

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

Maple Heights City Hall 2nd Floor Council Chambers

June 27, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jackson, Jones, Tatum, Anderson and Trojanski. Council Members Shenett, Madden and Agee were absent and excused. Also present were Human Services Director Linda Vopat and Clerk of Council Leonette Cicirella Johnson.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-59

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2023 AS “LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH” IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Resolution was on Second Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-60

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS WITH THE WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING (WRAAA), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Jackson said this Resolution authorizing a purchase service agreement with the Western Reserve Area Agency On Aging (WRAAA) was on First Reading and asked Mrs. Vopat to discuss this legislation.

In response, Mrs. Vopat said that almost two (2) months ago the elevator at the Senior Center was inspected by the State Inspector and it was determined that the elevator was in need of repair to have the shaft cleaned. Mrs. Vopat said a company was hired to do this work and that shortly thereafter the elevator stopped working. Mrs. Vopat said the problem was identified as a leak in the piston that would allow the elevator to go down but would slip off the track.

Mrs. Vopat said a full evaluation was made of the elevator repair and the City was informed that this repair would cost approximately \$65,780.00. She advised Council that although the cost of a new elevator would be approximately \$120,000.00 to \$130,000.00 it would not be possible for the City to replace the elevator. Mrs. Vopat said since the Senior Center already had an elevator it would not be “grandfathered in” under the Building Code so all of the electrical work at the Senior Center would be required to be brought up to Code.

Mrs. Vopat said the Administration contacted the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) for assistance in this matter and was advised to prepare a proposal for funding this project. She said the rationale behind this proposal was that it impacted the Department of Human Services' congregate meal site and fell within the policy underlying the programs offered by the Senior Center.

Mrs. Vopat said that although Ohio Department on Aging programs through the WRAAA require that funding be for programs and not capital improvements, the City received a waiver for this funding to be used for this capital improvement project.

Mrs. Vopat said the reason for the request for the special meetings was to be able to submit the grant application within the deadline which had been this Thursday and the Law Department believed a copy of the legislation needed to be included with the application. She said subsequently Mr. Consolo contacted the WRAAA and requested an extension to file the grant application which was granted to July 10, 2023.

Mrs. Vopat requested that this Resolution be passed on emergency so the City would be able to meet the deadline since it already had a contract with the WRAAA.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions regarding **Resolution No. 2023-60**.

Councilwoman Jones asked if there would be three readings for this legislation, to which Mr. Jackson responded in the negative. Mr. Jackson said this legislation would have only First and Second Readings during special meetings and then Council would vote on it at the July 5, 2023 regular Council Meeting.

Mrs. Vopat asked if Council had any questions regarding her explanation.

Councilman Tatum asked if the cost of the repair was equal to the award amount to which Mrs. Vopat responded in the affirmative. Mrs. Vopat said the award amount requested and to be received was equal to the cost estimate that was sent to the WRAAA as part of the proposal for funding.

Mr. Tatum asked about replacing the elevator since the cost to repair it was about half the cost of a new one.

In response, Mrs. Vopat said the installation of a new elevator would be cost prohibitive since the Senior Center would not be "grandfathered in" regarding Code compliance as she mentioned earlier.

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

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Dated: August 2, 2023

ATTEST:

S/S Leonette Cicirella Johnson
Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council