

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

Maple Height Senior Center

September 7, 2022

MEETING CAUCUS

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jackson, Shenett, Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Also present were Law Director Frank Consolo, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Service Director Bob Gorentz, Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Mayor Annette M. Blackwell and City Engineer Ed Hren were absent and excused.

Mr. Jackson said Councilwoman Agee would have the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Jackson said Council would be approving minutes, and that there was one (1) 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. 2022-68** amending Section 220.01(e)(1) was on Third Reading and asked if there were any questions or comments on this legislation.

Councilman Shenett said for that for clarification what he was proposing in **Ordinance No. 2022-68** was to change only one section regarding the composition of the Council Committees.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions regarding **Ordinance No. 2022-68**. There were no other questions or comments. Mr. Shenett said he was okay with the other sections of the legislation passed at last month's meeting and that this legislation would not affect the other suggestions presented by the Council President in **Ordinance No. 2022-56, As Amended**.

Mr. Consolo said that if **Ordinance No. 2022-68** passed it would conflict with the recently passed **Ordinance No. 2022-56, As Amended**, and would have the committee selection process go back to the previous way.

Mr. Shenett said he wanted Council to have a chance to select our committees and make the process fair for all of the Council Members. Mr. Shenett asked Mr. Consolo if it was correct that the other sections of **Ordinance No. 2022-56, As Amended** would not be affected, to which Mr. Consolo responded in the affirmative. Mr. Consolo said that was correct the other sections will not be affected by **Ordinance No. 2022-68**. He said Mr. Shenett's legislation would only affect the selection of the Council Committees.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions on **Ordinance No. 2022-68**. There were no other questions or comments.

Moving to **Resolution Nos. 2022-69, 2022-70 and 2022-71**, Mr. Jackson said these Resolutions were for the special assessments. He said **Resolution No. 2022-69** concerning the special

assessment for boarding up houses and other unsafe structures was on Third reading and asked if there were any questions from Council. There were no questions.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-70** concerned the assessment for the expense for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal. He said this Resolution was on Third Reading and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions or comments.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-71** was the assessment for weed and grass control and said this Resolution was also on Third Reading. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions from Council regarding this Resolution. There were no questions or comments from Council. Mr. Jackson asked Council to pass each of these Resolutions on emergency at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-79** determining that the unimproved City-owned lot at 5250 Thomas Street was not needed for a municipal purpose concerned a Side Lot Program application. He said the Applicant had received a letter of support from District 4 Councilwoman Anderson. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any objections from Council to pass this Resolution by Unanimous Consent. There being no objections from Council, Mr. Jackson said this legislation would pass by Unanimous Consent.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-80** determining that the unimproved City-owned lot on Adams Avenue was not needed for a municipal purpose concerned another Side Lot Program application. He said the Applicant had received a letter of support from District 5 Councilwoman Madden. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any objections from Council to pass this Resolution by Unanimous Consent. There being no objections from Council, Mr. Jackson said this legislation would pass by Unanimous Consent.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-81** determining that the unimproved City-owned lot at 19500 Raymond Street was not needed for a municipal purpose concerned another Side Lot Program application. He said the Applicant had received a letter of support from District 6 Councilman Trojanski. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any objections from Council to pass this Resolution by Unanimous Consent. There being no objections from Council, Mr. Jackson said this legislation would pass by Unanimous Consent.

Moving to **Ordinance No. 2022-82** adopting the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the Broadway Corridor Overlay (BCO) Zoning District be expanded to certain parcels on Libby Road and Lee Road and rezoned to the Central Business District (CBD) Zoning District, Mr. Jackson said this legislation would approve a new proposed zoning map. Mr. Jackson said this Ordinance was on First Reading but asked Council to pass it on emergency at tonight's meeting. He said there were representatives from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission had attended the Public Hearing for this rezoning amendment had been held earlier this evening at 6:00 p.m. and were still available to answer any questions from Council.

Mr. Consolo said it was the recommendation of the Law Department that this Ordinance be passed on emergency since Council has already passed the Zoning Text Amendment legislation that created this new zoning district. Mr. Consolo said the new Zoning District included buffer zones regarding certain types of businesses and will rezone the BCO District to the CBD District.

