

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

**Maple Height Senior Center**

**October 19, 2022**

**MEETING CAUCUS**

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. with the following Council members present: Jackson, Shenett, Tatum, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Councilwoman Jones 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, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Assistant Service Director Tony Ciresi, Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy, City Engineer Ed Hren and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson.

Mr. Jackson said that Councilman Tatum would have the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance for tonight's meeting. He said there would not be a Finance Committee Report tonight.

Mr. Jackson said that if there were no objections from Council the Addendum would be added to the Agenda for tonight's meeting. There were no objections. He also said that all of the Department Reports, with the exception of the Finance Department Report, would be suspended.

Moving to the Legislation on tonight's Agenda, Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-91** authorizing the easement for public sanitary sewer facilities over private properties on Schreiber Road was on second reading at tonight's meeting. He asked if there were any questions regarding this legislation.

Councilman Shenett asked City Engineer Ed Hren if this easement involved more than one (1) property and if it was the same property that had recently been approved for a lot consolidation by the Planning and Zoning Commission which Mr. Hren responded in the affirmative. Mr. Hren said the easement involved four (4) separate parcels on Schreiber Road owned by three (3) different property owners.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions from Council. There being no other questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked Council to pass this Resolution ton emergency at tonight's meeting.

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

Mr. Jackson advised the Clerk to also add him as a Co-Sponsor.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-93** would authorize the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement for a 2024 Life Line "chassis swap" to refurbish the Fire Department's 2016 Rescue Squad No. 1. Mr. Jackson asked Finance Director Tillman to discuss this legislation. In response, Ms. Tillman said she would defer to Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas said that when the City purchased the 2016 ambulance it ordered an ambulance that used the “replaceable-box” concept which meant this part of the ambulance would not need to be replaced if the other part of the chassis needed replacement. The Fire Chief said the box on Rescue Squad No. 1 is in very good condition, but there is concern that the truck currently in service has over 100,000 miles on it. Fire Chief Kavaliunas said another concern was that within a year the emission standards will increase the cost of operation.

The Fire Chief said that the Fire Department will need to wait a year to get the new chassis so the replacement time would be after January 1, 2024, but that the order needed to be placed now though.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas said Life Line was the manufacturer of the vehicle and that Pfund Superior sales Co., Inc. was an authorized dealer for the manufacturer. He said the Fire Department has also purchased other vehicles from the company.

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

Mr. Jackson asked Ms. Tillman if there were funds available in the Fire Department budget for this expenditure.

In response, Ms. Tillman said this will be an expenditure for 2024 so it will not be budgeted for 2023 unless a deposit was needed for this order. Ms. Tillman reiterated that this agreement needed to be approved now though, so the order can get started.

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

Moving to **Resolution No. 2022-94**, Mr. Jackson said this Resolution authorized the Mayor to give consent to the Director of Transportation to complete the Municipal Bridge inspection Program for the City. He asked if there were any questions on this legislation. There being no questions, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this Resolution at tonight’s meeting. Mr. Jackson said he wanted to reiterate that this inspection program would be at no-cost to the City.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-95** authorized an agreement with YRM Corp. to sell three (3) vacant City-owned parcels on Tokay Avenue for the construction and sale of a single family, owner-occupied home on each property. He asked if there were any questions or comments on this Resolution.

Councilman Tatum asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. Jackson advised the Clerk to also add him as a Co-Sponsor.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions regarding **Ordinance No. 2022-96** providing for Amendment No. 5 dated October 19, 2022 of the annual appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022 which had been discussed at the recent Finance Committee Meeting. There were no questions from Council.

Ms. Tillman requested that Council pass this Ordinance on emergency at tonight's meeting since several items in the amendment were needed to meet certain appropriations and that the other part of the amended appropriations were the estimated amendments to carry the budget through December.

Mr. Jackson said if there were no objections from Council, he would request that Council vote on **Ordinance No. 2022-96** at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2022-97** proclaiming October 2022 Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City had been added by Addendum. He asked if there were any questions from Council. There were no questions. Mr. Jackson said if there were no objections he would ask Council to vote on this Resolution tonight.

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 6:43 p.m.

### **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Council members present: Jackson, Shenett, Tatum, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Councilwoman Jones 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, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Assistant Service Director Tony Ciresi, Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. City Engineer Ed Hren was absent and excused.

Councilman Timothy Tatum gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson called the roll.

