

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

Maple Height Senior Center

November 16, 2022

MEETING CAUCUS

Council President Pro Temp Trojanski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following Council members present: Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Councilman Shenett arrived at 6:34 p.m. Council President Jackson was absent and excused. Also present were Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Law Director Frank Consolo, Ex. Lt. Brian Kevern on behalf of Police Chief Todd Hansen, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Assistant Service Director Tony Ciresi, Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy, Devin Edwards on behalf of City Engineer Ed Hren and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Trojanski said **Ordinance No. 2022-103** repealing Sect. 260.23 of the MH Codified Ordinances concerning compensation, fringe benefits and pension pick-up for safety personnel was on Second Reading and asked Law Director Consolo to discuss this legislation.

In response, Mr. Consolo requested that this Ordinance remain on Second Reading at tonight's meeting. He said the Administration was not asking that Council discuss it or vote on it tonight.

Mr. Trojanski said **Ordinance No. 2022-104** providing for the final amended appropriation for fiscal year 2022 would be on First Reading at tonight's meeting. He announced that a Finance Committee Meeting had tentatively been scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mr. Trojanski said **Ordinance No. 2022-105** approving the 2023 Budget would also be on First Reading tonight and discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2022-106** authorizing the contract for the Southwest Sewer District Dunham Road Project, Mr. Trojanski asked Mr. Edwards from Chagrin Valley Engineering (CVE) to discuss this legislation.

In response, Mr. Edwards said this legislation would authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Co, the lowest and best bidder for this project at a cost not to exceed \$299,525.00).

Mayor Blackwell asked Mr. Edwards to explain why it was requested that this legislation be passed on emergency. Mr. Edwards said the request for emergency passage was predicated on the contractor's requested start date of December 15, 2022 for this project. He said the time for completion of this project was indicated to be 45 days which would meet the project scheduling and be completed before the resurfacing of Dunham Road currently scheduled for Spring and Summer of 2023.

Mr. Trojanski asked if there were any other questions from Council. There being no other questions or discussion, Mr. Trojanski asked Mr. Edwards to discuss **Ordinance No. 2022-107** regarding the contract with Cuyahoga County to resurface Lee Road.

Mr. Edwards said this Ordinance would authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with Cuyahoga County for the resurfacing of Lee Road, Phase 1 from Broadway Avenue to Libby Road. He said this County program was a 50/50 Funding Program under which the County will contribute 50% of the cost of construction up to the maximum amount of \$250,000.00 for the resurfacing of this County road. Mr. Edwards said the total estimated construction cost was approximately \$695,000.0, so the City would be seeking other funding to cover the remaining construction costs.

Mr. Trojanski asked if there were any questions or comments from Council regarding this legislation.

Councilman Madden asked Mr. Edwards when would this project start. In response, Mr. Edwards said once Council approved this Ordinance the City Engineer would begin the preparation of plans and specifications to bid the project by the Fall of 2023 while seeking additional funding for the construction portion of the project.

Ms. Madden asked if the construction work could begin by Summer of 2024, to which Mr. Edwards responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Trojanski asked if there was any other discussion on **Ordinance No. 2022-107**.

Mayor Blackwell asked Mr. Edwards if he could give a description of the scope of Phase 1 of the Lee Road Project. In response, Mr. Edwards said he was not familiar with this phase of the project, but he would ask Mr. Hen to send an e-mail to Council and Administrative Staff describing this project.

Mr. Trojanski **Resolution No. 2022-108** would authorize the Mayor and Administrative Staff to submit an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funding and asked Mr. Edwards to discuss this Resolution.

In response, Mr. Edwards said this grant application would use the requested funding for the Stafford Park Restoration Project, Phase 2. He said the amount of this grant was \$150,000.00.

Mr. Trojanski asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding this legislation. There were no questions or discussion.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2022-109** authorizing the Mayor and Administrative Staff to submit an application for Community Development Supplemental Grant (CDSG) Program funding, Mr. Trojanski asked Mr. Edwards to discuss this Resolution. In response, Mr. Edwards said this legislation was similar to the previous Resolution, except that it was authorizing application to the CDSG Grant Program. Mr. Edwards said he would defer to Planning and Development Director Duffy to discuss this legislation in more detail.