He said this zoning map amendment was an integra part of the zoning text amendments. Mr. Consolo said the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended this Zoning Map Amendment and that the Administration respectfully requested that Council pass **Ordinance No. 2022-82** on emergency.

Mr. Shenett asked if this Zoning Map change would affect the residences in this area.

In response, Planning and Development Director Duffy said that issue was discussed at length by the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said the Commission was concerned what would happen if a residential property had a catastrophic event resulting in over 50% loss of the structure. Mr. Duffy said the buildings were currently grandfathered in and that there was precedent that the Planning and Zoning Commission has approved the rebuilding of the home. He said the precedent supported the homeowners and purchasers. Mr. Duffy said the Zoning Map Amendment would guide new development in that district.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions on **Ordinance No. 2022-82**. There were no other questions or comments.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-83** authorized a purchase and development agreement for the purchase of one (1) vacant City-owned lots on Krems Avenue and the construction of a single-family home on the lot. He asked Councilman Tatum if he had any recommendation regarding this legislation.

In response, Councilman Tatum asked if Council could hold off with this legislation for right now, since more research needed to be done.

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

Councilwoman Jones said that while she welcomed new construction, she was concerned about the experience of the builder. Ms. Jones said she did not have a lot of questions at yesterday's Committee of the Whole Meeting, but as she reviewed the information she was concerned that the builder had only two (2) years experience. Ms. Jones said she would like to see other plans for the houses the builder constructed on other cities and to also check the builder's financing capabilities.

Mr. Shenett said there had been complaints from residents in his district regarding this builder with regards to other proposed projects.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-84** authorized the City to become a Clean Future Ohio Community and asked Mr. Duffy to discuss this legislation.

Mr. Duffy said that as he had stated in his follow-up e-mail to Council this legislation would benefit the City during the grant process to secure other funding to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other climate programs. He said it would also help economic development in the City.

Mr. Duffy said one of the staff members of Power a Clean Future Ohio was in attendance at tonight's Council Meeting to answer any questions Council may have. He introduced Mr. Kwame Botchway, Northeast Ohio Strategy Consultant for Power a Clean Future Ohio.

Mr. Botchway said Power a Clean Future Ohio was an organization comprised of a coalition of experts to help communities in Ohio to connect climate action and resources. He said their organization can advise on various ordinances and Zoning Codes to address climate issues. Mr. Botchway said the organization also offered structural support to communities when applying for grants. He said PCFO had developed action and accessibility plans that were important for certain grant application such as projects for clean energy solutions, etc.

Mr. Botchway said that across Ohio thirty-five (35) communities have joined this program, with seven (7) cities being in Northeast Ohio. Mr. Botchway said he has been talking with the Mayors of University Heights, Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Shenett asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. Jackson said he liked the word "grants" and any program that would assist Mr. Duffy to get grants for the City. Mr. Jackson thanked Mr. Botchway for attending tonight's meeting.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2022-85** authorizing the contract for the 2022 Concrete Roadway Repair Program, Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Shenett asked where was the location on Lee Road.

Mr. Jackson said it was the part of Lee Road from Broadway Avenue to I-480. He said City Engineer Ed Hren had attended the Committee of the Whole Meeting last evening and said this Resolution could be on First Reading since there was time for it to be approved at the September 21, 2022 Council Meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-86** authorized application to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for a potential grant for capital infrastructure improvement projects in the City and asked if there were any questions from Council. There were no questions or comments. Mr. Jackson asked Council to pass this Resolution on emergency at tonight's meeting since it involved a grant application.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-87** authorized the contract for the Hansen-Watson-Raymond Road Resurfacing Project. He said this Resolution would also be on First Reading per the discussion with Mr. Hren at last evening's Committee of the Whole Meeting. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions on this Resolution. There were no questions on this legislation. Mr. Jackson said Mr. Hren had forwarded to Council another letter regarding these last three (3) items of legislation.

