

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

Maple Height Senior Center

August 3, 2022

MEETING CAUCUS

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jackson, Shenett, Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden and Agee. Councilman Trojanski was absent and excused. Also present were Assistant Law Director John Thomas on behalf of Law Director Frank Consolo, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Service Director Bob Gorentz, Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy, Mr. Devin Edwards on behalf of City Engineer Ed Hren and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Mayor Annette M. Blackwell arrived at 6:47 p.m. Law Director Frank Consolo, Finance Director Tinita Tillman and City Engineer Ed Hren were absent and excused.

Mr. Jackson said Councilwoman Madden would have the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Jackson said Council would be approving minutes, but no Committee Reports were on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Turning to the Legislation on the Agenda for tonight's Meeting, Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2022-56, As Amended** regarding proposed changes to the 220 Rules was on Third Reading and said this legislation would be voted on tonight. He asked if there were any other questions.

Councilman Shenett said he had one question for the Law Director from the last meeting regarding whether this vote would be an all-or-nothing vote. He said there were some things in the legislation that he was still concerned about.

In response, Mr. Jackson said what was in the legislation would be voted on and that it was an all-or-nothing proposition.

Mr. Shenett said Mr. Consolo had mentioned that he could look into Mr. Shenett's question concerning his suggestion that was not included.

Councilwoman Madden said if there was a question to the Law Director that has not been addressed, perhaps Council should hold the vote on this legislation for more discussion.

In response, Mr. Jackson said this Ordinance had been discussed for months and that he had added some suggestions and did not include others.

Mr. Shenett said he put forth his concerns with this Ordinance and wanted his statements on the record regarding them.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions regarding **Ordinance No. 2022-56, As Amended**. There were no other questions or comments.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2022-68** regarding amendment to only one (1) section of the 220 Rules was on Second Reading and asked if there were any questions or comments on this legislation.

Mr. Shenett said he had offered this suggestion to make the Council Committee process more equitable and asked if his legislation would need to move forward to a vote tonight also. Mr. Shenett asked if both **Ordinance No. 2022-56, As Amended** and **Ordinance No. 2022-68** would pass, would **Ordinance No. 2022-68** supersede **Ordinance No. 2022-56, As Amended**, to which Mr. Jackson responded in the affirmative, since **Ordinance No. 2022-68** came after **No. 2022-56, As Amended**.

Mr. Shenett requested that **Ordinance No. 2022-68** stay on Second Reading at tonight's meeting.

Moving to **Resolution Nos. 2022-69, 2022-70** and **2022-71** certifying the special assessments for boarding up houses and other unsafe structures, the expense for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal, and for weed and grass control respectively, were each on Second Reading at tonight's meeting. Mr. Jackson said the attachments for these Resolutions would be available at the next meeting. He asked if there were any questions from Council regarding these Resolutions. There were no questions or comments from Council.

Mr. Jackson asked Council to pass on emergency **Resolution No. 2022-74** determining that the unimproved City-owned lot on Nitra Avenue was not needed for a municipal purpose. He asked if there were any questions regarding this legislation concerning a Side Lot Program application. There were no questions or comments from Council regarding this legislation.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2022-75** authorizing a purchase and development agreement for the purchase of two (2) vacant City-owned lots on Hansen Avenue and the construction of a single-family home on each lot, Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions on this Resolution. There were no questions on this legislation. Mr. Jackson said Councilman Trojanski was in support of this project. He asked Council to pass **Resolution No. 2022-75** on emergency.

Mr. Jackson said there was a representative from Chagrin Valley Engineering, Mr. Devin Edwards, at tonight's meeting on behalf of City Engineer Ed Hren to answer any questions Council may have regarding **Resolution No. 2022-76** authorizing a contract to provide for the Stafford Park Fitness Trail Project. There were no questions or comments from Council regarding this legislation.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions regarding **Resolution No. 2022-77** authorizing a contract to provide for the 2022 Roadway Repair Program.

Ms. Madden said that as she had expressed in prior meetings, she had reservations regarding the 2022 Roadway Repair Project. Ms. Madden said the proposed project did not honor the rating system as far as repairing the worst streets first. She said her District had three (3) of the top ten (10) worst streets, but District 5 has only one (1) small street in the 2022 program. Ms. Madden

said as the representative for her District she was concerned that there was no guarantee that funding will be available for the 2023-2024 repair programs.