Mr. Duffy said that in early November, he and City Engineer Ed Hren held the required Public Hearing to discuss and receive public input for potential CDBG and CDSG projects. Mr. Duffy said they received a lot of feedback to continue the City's Exterior Home Repair Grant Program with CDSG funding. He said a lot of people wanted this program to be offered again next year.

Mr. Trojanski asked if there were any questions for Mr. Duffy.

Councilwoman Jones asked if the dollar amount of the CDSG grant was \$50,000.00, to which Mr. Duffy responded in the affirmative. He said if the City received this \$50,000.00 grant it would be matched by \$50,000.00 from the City for a total of \$100,000.00 for the Exterior Home Repair Grant Program. Mr. Duffy said the maximum amount of CDBG funding was \$150,000.00.

Councilman Shenett said he was excited about the continuation of the Exterior Home Repair Grant Program and asked Mr. Duffy what had his Department learned that could make the program better.

Mr. Duffy said there were still one (1) or two (2) grants nearing completion under the current program and that it has been decided that it was important to give information more clearly at the beginning of the program, especially regarding program eligibility, deadlines, etc. He said it may also be beneficial to target the types of projects accepted under the program and to concentrate on the contractor-selection process. Mr. Duffy said it was important to assist residents to find the appropriate contractor for their project.

Mr. Shenett said he was happy to hear that these issues were being addressed for the next year. Mr. Shenett said he was concerned for his residents to get the correct information.

Mr. Duffy said the City would view the Exterior Home Repair Grant Program through the lens of continuous improvement.

Mr. Trojanski asked if there were any other questions from Council. There being were no questions, Mr. Trojanski aid Council would move on to **Ordinance No. 2022-110** regarding the authorized pay schedule for non-bargaining unit employees for 2022.

Mayor Blackwell asked if Mr. Consolo would discuss this Ordinance.

Mr. Consolo said this legislation was another amendment to the 2022 authorized pay schedule to add three (3) new positions recommended by the Mayor including IT Administrator, Service Department Coordinator and Community Development Manager. He said this legislation also amends the pay range schedule for the Finance Director, Payroll Coordinator and Animal Warden.

Mr. Consolo said this Ordinance as drafted also eliminated the 2023 2% pay raise schedule because the Mayor was looking to adjust the pay raise to increase it upwards to 4.5% for 2023. He said the Administration will be coming back to Council with another amended pay schedule that will go into effect in 2023 with the increased pay raise. Mr. Consolo said he will be talking

with the seven (7) collective bargaining unit representatives to make this change also for all bargaining unit employees as well.

Mr. Trojanski asked if there were any questions regarding **Ordinance No. 2022-110**.

Mr. Shenett asked if this Ordinance was to the end of this year to which Mr. Consolo responded in the affirmative. He said it added the new positions so that once the positions have been included the City can hire for these positions. Mr. Consolo said it also amended the pay schedule for the Finance Director, Payroll Coordinator and Animal Warden.

Councilwoman Agee said she had a couple of questions regarding this legislation. Ms. Agee asked about pay raises for other employees for 2022. Ms. Agee said starting when this legislation would pass and the new pay schedule would go into effect, would they be getting raises in December. Ms. Agee said the City should do raises for all the employees and asked the Mayor about the pay raise for the Finance Director.

In response, the Mayor said she was hoping to adjust the salary for the Finance Director only since the Finance Department did such a good job and earned the City the State Auditor' Clean Audit Award.

Mayor Blackwell said the Administration was also proposing the IT Administrator position at the suggestion of Ex. Lt. Kevern since this area needed specific expertise. She said the Service Department Coordinator position was created to keep the City's current Animal Warden employed who at the present time was not physically able to handle the duties of that position. The Mayor said this new position in the Service Department would include picking up supplies, running errands, trash container violations, etc. Mayor Blackwell said the Community Development Coordinator would work with Mrs. Vopat under the Senior Development Corp. which has 501(c)(3) non-profit status. She said the Community Development Coordinator would manage the donations received by the Development Corp. The Mayor said funds from the senior levy would still be used for Senior Center operations.