Moving to the List of Expenditures, Mr. Jackson said there were no Expenditures over

\$25,000.00 for review at tonight's meeting, only one (1) Disclosures of Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00.

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

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

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jackson, Shenett, Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Also present were Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Law Director Frank Consolo, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Service Director Bob Gorentz, Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. City Engineer Ed Hren was absent and excused.

Councilwoman Agee 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 Trojanski, to approve the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes of July 6, 2022.

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

Mr. Trojanski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to approve the Special Meeting of Council Minutes of July 27, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Shenett: Yes; Ms. Jones: Yes; Mr. Tatum: Yes; Ms. Anderson: Yes; Ms. Madden: Yes; Mr. Trojanski: Yes; Ms. Agee: Abstain. The motion passed by the vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays with one (1) abstention.

Mr. Shenett made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Madden, to approve the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes of August 3, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Shenett: Yes; Ms. Jones: Yes; Mr. Tatum: Yes; Ms. Anderson: Yes; Ms. Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Abstain; Ms. Agee: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays with one (1) abstention.

COMMUNICATIONS: There was one (1) Communications for tonight's meeting – A Memo from the Clerk of Council Office regarding Correction to the Record for the August 3, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council concerning Resolution No. 2022-77.

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

Community Life and Education Committee

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, Chairwoman of the Community Life and Education Committee, announced that the Community Life and Education Committee will be sponsoring the following two (3) events:

On Tuesday, September 20, 2022 Voter Registration Day at the Maple Heights Senior Center from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, October 22, 2022 a Fall Festival from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Milkovich Middle School. Ms. Anderson said there will be food, music, games, resource vendors, candy for the children and a Best Costume Contest for all ages. Ms. Anderson said the first 25 people will receive a pumpkin. Ms. Anderson said this event was for the whole family and that all were welcome.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department –Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas reported that Fire Department calls to date were 4,070 and that the Fire Department has received the FEMA AFG grant for operations and equipment in the amount of \$44,454.54. He said these funds will be used for the purchase of a firefighting turnout gear extractor/washer for Fire Station 2 and two 92) gear dryers, one (1) for each Fire Station. Fire Chief Kavaliunas said this equipment will greatly diminish the turn-around time for cleaning of contaminated firefighting and EMS equipment.

The Fire Chief also announced that the Fire Department received the Ohio State EMS Grant for \$661.23 that will be used for EMS equipment for the rescue squads.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas said that the month of July the Fire Department conducted thirty-five (35) fire inspections and that of these thirty-five (35) completed, twenty-seven (27) occupancies passed inspection and eight (8) were given correction notices. The Fire Chief said that to date in 2022 the Fire Department has completed two hundred seventy-four (274) inspections, with four hundred seventy-eight (478) occupancies remaining to be completed.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas announced that tomorrow, September 8th, the Mayor will be giving the Oath of Office to two (2) new cadet firefighter/paramedics. He said this will bring the Fire Department to its budgeted level. The Fire Chief said the Fire Department will be having a retirement next month and that the Department was currently processing for that vacancy. He said the new members will have their 40-hour orientation starting this coming Monday and will go on shift the following week.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas concluded his report by stating that the Fire Department has been out painting fire hydrants and that over eighty (80) hydrants were replaced by the Cleveland Water Department this year.

Law Department –Law Director Frank Consolo said he wanted to report on two (2) recent requests to transfer liquor licenses within the City. He said the City had the authority to request hearings and object to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding liquor license applications. Mr. Consolo said these hearings were requested by motion of Council.

Mr. Consolo said the City recently objected to the transfer of the liquor license to Truth Social Lounge formerly known as Kings and Queens. He said that on June 17, 2022 a hearing was held with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control and the City’s objection was granted. Mr. Consolo said the transfer of this liquor license was denied.

Mr. Consolo said the City argued that the location of the business in Southgate was a substantial disruption to the surrounding residential neighborhood and that the Applicant had displayed disregard for the law. Mr. Consolo said the City takes these matters seriously. He said that from October 2020 to March of 2022 there were 134 Police Department calls for service to this location ranging from weapons violations to disturbances of the peace and fights. He said this had been a problem location for a number of years so the City needed to respond. Mr. Consolo said the number of calls had been a strain on the City’s Police Department resources and that of the neighboring communities. He said the City thought it was important to object for the neighborhood.