Mr. Shenett said CVE did a good job with the presentation for the street rating system, but he too was concerned that the second worst street on the list which was in his District was also not included in the 2022 street program. Mr. Shenett said although Mr. Hren had explained the principle of district equity used in the program, he still was concerned that Summit Avenue was not included in the 2022 program.

Mr. Shenett said he recognized that District 1 had benefitted from larger projects that repaired certain of the side streets, but he wanted his concern noted on the record regarding Summit Avenue in District 1, the second worst street on the list, not being repaired in the 2022 program.

Mr. Shenett said he also had a question regarding the timing for the contractor to finish the second part of the road work from the other projects while the new program would be started.

In response, Mr. Edwards from CVE said the new project would start in September and be completed no later than November 15th. He said the contractor will be scheduled to come back next year and complete the chip and seal part of the road program in the spring.

Mr. Shenett asked if the 2022 streets that will still be worked on in 2023 would affect the budget and work for the 2023 road program.

In response, Mr. Jackson said the chip and seal part of the street repairs were part of the whole cost of the project in the current year's bid. He said this was already accounted for and both would be part of the program in the job that will be bid.

Mr. Shenett said in the Dunham Road project, some of the side streets in that area were also repaired and asked if the same contractor will be doing this work would this pose a delay for the project to which Mr. Edwards responded in the negative. Mr. Edwards said there should not be any delays and no conflicts between the 2021 chip and seal project and the 2022 pavement program.

Mr. Jackson said last year the rough repair job was done on Thomas Street and this year the contractor came back and completed the chip and seal or second part of the project.

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

Moving to the List of Expenditures, Mr. Jackson said there were no Expenditures over \$25,000.00 for review at tonight's meeting, only two (2) Disclosures of Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00.

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

Mr. Shenett said since the amended agenda included an executive session after the meeting but before Council adjourned, he asked if Council could consider foregoing the Council Reports for tonight's meeting.

In response, Mr. Jackson said each Councilperson could decide whether to give a report or not.

Councilwoman Agee asked if Council could give the Council Reports after the executive session.

Mr. Jackson said the residents may not want to stay for the Council Reports.

Mr. Shenett suggested that Council consider a motion on the floor to set a time-limit on the Council Reports.

Mr. Jackson said the Council Members can forego their individual reports.

Ms. Madden asked that Council be polled regarding foregoing the Council Reports for tonight's meeting.

In response, Mr. Jackson polled Council: Mr. Shenett said he would forego his report; Ms. Jones said she only had a short, 2-sentence report; Mr. Tatum: No; Ms. Anderson: No; Ms. Madden said she would forego her report; Ms. Agee said she would forego her report.

There being no other questions or comments, the Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jackson, Shenett, Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden and Agee. Councilman Trojanski was absent and excused. Also present were Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Assistant Law Director John Thomas on behalf of 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, Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy, Mr. Devin Edwards on behalf of City Engineer Ed Hren and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Law Director Frank Consolo and City Engineer Ed Hren were absent and excused.

Councilwoman Madden 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 Councilman Tatum, to approve the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes of June 1, 2022.

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

Mr. Tatum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to approve the Special Meeting of Council Minutes of June 15, 2022.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no Communications for tonight's meeting.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department –Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas reported that Fire Department calls to date were 3,478 and that the Fire Department responded to the following fires:

- On July 8 to 12119 Orme in Garfield Heights for a house fire;
- On July 12 to 8829 Park Heights in Garfield Heights for a house fire;
- On July 14 to 4643 E. 88th Street in Garfield Heights for a house fire;
- On July 16 to 14928 Tokay Avenue in Maple Heights for a house fire; Firefighters rescued a dog from the basement of this home;
- On August 1 to 5814 West Glenn Drive in Maple Heights for a house fire where Firefighters rescued the resident from the home; the resident suffered minor injuries;
- On August 1 to 10907 Plymouth in Garfield Heights for a house fire.

The Fire Chief said that in May and June the Fire Department service tested over 1,000 fire hydrants and found seventy-seven (77) needed repairs and eighty-four (84) that needed to be painted. He said the hydrant repairs will be addressed by the CWD and the Fire Department was out painting the other fire hydrants.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas reminded everyone that summer was rapidly ending and that before we knew it the children will be back in school. He said the Fire Department will be reviewing and touring the schools this month in preparation for the upcoming school year.