**ADDENDUM:** There being no objections, the Addendum was added to the Agenda for tonight's meeting.

**MINUTES:** There were no Minutes for review at tonight's meeting.

**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 yielded his time for Department Reports to the Finance Department.

**Law Department** – Assistant Law Director Mr. John Thomas yielded his time for Department Reports to the Finance Department.

**Police Department** – Police Chief Todd Hansen yielded his time for Department Reports to the Finance Department.

**Human Services Department** – Human Services Director Mrs. Linda Vopat yielded her time for Department Reports to the Finance Department.

**Service Department** – Acting Service Director Mr. Tony Ciresi yielded his time for Department Reports to the Finance Department.

**Planning and Development Director:** Planning and Development Director Mr. Joe Duffy yielded his time for Department Reports to the Finance Department.

**Finance Department** – Mayor Blackwell said at the last Council Meeting Finance Director Ms. Tinita Tillman had announced that the City had been awarded the State Auditor’s Clean Audit Award and asked Ms. Tillman to introduce her staff in the Finance Department.

Ms. Tillman thanked the Mayor and said it was very rewarding to be recognized by the State Auditor for having a clean audit. She said the staff in the Finance Department worked hard to accomplish this task. Ms. Tillman introduced the following Finance Department employees and gave a brief description of their job duties:

Mr. Carl Macey, Payroll Administrator; responsible for processing all payroll for City staff and officials and also assists with special projects;

Ms. Jennel Liederbach, Administrative Assistant/Office Manager for the Finance Department; also covers the City Hall Information Window and inputs receipts

Ms. Doreen Jordan, Accountant; responsible for approving payroll, receipts and accounts payable;

Ms. Oneamia Ramsey, Purchasing Agent; responsible for processing expenditures and payments to vendors. Ms. Tillman said Ms. Ramsey was not able to attend tonight’s meeting due to illness.

At this time Mayor Blackwell introduced the Honorable State Senator Kenny Yuko, D-25.

Senator Yuko commended the Mayor for the hard work and fiscal responsibility demonstrated by the City to get out of fiscal emergency, especially during the pandemic. He said despite the problems caused by the pandemic the City continued to move uphill. Senator Yuko said it was his pleasure to present to the Mayor and Ms. Tillman a State of Ohio Senatorial Proclamation for the State Auditor’s Clean Audit Award.

Ms. Tillman thanked Sen. Yuko for the Proclamation and said she had looked forward to this day. Ms. Tillman said this success was a collective effort with her Department Staff, Council approving legislation and meetings with the Mayor, Directors and Department Heads.

Since State of Ohio Auditor Keith Faber was still not present at tonight's meeting Mr. Jackson moved to the next Item on the Agenda, Citizens' Comments. He said Council would suspend the Citizens' Comments when Mr. Faber arrived.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

Mr. Eric Patterson residing at 18200 Knoll Road said he had attended the District 7 Block Watch Meeting and a number of residents at the meeting had complaints about trees on their tree lawns. Mr. Patterson said he drove on various streets and took pictures of the trees that looked dead or diseased. He said many of these trees were on properties where elderly residents lived.

Mr. Patterson said at the last Council Meeting the Mayor said the City was responsible for dead or diseased trees. He asked what will be done to clear these trees.

In response, Mayor Blackwell asked Assistant Service Director Ciresi to answer this inquiry.

Mr. Ciresi said that he has spoken with the Mayor and Law Director regarding this issue. He said the Service Department did not have the equipment or the personnel with the expertise to remove these trees. Mr. Ciresi said he also talked with the Finance Director to request funding for this work for this year and also for next year. Mr. Ciresi said he has received tree calls from every Councilperson and has recommended that the City create a Tree Commission to address this issue.

Ms. Pearl Means of 5422 Elmwood Avenue said that last week with the storm they lost power because the wires fell because of a tree. Ms. Means said on Friday and Saturday there was no wind or rain but their power went out again. She said the repairman from The Illuminating Co. advised her again that the City needed to fix this problem with the trees. Ms. Means said she brought this problem up over a year ago and that a tree on Beechwood fell into their yards.

In response, Mayor Blackwell thanked the resident for bringing this problem to the City's attention. The Mayor said the City was in the process of finding a new Service Director since Mr. Gorentz left after only six (6) months and that the City was in need of Service Department employees. She said it has been difficult to hire and retain employees. Mayor Blackwell said the City will need employees for tree work, leaf collection and snow removal. She said the loss of staff and change in staff has been challenging. The Mayor asked Mr. Ciresi to review this complaint.