Ms. Agee said Ms. Tillman deserved a raise and that the City should consider other employee raises for 2023. Ms. Agee said Council would need to consider raises to attract and retain employees.

Mr. Shenett said for clarification this Ordinance was creating three (3) new positions and restating the Finance Director salary to give Ms. Tillman a raise or adjust the pay schedule for the Finance Director.

Mr. Consolo said there were two (2) parts to this legislation. He said the first part added three (3) new positions. He said the second part adjusted the pay schedule for three (3) other positions. Mr. Consolo said the Mayor was looking to increase only the Finance Director's pay in 2022.

Mr. Shenett said he understood the City's position that it was trying to be competitive with salaries so employees feel their jobs were valued.

Mr. Trojanski asked if there were any other questions or discussion regarding **Ordinance No. 2022-110**. There were no other questions or comments, Mr. Trojanski asked Mr. Dufy to discuss **Resolution No. 2022-111** authorizing the agreement to sell four (4) vacant lots to Green Oasis USA.

In response, Mr. Duffy said both **Resolutions Nos. 2022-111** and **2022-112** referred to the “Pettiti Garden Center” property site. Mr. Duffy said **Resolution No. 2022-111** concerned the public bids process for the sale of four (4) vacant lots located on Lee Road, Friend Avenue and Lincoln Street. He said the City received numerous RFP (Request for Proposal) inquiries regarding these parcels but only one (1) proposal stood out to the City.

At this time Mr. Duffy introduced Mr. Kareem Abdus-Salaam, President and CEO of Green Oasis USA which was the successful bidder for these lots.

Mr. Abdus-Salaam said his company was not new to Cleveland since they were developing a MLK site on Hough Avenue. He said it was an approximately \$40 million development that Green Oasis was financing through its own firm. At this time Mr. Abdus-Salaam also introduced Mr. Ibrahim Hakki of Hakki Architecture, the architects for the proposed development in Maple Heights and Ms. Stephanie Cole of Green Oasis.

Mr. Abdus-Salaam said they were encouraged by the activity happening in Maple Heights. He said that through the public bid process their corporation paid above-market rate for this property because they wanted to be an anchor here in Maple Heights.

Mr. Abdus-Salaam said the company wanted to advance modern home construction techniques and planned to open a manufacturing facility in the area that would produce components of homes-to-be-assembled across the region. He said their proposal was to hire Maple Heights residents as employees who would be paid \$21.00 per hour as a base plus interest in a company stock plan.

Mr. Abdus-Salaam said Green Oasis was doing the same thing in Florida and South Carolina. He said the company will invest money in the community but will do it strategically. He said they cannot over-value the property because it will negatively impact the surrounding properties already in the area. Mr. Abdus-Salaam said the development was a work in progress.

Mr. Hakki said the areas presently targeted for development in this proposal were in yellow but they will be making changes as necessary. He said the proposed residential development would install townhouses at Greenhurst and Broadway Avenue that would include outdoor living space in addition to the indoor living space. He said this residential development would create a “campus-like” community-oriented project.

Mr. Hakki said the properties on Friend Avenue to Lee Road and Lincoln Street would connect at the backside. He said this proposed development would introduce urban density with townhomes on Henry Street that would be the same basic design.

Mr. Hakki said the Pettiti site would be multi-story, mixed-used residential development that included commercial use on the first floor with the residential use on the second floor.

Mr. Trojanski asked if there were any questions or comments on **Resolutions Nos. 2022-111 and 2022-112**. He said since it was approaching 7:00 p.m. Council would need to close the Caucus Meeting to start the Regular Meeting. He thanked Mr. Abdus-Salaam for attending the meeting tonight to present his company's proposal.

At this time Mr. Shenett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to extend the Caucus Meeting for 10 minutes to allow questions from Council. On the Motion to extend the Caucus Meeting, all voted aye, none opposed.

Ms. Jones said she was impressed with the presentation, but wanted to know if the project would incorporate any green building standards. Ms. Jones said the project would also need to address parking requirements, etc. and asked how far had these issues been investigated.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said this site was the same property that had been considered for the Wallick development. She said Mr. Hren and CVE had shared with Green Oasis the all of the environmental study information. The Mayor said that this presentation was only conceptual and that this project will change. She said another meeting will be needed and the project will also need to be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Review Board.