The Fire Chief said the Rowena Drive and Mendota Avenue water main projects should be nearing completion. He said the water main and all of the hydrants in this area were replaced and that the road resurfacing will be the next phase for those projects.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas concluded his report by announcing that the Fire Department had been notified that UH Bedford Medical Center and UH Richmond Medical Center will be closing on August 12, 2022 and that the Fire Department will no longer be transporting patients there. He said the UH Ahuja Medical Center has been added as a transport facility.

Law Department – Assistant Law Director John Thomas, on behalf of Law Director Frank Consolo, reported that Mayor's Court revenues for the last quarter were \$36,000.00 which was

approximately \$10,000.00 less than the same time last year. He said fewer people have been appearing in Court. Mr. Thomas reported that total revenue including Mayor's Court fees and fines was approximately \$70,000.00.

Police Department –Police Chief Todd Hansen reported that the Police Department has responded to a total of slightly under 15,000 calls for service to date. He said the Police Department call volume for the month of July averaged about 90 calls per day which was higher than the call average of low 70s per day earlier this year. The Police Chief said Police Department personnel averaged about 9 tickets per day for parking and moving violations and took 13 guns off the streets in July.

The Police Chief also reported that an authorized overtime detail issued 53 citations for speeding and made 4 arrests, 3 of which were for felonies. The Chief said these overtime hours were covered by grant money, so the Police Department may consider the use of other overtime patrols.

Police Chief Hansen said he had received a communication from the Ohio Department of Public Safety regarding increased State Trooper activity on the highways over a five (5) state region. He said speeding has become a national problem resulting in an increase in traffic deaths. The Chief said State Troopers will be working in concert to increase their visibility on the roadways to target speeding.

Police Chief Hansen concluded his report by announcing that the Ohio Division of Liquor Control recently held a hearing at the request of the City regarding the transfer of the liquor license from Truth Social Lounge. He said the Liquor Commission denied the transfer of the liquor permit in favor of the City.

Human Services Department – Human Services Director Mrs. Linda Vopat made the following announcements:

The next Music In the Park Concert will be held on Tuesday, August 9th featuring the band Forecast. She said the concert will be held at Stafford Park from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.;

The City of Maple Heights Community Garage Sale will be held Thursday, September 8th through Sunday, September 11th. She said the cost was \$5.00 per applicant and the City will get the permit and advertise this event in the newspaper and on the City website. Mrs. Vopat said the City will start issuing the permits from now to early September.

On Saturday, September 10th the next Community Shred Day will be held at St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Mrs. Vopat said the Community Shred Day was supported by a grant from the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mrs. Vopat said that in these difficult times with the increasing costs of food, an increasing number of residents were in need of assistance. Mrs. Vopat said the Maple Heights Food Pantry was opened on Tuesday from Noon to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to meet these needs. She said residents can get a variety of

food items at the Pantry. Mrs. Vopat said recipients must show a photo ID and proof of residency.

Mrs. Vopat concluded her report by stating that since the beginning of 2022, approximately 1,430 households which was the equivalent of 3,476 residents, received food through these programs which accounted for approximately 60,816 meals.

Finance Department – Finance Director Ms. Tinita Tillman said she had only a couple of announcements. She said the special audit in July will be reconciled soon and that the auditors have completed everything in the engagement letter. Ms. Tillman said she has requested that the audit letter be completed by the September financial report.

Service Department – Service Director Mr. Bob Gorentz said the Service Department continued to patch holes going district by district while also responding to emergency patch requests. He said the Service Department has also continued cutting the City-owned lots and maintaining the City parks.

Mr. Gorentz reported that the storm two weeks ago took a number of trees down. He thanked the Fire Department for their help to clear some large trees that had fallen across City streets. Mr. Gorentz said Service Department staff have finished one time around the City to clear storm damage and will be starting a second round.

Mr. Gorentz concluded his report by congratulating Mr. Bob Dloniak for his promotion to Service Department Foreman. He said Mr. Dloniak was a 20-year employee of the City who has been much appreciated for his hard work.

Planning and Development Department: Planning and Development Director Mr. Joe Duffy said that with the construction season still continuing the Building Department issued 354 building permits for the month of July and processed a total of 517 transactions for the month, including rental registrations, contractor registrations and building permits. He said it was expected that comparison numbers will increase once Building Department forms were available for completion online.

Mr. Duffy said 635 lots were cut by outside grass cutters and that the invoices for these cuts were out two weeks. He said the special assessment lists will be completed shortly.