Mr. Consolo said the other objection was filed regarding the liquor license transfer application submitted by a business known as The Daiquiri Faktory. He said this business had applied to the City to operate a breakfast restaurant.

Mr. Consolo said the City was concerned that it had been over a year and a half since the Applicant had applied to the Planning and Zoning Commission, but there had not been any business activity. Mr. Consolo said he had a lengthy discussion with the owners and was informed that the plan for a breakfast restaurant was still going forward. He said the Applicant was requesting the liquor license to be able to serve mimosas, etc. at Sunday Brunch. Mr. Consolo said the business had no intention to be a night club or bar and that the business will be opening in the spring of 2023. Mr. Consolo said that based upon this information the City has withdrawn its objection to the issuance of this liquor license.

Mr. Consolo concluded his report by advising everyone that the City and the City’s Law Department had nothing to do with the issuance of liquor licenses. He said this was strictly the responsibility of the State of Ohio. Mr. Consolo said the City can only object to the issuance or transfer of a liquor license. Mr. Consolo said every liquor license in Ohio comes up for renewal every October and the cities have a certain period of time to file any objections against the renewals.

Police Department –Police Chief Todd Hansen reported that the Police Department has responded to a total of close to 18,000 calls for service to date. He said the Police Department call volume last month averaged about 90 calls per day which was higher than the call average of low 70s per day a few month ago. The Police Chief said Police Department personnel averaged

about 5 reports a day, 9 tickets per day and made a couple of arrests. He also reported that the Police Department and took 8 guns off the streets last month.

Police Chief Hansen announced that the Police Department swore in to (2) new Officers today who will be starting on September 19th and September 20th.

The Police Chief said he recently participated in the Coffee With a Cop that was held at the Northfield Road McDonald's and also had lunch with the Seniors at the Maple Heights Senior Center.

Police Chief Hansen said two (2) big events would be happening for the Police Department including the State Jail Inspection and the LEAD Audit which was done every three (3) years. He said this audit was more technical operations.

The Police Chief announced the Citizens Police Academy classes will be starting next week with Garfield Heights. He said over twenty (20) people were registered, split 50/50 between Maple Heights and Garfield Heights.

The Police Chief concluded his report by announcing that the Police Department had three (3) authorized overtime details in Districts 5 and 4 which did well.

Mr. Jackson asked if the violations were for speeding, running STOP signs or other moving violations.

In response, Police Chief Hansen said Waterbury Avenue had more speeding citations and Raymond Street had more STOP sign citations.

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

The City of Maple Heights Community Garage Sale will be held from Thursday, September 8th through Sunday, September 11th. She said approximately sixty (60) households will be participating.

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.

Tuesday, September 20th will be National Voter Registration Day and staff from Cuyahoga County Board of Elections will be at the Senior Center from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to help residents with voter registration forms, to apply for absentee ballots, change mailing addresses, etc.

Mrs. Vopat concluded her report by introducing Mr. David Gregg from Kokosing Materials who was in attendance at tonight's meeting to present the City with a donation for the Maple Heights Food Pantry.

Mr. Gregg said the company and its nine (9) employees recently held their Annual Food Drive that included a company match of two times the employee contributions for a total contribution of \$5,600.00 for the Food Pantry. Mr. Gregg said Kokosing also worked with some of their local customers including Cunningham Paving and Valejo Paving and raised almost \$2,000.00 more for a total donation of \$7,400.00.

Mrs Vopat thanked Mr. Gregg and Kokosing Materials for this generous donation.

Mayor Blackwell also thanked the company for this donation.

Finance Department – Finance Director Ms. Tinita Tillman reported that the Finance Department closed the month of August, 2022 with an unexpended balance in the General Fund of \$8,158,100.52 and an unexpended balance for all funds of \$20,122,259.79. Ms. Tillman said the City has continued to be reconciled and that the monthly financial reports were sent out on September 2, 2022.

