

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

Maple Heights Senior Center

October 18, 2023

MEETING CAUCUS

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jackson, Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Councilman Shenett arrived at 6:34 p.m. Also present were Law Director Frank Consolo, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Service Director Tony Ciresi, Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy, City Engineer Ed Hren and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Fire Chief Dan Syphen and Human Services Director Linda Vopat were absent and excused.

Mr. Jackson said that Councilman Tatum would have the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance for tonight's meeting. He also said there was no Addendum for tonight's meeting but there were three (3) sets of minutes for Council to approve and one (1) Council Committee Report from the Housing and Economic Development Committee.

Moving to the legislation on tonight's meeting Agenda, Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-91** would authorize the City to make application to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and asked Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy and City Engineer Ed Hren to discuss this Resolution.

In response, Mr. Duffy said grant application authorized by this Resolution for the installation of an emergency generator at the Senior Center to make that facility a heating and cooling facility for the community.

Mr. Hren concurred with Mr. Duffy that the CDBG grant funding being requested would be used to pay the cost of the labor to install the generator only. He said the cost to purchase the generator had already been approved by Council under prior legislation to accept Federal ARPA funding awarded to the City from the Cuyahoga County Council.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding this legislation.

Councilwoman Jones asked for clarification that this grant would be used only for the cost to install the generator to which Mr. Hren responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Jones asked if the generator would heat and light both floors of the senior Center and also operate the elevator, to which Mr. Hren also responded in the affirmative. Mr. Hren said the City had applied for \$140,000.00 in ARPA funding for the purchase of the emergency generator and that there was a lead time of approximately 6 to 8 months to purchase the generator. He said at the time of the ARPA legislation it was decided that the City would apply for and use CDBG funding for the electrical upgrade required for the installation of the generator. Mr. Hren said everything will be backed up in the Senior Center, including the elevator.

Mr. Hren said the Senior Center Emergency Generator Project will allow the facility to meet the criteria for a heating and cooling facility for the community. He said Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas had started this project and was the driving force behind it to really help the people of the City of the Maple Heights.

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Duffy if Council needed to vote on this Resolution tonight, to which Mr. Duffy responded in the affirmative. Mr. Duffy said he and Mr. Hren would respectfully request that **Resolution No. 2023-91** be passed on emergency at tonight's meeting allow the City to meet the October 30, 2023 CDBG grant deadline.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2023-92** amending Sect. 220.01(c)(9) of Council's Rules of Order concerning "Comments from City Residents" will be on First Reading.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2023-93** providing for Amendment No. 3 Dated October 18, 2023 of the Annual Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 was discussed by Finance Director Tillman at last evening's Committee of the Whole Meeting. He said Ms. Tillman had sent out additional documentation to Council regarding the amended appropriations and asked if there were any questions or discussion from Council. There being no additional questions or discussion on **Ordinance No. 2023-93**, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this legislation at tonight's meeting.

Moving to **Ordinances No. 2023-94, 2023-95 and 2023-96** amending various Sections of the MH Codified Ordinances to increase the compensation of members of the Civil Service Commission, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Review Board respectively, Mr. Jackson said each of these Ordinances would be on First Reading at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-97** would authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Vendors Exchange International, LLC for a Job Creation and Retention Program Grant and asked Mr. Duffy to discuss this legislation.

In response, Mr. Duffy said the City's Job Creation and Retention Grant Program was last used to attract GOJO Industries. Mr. Duffy said Vendors Exchange International was looking to expand its operations from their current location on Brookpark Road. He said the company would lease space at the Dar Tech complex located on Rockside Road. Mr. Duffy said the City offered to match the terms of a similar grant proposed from the City of Twinsburg. He said Vendors Exchange would bring seventy (70) jobs to the City during its first year of operation.

Mr. Duffy said he would respectfully request that Council pass **Resolution No. 2023-97** on emergency at tonight's meeting. He then introduced to Council Mr. Doug Hayes, Chief Financial Officer of Vendors Exchange International.

Mr. Hayes said Vendors Exchange has been in the business of manufacturing and servicing vending machines for approximately 60 years and has expanded its business to include other solutions for automated retail, including expanding into kiosks, etc.