Mr. Jackson suspended the Citizens' Comments at 7:21 p.m. upon the arrival of State of Ohio Auditor Keith Faber.

Mayor Blackwell introduced State Auditor Keith Faber and his Assistant.

Mr. Faber thanked Mayor Blackwell and said this was another good day for the City of Maple Heights. He also thanked Sen. Kenny Yuko for his service in the State Legislature.

At this time Mr. Faber presented Mayor Blackwell and Finance Director Tillman with the 2022 State Auditor's Clean Audit Award. He said this honor was only given to the top 10% of the cities and government agencies that the State Auditor's Office audited. Mr. Faber said good books and records made for a good audit and that this was a team sport. Mr. Faber said everyone in the City needed to work together to achieve this recognition. He said it was an achievement for the City to go from fiscal emergency to receiving a Clean Audit Award.

Mayor Blackwell thanked Mr. Faber for his department's support and assistance during the City's fiscal emergency and for now putting the City in positive news. The Mayor also thanked Sen. Yuko for his support and for the capital funding the City has received from the State.

Mr. Faber said the residents of Ohio deserved good government and thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to present this award to the City.

Ms. Tillman thanked her staff and City personnel for their assistance to be able to earn this award. She also thanked her husband and family for their support and understanding when she had to work late to get her job done.

Mr. Jackson returned to the Citizens' Comments at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Robert Gillette of 5228 Camden Road asked the two (2) Chiefs to come forward and said that on behalf of the Bedford Eagles he wanted to present to Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas and Police Chief Todd Hansen each a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Ms. Alfreda Abbadini residing at 15800 Evening Star Avenue said that on behalf of the Bedford Eagles she also wanted to present a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Mrs. Vopat and Jaimie for the Maple Heights Food Pantry.

In response, Police Chief Hansen thanked the Eagles and said these residents always attend the Council Meetings and that the Eagles organization has always been great partners to the City.

In response, Fire Chief Kavaliunas also thanked the Eagles for this donation and said that it was really overwhelming. The Chief said the donation will certainly be put to good use.

In response, Mrs. Vopat thanked the Eagles for this donation and said that the Eagles have been instrumental in the starting of the Food Pantry back in 2008.

## **LEGISLATION:**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-91**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE EASEMENT DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES OVER PRIVATE PROPERTIES ON SCHREIBER ROAD IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Shenett 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: Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: 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. 2022-93**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PFUND SUPERIOR SALES CO., INC., THE MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR LIFE LINE, FOR A 2024 LIFE LINE "CHASSIS SWAP" TO REFURBISH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 2016 LIFE LINE RESCUE SQUAD NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$173,560.00), 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: Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: 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. 2022-94**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GIVE CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE THE MUNICIPAL BRIDGE**

**INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR 2023 AS NEEDED IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), 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: Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: 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. 2022-95**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH YRM CORP TO SELL THREE (3) VACANT LOTS LOCATED AT 15015 TOKAY AVENUE (PPN 785-04-094); 14223 TOKAY AVENUE (PPN 785-03-065); AND TOKAY AVENUE (PPN 785-04-083) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND SALE OF A SINGLE FAMILY, OWNER-OCCUPIED HOME ON EACH PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Tatum 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.

Mayor Blackwell said this developer was the same developer that built a new home in District 2 that sold for over \$240,000.00. She said this was an incentive for the developer to build other homes. The Mayor said the developer will break ground for these homes in the spring.

Mr. Shenett said this was awesome news, but that he had a question regarding the last parcel listed in the legislation. Mr. Shenett asked why the last parcel only had a parcel number and not a specific address.

In response, Mr. Duffy said these were land bank parcels that were generally not listed with an address. He said this parcel will have an address assigned by the County after the home was built.



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: Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: 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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-96**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT NO. 5 DATED OCTOBER 19, 2022 OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Trojanski 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: Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: 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. 2022-97**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2022 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 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.

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: Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: 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.

**EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000.00:**

Mr. Jackson said there were no **Expenditures over \$25,000.00 or Disclosures of Purchases Orders over \$10,000.00** to be reviewed at tonight's meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** No Report.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Councilman Timothy Tatum, District 3** thanked everyone who attended the District 2 and District 3 Town Hall Meeting.