Ms. Tillman said the Finance Department has also been working on more transparency to let the community know what the City was doing with its finances. Ms. Tillman said residents will be seeing more information on social media. She said as required under Sect. 240.02(b) of the Codified Ordinances she will be posting two (2) easy to read comparison reports, one for the City income received and one for the expenditures. Ms. Tillman said these were required to be monthly reports and that as of today the reports from December 2018 to August 2022 including all revenues and expenditures were now located on the City website. Ms. Tillman said these reports can be located at the bottom of the Finance Department Page under Monthly List.

Ms. Tillman said Ohio Checkbook was another program to help cities to be more transparent and show local spending. Ms. Tillman said this program used a single transaction level. Ms. Tillman said she was working with representatives from the State of Ohio Auditors to create a link on the City website.

Ms. Tillman concluded her report by announcing that the 2021 audit had been completed and the City received another clean audit. She said the auditors made some recommendations, but there were no reportable conditions. Ms. Tillman said the Audit Exit Conference will be scheduled for September 12, 2022. She said this meeting allowed City officials to hear the audit results directly from the State auditors so that nothing can be changed by the City.

Service Department – Service Director Mr. Bob Gorentz announced that the Service Department hired two (2) new employees, Michael Perry and Tony Ciresi as Assistant Service Director.

Mr. Gorentz said Service Department road crews used approximately 70 tons of hot patch for pothole repairs which did not include cold patch that was also still being used.

Mr. Gorentz reported that the Service Department has also started the Cleveland Water Department (CWD) dig jobs throughout the City.

Mr. Gorentz said the City's trash collection and disposal contract with Waste Management included the use of four (4) forty (40) yard dumpsters for the year. He said the Service Department has already used all these dumpsters for trash collected from move-outs and illegal dumping. Mr. Gorentz said the City will need to pay for additional dumpsters to the end of the year.

Mr. Gorentz said the City Hall elevator project was progressing and said he hoped it will be ready for use.

Mr. Gorentz reported that the City recently had a problem with the gas pump at the Service Garage and thanked Ms. Tillman for her help to secure a temporary fuel tank.

Mr. Gorentz concluded his report by stating that the demolition work at Stafford Park was progressing. He said the ballfield demolition was mostly completed and that the demolition work on Safety Town would be starting.

Planning and Development Department: Planning and Development Director Mr. Joe Duffy announced that the Planning and Development Department had issued a Request for Proposals (RFP's) regarding the vacant property formerly known as Petitti Garden Center. He said this was an exploratory process to see what potential uses will be offered for this site. Mr. Duffy said the period to submit RFP's will be open through October 16, 2022.

Mr. Duffy said the Planning and Development Department has continued to partner with the SBA Loan Program to offer small business loans up to \$50,000.00. He said these loans were geared to entrepreneurs and that the City currently had two (2) applications. Mr. Duffy said the City also participated with the SBA for training programs.

Mr. Duffy concluded his report by thanking the Members of Council who attended the Hazelwood Court groundbreaking. Mr. Duffy said he looked forward to this project that was a \$14 million-dollar investment in our community.

Mr. Shenett asked Mr. Duffy if the SBA grant or loan program was still ongoing.

Mr. Duffy said there were not that many SBA grants, but the SBA loan program was ongoing and that applications were still available.

Mr. Shenett asked if Mr. Duffy could send this information to Council.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Ms. Pauline Bufford residing at 20726 Bowling Green Avenue said that with all the fast food restaurants on Warrensville Center Road she was not able to get in because cars to Popeye's were in the middle of the street. Ms. Bufford also complained that she did not get change back from her order from KFC.

Ms. Bell of 5354 Elmwood Avenue asked if the Service Department could repair the number of deep potholes at Hollywood, Beechwood and Elmwood Avenues.

In response, Service Director Gorentz said he would talk with the resident after the meeting to get additional information regarding this problem.

LEGISLATION:

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.

Ms. Madden 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.

Mr. Shenett said as he had discussed in Caucus, this change concerned only one Section of the 220 Rules regarding Committee Composition at the first instance and then follow-up with the Council President and Pro Temp if need be. Mr. Shenett said it was intention that everything else already voted on at the last meeting would be kept.