Mr. Hayes said their company has also expanded its equipment servicing business including electrical repairs, etc. He said the company was looking to expand its business and move its location as a result of this expansion. Mr. Hayes said the company was very excited about the move to Maple Heights. Mr. Hayes also said that the programs offered by the School District will fit the company's needs with the increase in manufacturing and assembly and the skilled electrical repair services.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions on this legislation.

Councilman Shenett asked Mr. Duffy where would this company be located on Rockside Road. Mr. Duffy said the location would be 16501 Rockside Road.

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

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were no other questions or comments. Mr. Jackson said if there were no objections from Council, he would ask that Council vote on **Resolution No. 2023-97** at tonight's meeting. There were no objections from Council.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-98** was the annual resolution proclaiming Halloween Observance in the City of Maple to be October 31, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and asked if there were any questions on this legislation.

There being no questions or comments, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this Resolution at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding **Resolution No. 2023-99** regarding the Planning and Zoning Appeal in **Case No. 2023-PZ-37** presented by Pratt Trucking requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a trucking and hauling business in the Central Business District (CBD) Zoning District.

Councilman Madden said that as she had stated before she was not in favor of overturning the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission in this Case. She said the City invested a lot of time and money to revitalize the Broadway Corridor Overlay District to expand it and make it a more appealing, walkable/pedestrian-friendly district. Ms. Madden said quite a bit of money and the time and effort of County Officials and City personnel was expended to change this Zoning District. She said it Council would go back now and change this zoning district now would be setting a precedent that would undermine this change.

Councilwoman Anderson asked for clarification on the voting procedure if a Council Member was in favor of allowing the business in that zoning district.

Mr. Jackson said if Council wanted to overrule the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission in this Case they would vote "Yes" on this Resolution. He said to not overrule the Planning and Zoning Commission, Council would vote "No" on the Resolution and that would uphold the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Consolo reminded Council that five (5) affirmative votes were required to overrule the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ms. Jones reiterated what she had stated at the Committee of the Whole Meeting and said she concurred with Ms. Madden that passage of this legislation might set a precedent, but Mr. Duffy had showed Council a map of the parcel and how it would be accessed. She said no other business would be suited for that area. Ms. Jones said in this case she was in favor of overruling the Commission's decision since not another comparable business could go into this location except this company.

Mr. Shenett said this resolution was just specific to this location and asked Mr. Duffy if he had an opportunity to work with the company to find another location within the City, to which Mr. Duffy responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Shenett said he respected his colleagues and what they feel for their individual districts. He said he was also concerned by the presentation by the company's attorney and the perception that if they would give the City enough money, that would guide Council's decision.

In response to Ms. Jones' comment, Ms. Madden said she disagreed that there was not another business that would be appropriate for that location. Ms. Madden said we don't know what other business might be suitable for that location. Ms. Madden reiterated that she was opposed to Council overruling the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission in this Case.

Ms. Jones asked od Mr. Duffy could explain the business proposed for this location including its hours of operation.

Mr. Duffy said at the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting the company said their business consisted of picking up construction materials and taking them to be dumped. He said the trucks would leave their location around 8:00 a.m. for the job sites and then would return at the end of the day. He said it was not the intention that trucks would be in and out constantly.

Mr. Duffy said he was unsure of the number of jobs for this business, but the property had been listed at \$600,000.00. He said this site had previously been used as a towing yard, but this use was not grandfathered in.

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

Councilman Tatum said based upon the value of the land the property taxes would be good for the City and the employees' income taxes too. He said the location of the property was off Broadway Avenue Mr. Tatum said he was in favor of overruling the Planning and Zoning Commission since the company was purchasing the property and moving its business here.

Mr. Jackson said there was one (1) Expenditure over \$25,000.00 for review at tonight's meeting, but no Disclosures of Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00.

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

There being no other questions or comments, the Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 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, Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Also present were Law Director Frank Consolo, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Service Director Tony Ciresi, Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Fire Chief Dan Syphen, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Finance Director Tinita Tillman and City Engineer Ed Hren were 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 was no Addendum for tonight's meeting.

