation, Ms. Madden said it was important for District 5 residents to know why she voted "no." Ms. Madden said that out of the top 25 worst

streets in the rating, three of the top 10 worst were in District 5 but they will not be scheduled for repairs until the 2023 or 2024 repair programs. She said only one street, Marion, will be repaired this year. Ms. Madden said she was passionate about Presidents' Row in District 5 which was in horrible condition.

Councilman Richard Trojanski, District 6 said he had the opportunity to attend a block party on Hillgrove Avenue which was the first time in 11 years that residents in the area had a chance together and get to know each other. He said this event helped to foster relationships among neighbors.

Mr. Trojanski said he will be attending a Meet and Greet on Franklin next week and will be active in community engagement during the summer months.

Mr. Trojanski concluded his report by announcing that he will be sponsoring a Back to School Supplies Drive from August 1 to August 26th. He said there will be two (2) collection sites including the McDonald's on Northfield Road and the Maple Heights Regional Library.

Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7 – No Report.

Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, District 1 asked to be excused at 8:54 p.m.

Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2 said the Housing/Economic Development Committee had prepared a Quality of Life brochure that people can get copies to distribute to their neighbors. Ms. Jones said residents could call their Councilperson regarding these pamphlets.

Ms. Jones said she has talked with a number of residents regarding the trash can problem.

Councilman Timothy Tatum, District 3 said he wanted to thank the Administration and his Colleagues for the Exterior Home Repair Grant Program. He said a number of residents benefitted from this program.

Mr. Tatum congratulated the Police Department and the Officers who were hired and promoted.

Mr. Tatum said the Fourth of July Holiday was pretty safe.

Mr. Tatum concluded his report by reminding residents to support the City by attending Music In The Park and support the sprayground for our children. He said the District 3 Newsletter will be out shortly and he will be planning a District 3 Clean-Up, Meet and Greet and Block Watch events.

Council President Ron Jackson said the City needed to balance a number of issues but was trying to do its best. He said residents should come out to enjoy the Music In The Park and support the Boys League.

Mr. Jackson asked residents to contact their Councilperson with any issues they may be concerned about.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Passed: September 7, 2022 ATTEST:

S/S
Leonette Cicirella Johnson Clerk of Council