Mr. Abdus-Salaam said they were not pleased with the current streetscape of the Pettiti's property and will plan to re-do the curbs, the storm drains and other infrastructure work to improve the curb-appeal of the area.

Mr. Shenett said he recognized Mr. Hakki from the Hazelwood Court groundbreaking and asked Mayor Blackwell if there was any connection between this project and the Hazelwood Court Project. In response, the Mayor said the same architect was working on both projects.

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

Mr. Trojanski said this concluded the legislation on the agenda and that the last item for Council to consider will be the special motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Tony Ciresi as Service Director.

There being no other questions or comments, the Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Council President Pro Temp Trojanski called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. with the following Council members present: Shenett, Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Council President Jackson was absent and excused. Also present were Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Law Director Frank Consolo, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Ex. Lt. Brian Kevern on

behalf of 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.

Councilwoman Tanglyn 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: Mr. Trojanski announced that the Minutes of the November 2, 2022 Council Meeting will be on the agenda for the December 7, 2022 Council Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were two (2) Communications for tonight's meeting:

From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

Notice regarding an application for the issuance of a new class "C" liquor permit (Permit No. 26312758020) from FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF OHIO LLC DBA FAMILY DOLLAR 27628 at 17000 Broadway Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control:

Notice regarding an application for the transfer of a class "C" liquor permit (Permit No. 1046742) from SMART EXPRESS CORP DBA SMART MART at 16477 Broadway Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio to BROADWAY SMART MART LLC DBA SMART MART at 16477 Broadway Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

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 5,275 and that the Fire Department responded to a house fire this afternoon at 53 Palmetto Avenue in Bedford. He said there were no injuries reported.

The Fire Chief reminded everyone to be very cautious with the use of space heaters and to make sure their furnace had been checked. He advised renters to make sure their landlord has serviced the furnace recently. Fire Chief Kavaliunas said that with Thanksgiving coming, he wanted to remind residents to be careful with turkey fryers and to not use them indoors or in the garage. He also advised not to leave items cooking on the stove unattended by leaving your home if even for only a few minutes. The Chief said that time and time again the Fire Department ran into these issues. He also said that for renters, the landlord's insurance only covers the structure. He said it did not cover the tenant's personal items. The Fire Chief reminded tenants they must have renters' insurance for personal property to be covered.

Fire Chief Kavaliunas concluded his report by wishing everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Law Department –Law Director Mr. Frank Consolo said the City had successfully completed the open enrollment for all of the City’s full-time employees in the health insurance program. He thanked the Finance Department, the City’s insurance broker and HR Director Ms. Linker for their work with this project.

Mr. Consolo said the Law Department was following-up on complaints in District 2 regarding ring cameras or other security cameras and the issue of who was being watched. He said there have been a couple of requests for mediation and that the Law Department was opened to suggestions as to how to handle this situation. Mr. Consolo said these security devices were helpful for protecting property and investigating crime but they also caused these other problems.

Mr. Consolo said the Law Department has also received a request from the Fire Department to study the issue of several people who have been using the City’s emergency services for their own transportation purposes. Mr. Consolo said this was a difficult issue that he will discuss with the Judges at Garfield Heights Municipal Court.

With regards to the camera issue, Mr. Shenett asked Mr. Consolo if this was an invasion of privacy issue, to which Mr. Consolo responded in the affirmative. Mr. Consolo said it was not being done intentionally, but the systems made notifications by phone even if someone just walked by the home. He said the devices showed neighbors coming in and out of their homes, etc.

Police Department – Ex. Lt. Brian Kevern on behalf of Police Chief Todd Hansen announced that the Police Department would be participating in the Holiday Mocktail Party and Safe Kids Benefit tomorrow, Thursday, November 17th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the IX Center. He said tickets were \$15.00 per person and will be available at the door. Ex. Lt. Kevern said the event was sponsored by UH Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital.