Mr. Tatum said announced that the road work on Brunswick, Krems, and Corridon in District 3 was completed and that he wanted to remind everyone to attend the Fall Festival to be held On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Milkovich Middle School.

Mr. Tatum said he wanted recognized the Fire Department for their assistance at a fire at a building in Garfield Heights where he happened to be when the fire occurred.

Mr. Tatum concluded his report by reminding residents to check their furnaces and also to check the batteries in their smoke detectors.

**Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, District 4** announced that the Community Life and Education Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Malkovich Middle School. She said that there will be something for everyone, including a costume contest, food and candy.

Ms. Anderson reminded residents not to park their vehicles on the streets, especially when the cars will block the trash container on rubbish day.

Ms. Anderson said some residents who attended the District 4 and District 6 Town Hall Meeting yesterday were interested in a District 4 Block Watch Meeting. She said the date for this meeting will be forthcoming.

**Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5** said she would yield the time for her Council report to Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas so he could give the residents of District 5 an update on an issue regarding the smell of gas in the area.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas said that over the past couple of days the Fire Department has received numerous calls from residents reporting the smell of gas. He said residents needed to be able to distinguish between the smell of natural gas and the smell of gasoline. . The Fire Chief said residents were smelling gasoline and that the problem was traced to the Valero gas station on the corner of Lee road and Maple Heights Boulevard.

The Fire Chief said that within the last 48 hours the State Fire Marshal and the NEORSD has been contacted about this problem. He said the gas station had hired a mitigation company to find the source of the leak and make the necessary repairs. Fire Chief Kavaliunas said it would be closed until the repairs have been completed.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas advised residents to run the water in their sinks and bathtubs if they smelled gasoline in their homes. He said this will clear the problem. The Chief also reminded residents to call the Fire department if they had any other questions or concerns.

Ms. Madden thanked Fire Chief Kavaliunas for his update regarding this issue.

**Councilman Richard Trojanski, District 6** reported that the street resurfacing project for Hansen, Watson and Raymond was nearing completion.

Mr. Trojanski said the joint District 4 and District 6 Town Hall Meeting was well-attended and that he wanted to thank Mayor Blackwell, Council President Jackson, Chief Hansen and Mr. Duffy for attending.

Mr. Trojanski announced that on October 26<sup>th</sup> the Public Works and Safety Committee will be sponsoring a Community Forum on Domestic Violence at the maple Heights Library and that there will be a Public Works on Safety Committee on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 7.

**Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7** said that tonight she wanted to introduce recipient of the District 7 Scholarship Award. Ms. Agee presented Benjamin Welch with the 2022 District 7 Scholarship Award and Proclamation.

Mr. Welch thanked Ms. Agee for this award and said that she had always supported him and his family. The recipient's mother also thanked Ms. Agee for this award presented to her son and for all her support and assistance to their family over the years. Mrs. Welch also thanked Fire Chief Kavaliunas for his assistance when a car crashed into their house and Police Chief Hansen for the Shop with a Cop event. Mrs. Welch also thanked Mrs. Vopat for assistance her family received from the City when Benjamin was a baby. She said it was reassuring to know that everyone in the City was committed to making the community a better place. Mrs. Welch also thanked Ms. Agee for encouraging young people like this because if they do not have people to encourage them, they will not have anything to strive for.

Ms. Agee concluded her report with a second presentation with the assistance of Mr. Shenett and Ms. Madden. The Council Members presented Ms. Tillman with a bouquet of roses in recognition of a wonder job that earned the City the Clean Audit Award. Ms. Agee said Ms. Tillman and her work was truly appreciated.

In response, Ms. Tillman said she believed in consistency so she thanked her staff, her husband and family, the Mayor and Mr. Consolo again.

**Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, District 1** said he wanted to remind everyone that the Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and that on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> Trunk or Treat will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Stafford Park. He said the Trunk or Treat festivities will include a costume parade for the children, a magic show and candy and treats.

**Council President Ron Jackson** reminded everyone that the City will be observing Halloween on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. so please be careful with the children being out.

Mr. Jackson said the City was winning as the Mayor said, especially with the number of grants and donations received by the City and now this award from the State Auditor.

Mr. Jackson thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Approved: November 2, 2022

ATTEST:

S/S Leonette Cicirella Johnson Clerk of Council