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

Mr. Consolo reminded Council that the rules were not suspended, so the second vote will be for passage, but not on emergency.

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: Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: No; Tatum: No Anderson: No; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: No. The motion for adoption failed by the vote of three (3) ayes to four (4) nays. Ordinance No. 2022-68 failed.

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.

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.

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: Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: 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. 2022-70

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.

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: Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: 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. 2022-71

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.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: 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. 2022-79

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE UNIMPROVED RESIDENTIAL LOT OWNED BY THE CITY AT 5250 THOMAS STREET, PPN 781-28-013, IS NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

There being no objections, this Resolution was passed by Unanimous Consent of Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-80

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE UNIMPROVED RESIDENTIAL LOT OWNED BY THE CITY ON ADAMS AVENUE, PPN 784-10-070, IS NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

There being no objections, this Resolution was passed by Unanimous Consent of Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-81

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE UNIMPROVED RESIDENTIAL LOT OWNED BY THE CITY AT 19500 RAYMOND STREET, PPN 782-08-029, IS NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

There being no objections, this Resolution was passed by Unanimous Consent of Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-82

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

Mayor Blackwell asked Council to support this Ordinance because it was important for the City to establish the Central Business District (CBD) to attract businesses and simplify the zoning process.

Mr. Shenett said he concurred with the Mayor and also supported this legislation. Mr. Shenett thanked Planning and Development Director Duffy, Law Director Consolo and the Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission for doing their due diligence to understand how these changes may affect current property owners.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions of discussion. There being no further questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules. On the motion to suspend the rules and pass this 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: Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: 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. 2022-83

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DC REMODELING, LLC TO SELL ONE (1) VACANT LOT LOCATED AT 14117 KREMS AVENUE (PPN 785-01-180) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND SALE OF A SINGLE FAMILY, OWNER-OCCUPIED HOME ON THE PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Blackwell asked that this Resolution be withdrawn.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-84

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.

Mayor Blackwell said she was happy about this program designed to address climate control, greenhouse gas emissions, etc. The Mayor said Maple Heights will be the new City to join this program and said this was another step to build the City.

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

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

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

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: 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. 2022-85

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

This Resolution was on First Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-86

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

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

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

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: 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. 2022-87

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE HANSEN-WATSON-RAYMOND ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution was on First Reading.

EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000.00:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Blackwell said she was pleased with the donation from Kokosing and that this company has continued to donate to the City. The Mayor said she was grateful for the donation that will continue to help the Food Pantry by improving the offerings to the residents such as including personal hygiene products.

The Mayor said the City had an awesome financial report and that the City was working on transparency. She said it was important to share these financial reports with residents and businesses so people can see what the City was doing with the income taxes and property taxes they pay and also how the local government fund (LGF) and grant revenue were being used. Mayor Blackwell said businesses look these reports to decide if they want to do business with the City. The Mayor said a "smart" City will smartly use money through grants, state funding and taxes.

Mayor Blackwell said she was pleased and honored to swear in two (2) new Police Officers today and that she was excited that these new Officer bring the Police Department to 32 Officers. The Mayor said tomorrow she will be swearing in two (2) new Firefighters who were lateral transfers.

The Mayor said the City was constantly working to improve Stafford Park and that the Fitness Trails will be added.

Mayor Blackwell said she was excited about the new house on Greendale Avenue that sold for \$240,000.00. She said ten (10) more new homes were being built that would be "in-fill" housing. The Mayor said the City was looking for new ideas for use of the Petitti property and was trying to diversify its housing stock. Mayor Blackwell said this also increase comparable sales.

Mayor Blackwell said with the number of calls for service the City needed to grow its safety forces. She said businesses look at the amenities of the City including its safety forces and opportunities for recreation. The Mayor said the City was considering what to do with Safety Town. She said the City wanted to make Stafford Park a destination park. Mayor Blackwell said it was the largest park in the City and historical. The Mayor said it was hoped that the

Firemen's Gazebo at Stafford Park can be rebuilt. She said another consideration was the tree canopy which would help with climate control and keep the City clean.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7 announced that the next Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Distribution will be held this Friday, September 9, 2022 starting at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 5345 Warrensville Center Road, next door to Beauty Exchange.

Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, District said there were a couple of concerns with landscaping work being done on main streets. He said landscape contractors were parking on main streets and that this has been brought to the attention of the City. Mr. Shenett said one accident occurred when a vehicle hit the back of the landscaper's vehicle. He said one incident on Turney Road turned into road rage. He said vehicles were parking where it was prohibited.

Mr. Shenett thanked the Building Department and Mr. Duffy for their assistance with a yard citation. Mr. Shenett said Mr. Duffy gave a detailed response to the resident.

Mr. Shenett said he was pleased with the resurfacing and street repairs in his District and that he has been working with Mr. Hren regarding the timeframe for this project. He said the timeframe has been extended and that the Rowena resurfacing should be done by Monday. Mr. Shenett said there have been some tree lawns where the grass had not grown-in well, similar to the problem on Dunham Road.

Mr. Shenett concluded his report by saying that he recently had a scary medical episode that allowed him to think about the public service work he has been able to accomplish. Mr. Shenett said he worked closely with his church and has tried to use his gifts. Mr. Shenett said he had a vision to do some public service work and he thanked God for this vision and looked forward to be able to participate in other projects .

Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2 said Council passed **Resolution No. 2022-71** certifying the assessment for grass and weed control which totaled \$65,000.00. Ms. Jones said she will ride her district and let homeowners know that they have the opportunity to pay these outstanding invoices up to Noon on Monday, September 12th so their property taxes will not be assessed.

Ms. Jones said she had a very challenging complaint in her District regarding a cat problem. Ms. Jones thanked the Building Department and Service Department, especially the Animal Warden, for their assistance with this problem. She said the problem occurred because pets had been left behind when people moved out. She said there was information available on social media that has helped everyone to work through this issue. Ms. Jones thanked those in the community who were willing to adopt the cats once they had been spayed and neutered. Ms. Jones said she has learned to be a mediator as a result of this problem.

Councilman Timothy Tatum, District 3 thanked the Building Department regarding a multitude of issues with contractors cutting down branches for utility companies. He also thanked the Service Department for their help.

Mr. Tatum said he would be asking the Police Department for a speed patrol on E. 141st Street.

Mr. Tatum concluded his report by announcing that there will be a Town Hall Meeting with District 2 and a District 3 Senior Tea Party.

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, District 4 said that last month the District 4 Unity in the Community Block Party was successful. She said there were live bands, resources vendors and food. Ms. Anderson thanked the Human Services Department and the Maple Heights Library for the children's arts and crafts. Ms. Anderson said this was a good opportunity for residents to get together

Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5 thanked Dedicated Seniors for their support of the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Distribution last month. She said one of their volunteers went above and beyond when a resident had a flat tire and the volunteer changed it for her. Ms. Madden said they were truly Dedicated.

Ms. Madden also thanked the Service Department for their help in her district.

Ms. Madden said it was good to hear from residents and asked residents in her District reach out to her with any concerns they have. She said it was important that residents let Council people know so their Council person can help.

Councilman Richard Trojanski, District 6 thanked everyone who participated in the District 6 Back to School Supplies Drive. He also thanked the Maple Heights Regional Library for being a partner in this event.

Mr. Trojanski announced that he will be holding District 6 Office Hours on Thursday, September 29th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Northfield Road McDonald's. Mr. Trojanski said this will be an opportunity for residents to connect and discuss any concerns they may have.

Mr. Trojanski announced that the next District 6 Community Clean -Up Day will be Held on Saturday, October 8th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and more details will be forthcoming.

Mr. Trojanski concluded his report by thanking State Rep. Davis, D-11 for attending tonight's meeting.

Council President Ron Jackson thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and reminded everyone to Save the Date for the Joint State of the City and State of the Schools Address to be held on Tuesday, September 27th at Milkovich Middle School at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Passed: September 21, 2022 ATTEST:

S/S

Leonette Cicirella Johnson Clerk of Council