Ex. Lt. Kevern also announced that the annual Shop With a Cop event will be held on Saturday, December 10th. He said tickets were \$1.00 each or six (6) tickets for \$5.00 and were available at the Police Department and also after the Council Meeting tonight. Ex. Lt. Kevern said the proceeds from these raffle tickets were used to take children shopping for Christmas. He said last year MH Police Officers took fifteen (15) children Christmas Shopping and treated them to lunch.

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

The next Maple Heights Mobile Farmers’ Market will be held Thursday, November 17th at St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church at 16029 Maple Park Drive from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mrs. Vopat said there will be a variety of fresh produce available.

The Ribbon Cutting for the Stafford Park Fitness Trail will be held Saturday, November 19th at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Vopat said there will be a DJ at this event and demonstrations of how to use the fifteen (15) stations conducted by MH High School students. She said the Fitness Trail was a wonderful improvement at Stafford Park.

The traditional Senior Center Thanksgiving Lunch and will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd. Mrs. Vopat said the Thanksgiving Reflection will be by Pastor Terry Webb of Christian Unity Baptist Church.

The Holiday Lighting Event will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall. Mrs. Vopat said Santa will be in attendance at the Holiday Lighting and also a DJ. She said cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

Mrs. Vopat said that in October the Maple Heights Food Pantry served 650 individuals from 268 households. She said five (5) days of food was provided for each family member. Mrs. Vopat said that through the efforts of Save-A-Lot Supermarkets, all of the families who use the services of the Food Pantry will receive a \$25.00 gift card to use towards their Thanksgiving dinner items.

Mrs. Vopat thanked all of their donors for their generosity and wished everyone a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

Finance Department: Finance Director Ms. Tinita Tillman thanked everyone for their support including everyone at City Hall, Council and the residents.

Ms. Tillman said the Finance Department closed the month of October on November 3rd with an unexpended balance in the General Fund of \$7,456,909.90 and the unexpended balance for All Funds was \$17,645,731.26.

Ms. Tillman said the Finance Department was moving forward to complete the 2022 Final Appropriations, 2023 Budget and any policy updates. She announced that a Finance Committee Meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 1st.

Ms. Tillman concluded her report by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Service Department – Acting Service Director Mr. Tony Ciresi said the leaf collection program was doing well at first but then there were two (2) equipment breakdowns within 15 minutes of each other. He said one (1) repair had been completed but the Service Department was still waiting for repairs on the second truck. Mr. Ciresi said he will try to schedule some staff for overtime on Saturday to get caught up. Mr. Ciresi said he has also discussed with the Mayor and Ms. Tillman the possibility of purchasing a third, smaller leaf box.

Mr. Ciresi said with the probability of snow on Saturday the Service Department will need to adjust for this work. He said the Service Department was continuing work on pothole repairs and that he will check approximately three (3) times a week. Mr. Ciresi said approximately 15 potholes were patched per week. He said residents can report potholes by either calling the Service Department or following the link on the City website.

Mr. Ciresi concluded his report by thanking the Mayor and Council for the possibility of returning to Maple Heights as Service Director.

Planning and Development Director: Planning and Development Director Mr. Joe Duffy introduced Ms. Sharra Thomas, Housing Manager of the City to present an update on the Building/Housing Department.

Ms. Thomas said for the first two (2) weeks in this position she concentrated on communications with residents, staff and Council Members. Ms. Thomas said her office received monthly MLS reports and that currently the estimated home value in the City of Maple Heights was above \$130,000.00. She said this represented a 15% increase in the values over last year.

Ms. Thomas said the majority of the City's housing stock was between 60 and 70 years old and that 59% of the houses were owner-occupied compared to 41% rentals.

Ms. Thomas said Council may request copies of the MLS reports by e-mail and she will send out the updates as they were received by her office.

Mr. Shenett asked if the comment about age of the housing referred to the age of the building structures to which Ms. Thomas responded in the affirmative.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: There were no Citizens' Comments for tonight's meeting

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-103

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 260.23 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS CONCERNING COMPENSATION, FRINGE BENEFITS, AND PENSION PICK-UP FOR SAFETY PERSONNEL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on Second Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-104

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-105

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-106

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SOUTHWEST SEWER DISTRICT SEWER REPAIRS - DUNHAM ROAD PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

Mr. Trojanski asked if there were any other questions or comments on this Resolution. There being no other questions or discussion, Mr. Trojanski 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. Trojanski asked if there was any discussion on this Resolution. There being no discussion, Mr. Trojanski asked for the vote for passage on emergency.