MINUTES: Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski, to approve the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes of August 2, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Shenett: Yes; Ms. Jones: Yes; Mr. Tatum: Yes; Ms. Anderson: Yes; Ms. Madden: Yes; Mr. 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 Regular Meeting of Council Minutes of September 20, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Shenett: Yes; Ms. Jones: Yes; Mr. Tatum: Yes; Ms. Anderson: Yes; Ms. Madden: Yes; Mr. 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 October 3, 2023.

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.

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

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

Housing and Economic Development Committee

Ms. Jones, Chairwoman of the Housing and Economic Development Committee, presented the following Committee Report attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: There were no Department Reports for tonight’s meeting due to a change in the meeting format to present Department Reports only the first Council Meeting of the month.

COMMENTS FROM CITY RESIDENTS: Comments from City Residents opened at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Patterson of 18200 Knoll Drive said there were a lot of false allegations regarding the Mayor and said Mayor Blackwell had done remarkable things and that he was impressed with the Mayor. Mr. Patterson said Council needed to work together as a team and said it was good to see a majority of Council at the Fall Festival.

Ms. Diane Giersz of 19244 Stafford Avenue said she understood why Council would want people who comment at the Council Meetings to be residents, but that property owners should be able to comment also. Ms. Giersz said she commented at the last meeting about the City changing to a more humane method to euthanize nuisance animals and now wanted to know if the City could develop a spaying/neutering program for cats. She asked if there was a grant program for this through the Animal Protective League (APL).

Ms. Giersz said the City had a lot of rental properties and said she wished there were stricter requirements for the properties to be maintained. She said homeowners needed to be responsible for the conditions of their properties. Lastly, Ms. Giersz said she wanted to encourage residents to turn on their porch lights especially for children going to school. She said light would help reduce bad behavior.

In response, Police Chief Hansen said the Animal Warden attended the euthanization training so that program would be moving along.

Mr. McKenney residing at 5607 South Boulevard said the City of Maple Heights was only 5 square miles and had 2 Building Inspectors but he did not ever see the Inspectors. He said there was grass growing in the streets and garbage and debris in yards.

Mr. McKenney said the City also needed a greater police presence. He said the only time he will see police on his street was when they are on a call. He asked if there was an ordinance for parking on City streets since there were 15 cars parked on his street. Mr. McKenney said there was also a speeding problem in the City and asked about a noise ordinance with all the loud car radios in the area.

Comments from City Residents closed at 7:20 p.m.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-91

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 2024, AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Jones 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.

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

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 and pass this Resolution on emergency. 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 additional 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; Jones: 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. 2023-92

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING COUNCIL'S RULES OF ORDER CONCERNING "COMMENTS FROM CITY RESIDENTS" SET FORTH IN SECTION 220.01(c)(9) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-93

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT NO. 3 DATED OCTOBER 18, 2023 OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Jones 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 and pass this Ordinance on emergency. 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 additional 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; Jones: 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-94

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 276.01 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FROM A RATE OF SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75) PER MEETING TO NINETY DOLLARS (\$90) PER MEETING, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-95

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1262.03(A) OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FROM A RATE OF SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75) PER MEETING TO NINETY DOLLARS (\$90) PER MEETING, AND THE RATE FOR THE CHAIRPERSON FROM EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$85) PER MEETING TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) PER MEETING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-96

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1262.045(B)(2) OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD FROM A RATE OF SIXTY DOLLARS (\$60) PER HOUR TO NINETY DOLLARS (\$90) PER HOUR, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-97

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VENDORS EXCHANGE INTERNATIONAL, LLC FOR A JOB CREATION AND RETENTION PROGRAM GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Jones 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.

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

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

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or discussion. There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency. 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 additional 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; Jones: 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. 2023-98

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 31, 2023 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. AS HALLOWEEN OBSERVANCE IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Shenett 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.

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules and pass this Resolution on emergency. 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 additional 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; Jones: 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. 2023-99

A RESOLUTION OVERRULING THE DECISION BY THE PLANNING AND

ZONING COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2023-PZ-37 TO DENY THE APPLICATION OF HARRY PRATT OF PRATT TRUCKING, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT UNDER SECT. 1282.04 OF THE MAPLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO OPERATE A TRUCKING AND HAULING BUSINESS IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) ZONING DISTRICT AT 16514 BROADWAY AVENUE, MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO.