Regarding the Exterior Home Repair Grant Program, Mr. Duffy said five (5) projects had been completed and twenty-two (22) other properties were actively being worked on, He said the projects included new roofs, front porch and driveways. Mr. Duffy said residents appreciated this program which was funded in part by grants from the Cuyahoga County Department of Development and the Cleveland Foundation.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Lawrence Lane of 14908 Rockside Road thanked everyone for doing their jobs. He said there were a number of complaints from other residents but we needed to support the community and believe in it.

Ms. Diane Lockett residing at 21511 Kenyon Drive said she had been a resident of the City for five (5) years and that she has started an organization called "Maple Matters" for residents throughout the City who have concerns. She said her organization was an effort to reach out to the community and help residents to be heard. Ms. Lockett said interested residents can e-mail her.

Ms. Regina Jackson of 18100 Libby Road asked what would happen if a resident did not have the money to make the necessary repairs for the exterior maintenance inspection program and their grant application had been denied. The resident said her husband had died and that she did not have the money for the repairs within the citation deadline.

In response, Mr. Jackson said that in the case of hardship the resident would be able to work with the City to make some adjustment.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said the first round of funding for the Exterior Home Repair Grant Program came from funding from Cuyahoga County and the Cleveland Foundation and that the City will be applying for another round of funding.

Mr. Willie Hardwick residing at 16655 Anthony Street said that as a taxpayer he was not satisfied with the street situation and questioned why the City had a Law Director and an Assistant Law Director. He said everyone will want raises and that there were too many assistants in the City. Mr. Hardwick complained that Council did not answer his calls.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said City employees received raises for the first time in 10 years. The Mayor said the City has committed \$1 million dollars for the street program.

In response, Mr. Jackson said residents can contact their Councilperson by e-mail or telephone and all the Council Members answer their phones and e-mails at night and on weekends.

Mr. Robert Gillette of 5228 Camden Avenue thanked Council and the Administration for all that they do. Mr. Gillette said he had a question regarding the outdoor lighting at the neighboring parking lot. He asked if the lighting was the property owner's responsibility or the City's responsibility. Mr. Gillette said several lights were out in the parking lot and his car got vandalized.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said that the property owner was responsible for the lighting in the parking lot. She advised Mr. Gillette that he could call the Building Department to get the owner's contact information.

Ms. Regena Lane residing at 14908 Rockside Road said she had some good news that the problem with the property next door had been corrected. She thanked her Councilperson, the Mayor and the Police Department for their help.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-56, As Amended

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.

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson, 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 said as he had discussed in Caucus he had a concern regarding the committee sanction language that would govern only five (5) of the seven (7) members of Council since the Council President and Pro Temp were members of all the Council Committees by rule. He said in fairness all should be affected by the sanctions. He said it was an issue of fairness.

Mr. Jackson said the amended rules included the Council President to be required to give a reason for his absence at a committee meeting or be fined.

In response, Mr. Shenett said he was referring to the language that will sanction a Council Member for not being on a committee. He said the Council President and Pro Temp would not be covered by this sanction.

Ms. Anderson said even though the Council President and Pro Temp were on all the committees it would not be realistic that they would be at every meeting, comparing it to the federal level. She said it was not a conflict that that language was in the rule.

Mr. Shenett said there was no rule at the federal level that would fine members regarding committee appointments since those appointments include a number of considerations. Mr. Shenett reiterated that he was concerned with that section of the proposed amendment.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or discussion. There being no further questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote for passage on emergency.

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

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

ROLL CALL on the motion for adoption: Madden: No; Agee: No; Shenett: No; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes. Anderson: Yes. Pursuant to Rule 220.01(b), the Council President shall have no vote except in the case of a tie... Mr. Jackson: Aye. The motion for adoption passed by the vote of four (4) ayes to three (3) nays. The Ordinance passed by a simple majority and will become law thirty (30) days after passage by Council.

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 Second 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 Second 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 Second 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 Second Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-74

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE UNIMPROVED RESIDENTIAL LOT OWNED BY THE CITY AT 18680 NITRA AVENUE, PPN 782-06-062, IS NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-75

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FLT CONSTRUCTION, LLC TO SELL TWO (2) VACANT LOTS LOCATED AT 20806 HANSEN ROAD (PPN 782-15-087) AND 21206 HANSEN ROAD (PPN 782-17-090) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND SALE OF A SINGLE FAMILY, OWNER-OCCUPIED HOME ON EACH PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tatum, 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.

Mayor Blackwell asked if Planning and Development Director Duffy could discuss and explain this legislation.