ROLL CALL on the vote for passage on emergency: Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes. The motion passed by the vote of seven (7) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Resolution passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-107

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE RESURFACING OF LEE ROAD, PHASE 1 FROM BROADWAY AVENUE TO LIBBY ROAD IN 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. Trojanski asked if there were any questions or discussion on this legislation.

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Trojanski 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. Trojanski asked if there was any discussion on this Ordinance. There being no additional discussion, Mr. Trojanski 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 seven (7) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Ordinance passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-108

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) FOR 2022, AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-109

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM (CDSG) FOR 2023, AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-110

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING THE AUTHORIZED PAY SCHEDULE FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT CITY EMPLOYEES FOR 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Shenett said he was gladdened by what he heard in caucus regarding this legislation. He said one change was showing gratitude for the work done by an employee and the second change showed compassion toward another employee. Mr. Shenett said it was good to see that the City worked with its employees.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-111

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GREEN OASIS USA TO SELL FOUR (4) VACANT LOTS LOCATED AT 5130 LEE ROAD (PPN 781-06-004); 16221 FRIEND AVE (PPN 781-06-016); V/L LINCOLN STREET (PPN 781-06-054); AND V/L LINCOLN STREET (PPN 781-06-062), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Mr. Trojanski asked if there were any other questions or discussion on this Resolution. There being no other questions or discussion, Mr. Trojanski 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. Trojanski asked if there was any discussion on this Resolution. There being no discussion, Mr. Trojanski 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 seven (7) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Resolution passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-112

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GREEN OASIS USA TO SELL TWELVE (12) VACANT LOTS OWNED BY THE CITY'S LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM AT A TOTAL SALES PRICE OF \$190,900.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A MIXED-USE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Mr. Trojanski asked if there were any other questions or discussion on this Resolution.

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Trojanski 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. Trojanski asked if there was any discussion on this Resolution. There being no discussion, Mr. Trojanski 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 seven (7) ayes to zero (0) nays. The Resolution passed on emergency and will become law upon the Mayor's signature.

MOTION: *May I have a Motion pursuant to Charter Art. V, Sect. 4, to approve the Mayor's Appointment of Mr. Tony Ciresi as Service Director and head of the Service Department.*

So moved by Mr. Shenett and seconded by Ms. Jones.

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

EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000.00:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Blackwell thanked everyone for attending and welcomed Green Oasis to Maple Heights.

The Mayor said at a recent presentation at the Cuyahoga County Equity Council it was noted that the poverty rate in Maple Heights was over 25%. The Mayor said the City will reapply for the CDSG grant to help fund the City's Exterior Home Repairs Grant Program. She said there were a number of applications to this program last year.

Mayor Blackwell said rental assistance was still available, but this funding will not be available after this year. She said this was just one-time funding. The Mayor said information on this program was available on the City's website.

The Mayor said the number of clients assisted by the Maple Heights Food Pantry has increased exponentially. She said the City has received additional funds during the year for this program and will be getting the parking lot fixed. Mayor Blackwell said this was a "choice pantry" that allowed residents to select their food items and also provided or offered personal hygiene products that cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits.

Mayor Blackwell said there were also a number of food giveaways in the City including the Mobile Farmers' Market and the District 7 giveaway with Council Members Agee, Madden and Shenett and the food giveaway in Districts 4 and 6.

The Mayor said there was a HEAP Office located at the Senior Center to assist residents with utility issues and other programs available to address homelessness, re-entry services, rental assistance and food insecurity.

Mayor Blackwell said she wanted to remind everyone that the City's Holiday Lighting Ceremony will December 4th and that the Stafford Park Fitness Trail will be opening this weekend. Mayor Blackwell said this will be similar to the MetroParks Fitness Trails and will help make Stafford Park a destination spot in the City. She said residents will be able to rent the pavilions for family reunions, etc. and softball/baseball was back at the Park. Mayor Blackwell

said the Fitness Trail will help people get healthier. She said there will be demonstrations of the various fitness items by students from MHHS.