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski, to approve **Resolution No. 2023-99**.

ROLL CALL on the Motion to approve this Resolution: Tatum: Yes; Anderson: Yes; Madden: No; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: No; Shenett: No; Jones: Yes. The motion to overrule **Case No. 2023-PZ-37** requiring five (5) affirmative votes to overrule a decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to Sect. 1262.03(F) failed by the vote of four (4) ayes to three (3) nays. The decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission in **Case No. 2023-PZ-37** will stand.

EXPENDITURES OVER \$25,000.00:

Mr. Jackson said there was one (1) Expenditures over \$25,000.00 and no Disclosures of Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00 for review at tonight's meeting. He asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the **List of Expenditures over \$25,000.00**.

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to approve. Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trojanski, to approve the **List of Expenditures over \$25,000.00**.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: No report due to the Mayor's absence.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Timothy Tatum, District 3 thanked everyone who attended the Fall Festival.

Mr. Tatum announced that the 2nd Annual Seniors Christmas Party was being planned and more information will be forthcoming.

Mr. Tatum said he also wanted to thank Nick from the Service Department for his assistance in District 3.

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson, District 4 said October was Domestic Violence Month and explained that in addition to domestic violence this social issue included intimate partner violence and relationship abuse. She said domestic violence could be between parents and

children and among family members. Ms. Anderson several there were several forms of domestic violence and now included the use of technology to stalk someone.

Ms. Anderson encouraged anyone who may be a victim of domestic violence to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233) for help. She said this was a 24-hour anonymous hotline for survivors, victims of domestic violence and anyone affected by domestic violence.

Ms. Anderson announced that the District 4 and District 6 Town Hall Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 P.m. at the Maple Heights Library.

Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5 thanked her colleagues who voted against the Planning and Zoning appeal and said that the money invested in rezoning this area would be wasted if Council changed the uses.

Ms. Madden said she understood the resident's frustration with the speeding in the City and the cars parked overnight. She said Council and the Administration was trying to work through these problems and asked the resident to call the non-emergency police number whenever these problems occurred. Ms. Madden said it was especially important to call during the time when the ordinance should be enforced.

Councilman Richard Trojanski, District 6 announced that road construction had begun on Longview Avenue in District 6 under the 2023 Road repair Program.

Mr. Trojanski reiterated that the District 4 and District 6 Town Hall Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at the Maple Heights Library, Large Meeting Room. He encouraged residents to attend this meeting since it was a way to share information about what was happening in Districts 4 and 6.

Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7 announced that the District 7 Block Watch Meeting will be held tomorrow, October 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Maple Heights Library in the Large Meeting Room.

Ms. Agee also announced that the next Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Distribution will be held this Friday, October 20, 2023 at 5345 Warrensville Center Road from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Stafford Shenett, District 1 announced that the repaving work has started on E. 140th Street and asked residents to be patient with any delays during this project. Mr. Shenett said he looked forward to getting the road resurfaced.

Mr. Shenett also thanked City Engineer Ed Hren and the Service Department for addressing other pavement issues on Lee Road South and Rowena Drive.

Mr. Shenett thanked the Police Department and the Animal Warden for assisting with multiple dog issues in District 1, including their help to locate a missing dog's home. Mr. Shenett said he appreciated all their hard work.

Mr. Shenett announced that Annual Truck or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at Stafford Park. He said in addition to candy and treat, there would be the Annual Youth Costume Parade starting with the line-up at 3:00 p.m. He said Stafford the Magician will also be visiting this event.

Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2 welcomed Vendors Exchange International to the City and thanked them for choosing the City of Maple Heights.

Ms. Jones said many people had noticed that a lot of homes did not have addresses so the City discussed purchasing address numbers that were given out to residents at the Fall Festival and also at a recent Safety Meeting. She said any numbers that had not been picked up would be mailed to residents.

Ms. Jones said that the road resurfacing program has also started in District 2.

Council President Ron Jackson said he wanted to remind everyone that Halloween will be observed in the City on October 31, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and that November 7, 2023 was the General Election. He encouraged everyone to get out to vote and to pray for our country and our world.

Mr. Jackson thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and drive safely.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Dated: November 1, 2023

ATTEST:

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