Mr. Duffy said the Planning and Development Department had received an application from the developer to purchase two (2) vacant City-owned lots on Hansen Avenue for the construction of a single-family home on each lot. Mr. Duffy said it has been his experience that throughout our region there has been an interest in building and repairing in-fill housing.

Mr. Duffy said Mr. Trojanski, District 6 Councilman, was very excited about this project and happy to see a developer interested in these particular parcels for residential development.

Mr. Duffy said these lot purchases and development bode well for the City's land bank and could be used for leverage for other programs.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-76

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-77

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE 2022 ROADWAY REPAIR PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tatum, 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 as he had stated in Caucus that he had a concern regarding the fact that the second worst street on the rating list would not be part of the 2022 Roadway repair Program. Mr. Shenett said he was also concerned how the 2023/2024 programs would move along because of funding.

Ms. Madden said she wanted to reiterate what was said at Caucus that she was not in favor of the 2022 program. She said based upon the rating system three (3) of the top ten (10) worst streets were in District 5 and District 5 was not getting the attention it needed. Ms. Madden said she did not have a quarrel with the rating system, but if the City had a system it should follow it.

Mayor Blackwell said the Administration worked closely with the City Engineer and were following the ODOT PCR rating system. The Mayor said the City had not maintained the streets in the past but now the Administration has pledged \$1 million dollars to this project.

The Mayor said that three (3) years the City will get though this. She said no one will be happy but the process was based on a formula and that there was no bias in this formula. Mayor Blackwell said the Administration will commit \$1 million dollars each year for the 2023 and 2024 programs.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or discussion on this legislation. There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules.

ROLL CALL on the motion to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency: Madden: No; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of five (5) ayes to one (1) nay.

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: Madden: No; Agee: No; Shenett: No; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes. The motion for passage on emergency requiring five (5) affirmative votes failed by the vote of three (3) ayes to three (3) nays. The Resolution failed.

EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000.00:

Mr. Jackson said there were no **Expenditures over \$25,000.00** for review at tonight's meeting, only two (2) Disclosures of Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Blackwell said she wanted to address a couple of articles in today's *Neighborhood News* in her Report. The Mayor said that on the first page of the paper there was an article that discussed the closing of the UH Bedford Medical Center. She said it was projected that the City of Bedford will lose approximately \$900,000.00 to \$1 million dollars in revenue as a result of this closing. The Mayor said there will be no emergency services available at this hospital. Mayor Blackwell said representatives of University Hospitals met with the neighboring communities who will feel the brunt of the closure to discuss the possibility of

opening a Wellness Center at the Bedford facility. She said University Hospitals will be working with the cities to help design the Wellness Center. The Mayor said she was pushing for programs to address high blood pressure, diabetes and maternal care.

Mayor Blackwell said on page 3 of the newspaper was an article about the City's delinquent property tax issues that began in 1997. The Mayor said in 2016 she had asked the Finance Department to pursue this issue and then in 2017 Law Director Consolo began looking into it. The Mayor said the City had exhausted all their efforts to get this resolved, so the City needed to get on payment plans for these parcels plus make an initial payment by August 1, 2022. Mayor Blackwell said the City will continue to pursue the tax exemption process, including completing and submitting the correct forms.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5 - No Report.

Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7 – No Report.

Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, District -- No Report.

Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2 announced to District 2 residents that there will be a district meeting at the end of September and the District 2 Newsletter will be out in August with the information regarding this meeting.

Councilman Timothy Tatum, District 3 thanked the Fire Department and Service Department for their work to clear storm damage when a tree fell on a house and a couple of large trees that fell across the roads.

Mr. Tatum said he will be starting a District 3 Block Watch and will be having a Town Hall Meeting. He concluded his report by announcing that the District 3 Newsletter will be coming out.

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, District 4 announced that on Saturday, August 20th there will be a District 4 Unity in the Community Block Party on Nitra Avenue. She said it was important to build relationships. Ms. Anderson said this event will help neighbors get together and there will be live music, food trucks, resource vendors and arts and crafts for children.

Council President Ron Jackson said he had No Report. At this time, Mr. Jackson asked for a Motion to go into Executive Session.

So moved by Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Anderson.

ROLL CALL on the motion: Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes. Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Agee: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays. Council went into executive session at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Jackson asked for a Motion to leave Executive Session and return to the Public Meeting to adjourn.

So moved by Ms. Madden, seconded by Mr. Shenett. By voice vote all voted aye, none opposed

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Passed: September 7, 2022 ATTEST:

s/s
Leonette Cicirella Johnson Clerk of Council