Mayor Blackwell concluded her report by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5 said she wanted to remind residents to put leaves at the edge of the tree lawn only for collection by the Service Department. She said raking leaves into the streets caused problems with the catch basins and sewers.

Ms. Madden announced that the closure of Thomas Street for storm and sewer construction work for the Hazelwood Court Project was scheduled to start on Monday, November 14th but that date has been changed. She said the closure will affect the homes at 5493 Thomas Street through 5501 Thomas Street. Ms. Madden said the detour signs have already been posted. Ms. Madden said will keep the residents updated as soon as she was notified as to the start date for this work.

Ms. madden concluded her report by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She told everyone to be safe and God Bless.

Councilman Richard Trojanski, District 6 said many families were struggling due to the high prices for food, utilities and gasoline. He said to assist these families District 4 and District 6 in partnership with Castle High School and the Greater Cleveland Food Bank will be having a Food Giveaway on Saturday, November 19th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at Castle High School located at

Mr. Trojanski announced that there will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mr. Trojanski concluded his report by wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7 said there has been some improvement with trash cans being moved back after trash collection.

Ms. Agee said she received a call from a resident on Hazelwood who wanted to let the Mayor and Mr. Duffy know that they were very grateful to Ms. Nash and Mr. Carrington in the Building Department. Ms. Agee said the resident told her they went above and beyond their job.

Ms. Agee concluded her report by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, District 1 thanked Mrs. Vopat and her team for being there for residents in times of need and the holistic approach they take with residents.

Mr. Shenett said residents will be able to receive assistance for their Thanksgiving Holiday meal with the District 4 and District 6 Food Giveaway on November 19th and the Districts 1, 5 and 7

Gobble, Gobble Food Giveaway to be held next Tuesday, November 22nd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 5345 Warrensville Center Road in Southgate.

Mr. Shenett said at this time he wanted to recognize a District 1 resident, Ms. Apryl Rose Mines. Mr. Shenett presented Ms. Mines a Certificate of Recognition for her selection as the 2022 MHHS Homecoming Queen.

Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2 said she wanted to reiterate what the Mayor had announced about the rental assistance program ending at the end of this year. She said landlord information was needed to be able to apply to this program.

Ms. Jones announced that the deadline to receive assistance with past-due property taxes has been extended to June, 2023. Ms. Jones said residents could contact her or Mrs. Vopat or apply online for this program.

Ms. Jones said she was thankful that Planning and Zoning approved the plat and variances for a new home in her District and that someone would pay half a million dollars for land in Maple Heights.

Ms. Jones concluded her report by stating that over the past two weeks a lot of people passed away who were relatives, friends or mentors so she wanted to wish everyone peace, fond memories and to remember everything we were thankful for. Ms. Jones wish everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Councilman Timothy Tatum, District 3 thanked the residents for passing the Police and Fire Renewal Levies. He also thanked Northeast Factory Direct for cutting down the trees on their property. He said the neighbors were very grateful.

Mr. Tatum said he recently met with CVE to discuss the flooding problem on Williams Street.

Mr. Tatum announced that the grand opening of Southeast Community Conference-Truth Vision will be held December 16 -18 at 12680 Rockside Road in Garfield Heights. He said the purpose of this conference was to bring communities together.

Mr. Tatum concluded his report by announcing that the District 3 Holiday Party will be held at Grantwood Party Center in Solon. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, District 4 welcomed Green Oasis to the City and said she loved their presentation. She said it was good that they were bringing newness to the City.

Ms. Anderson announced that the District 4 and District 6 Food Giveaway with Castle High School will be this Saturday and that they will be partnering again this year with Castle for a Coat Giveaway in December. She said the Coat Giveaway will be held December 10th at Castle High School, 5130 Warrensville Center Road.

Ms. Anderson concluded her report by wishing everyone a safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Pro Temp Trojanski thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Approved: December 7, 2022

ATTEST:

S/S Leonette Cicirella Johnson Clerk of Council