# City of Maple Heights Regular Council Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2023

# **MEETING CAUCUS**

Council President Jackson called the Caucus Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Councilman Shenett arrived at 6:35 p.m. . Also present were Law Director Frank Consolo, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Service Director Tony Ciresi, Assistant Service Director Nick Koudela, Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy, City Engineer Ed Hren and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Human Services Director Linda Vopat and Finance Director Tinita Tillman were absent and excused.

Mr. Jackson said that Councilwoman Anderson would have the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance for tonight's meeting.

Moving to the legislation on tonight's meeting Agenda, Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2023-32** authorizing agreements with Cuyahoga County for the planning and construction for the resurfacing of Rockside Road from East 141<sup>st</sup> Street to Sector Drive was on Second Reading and asked if there were any questions on this legislation.

Councilwoman Jones thanked Mr. Hren for his work on this project to resurface Rockside Road and asked how much would be the City's portion of the project costs.

In response, Mr. Hren said the project cost would be an 80%/20% split with the County paying the 80%.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or comments on **Ordinance No. 2023-32.** There were no other questions or comments on this legislation. Mr. Jackson said if there were no objections from Council he would ask that Council vote on this legislation. There were no objections from Council.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-33** authorizing a purchasing agreement with Tim Lally Chevrolet for the purchase of four (4) Chevrolet Tahoes PPV 4WD vehicles was on Second Reading and asked if there were any other questions or comments on this legislation. There were no other questions or comments.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2023-34** authorizing a water pollution control loan fund (WPCLF) agreement on behalf of the City of Maple Heights, Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions from Council on this Resolution. There being no questions or comments on this legislation, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on **Resolution No. 2023-34** at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-35** would authorize a contract with Sixmo Inc. for the Fire Station No. 1 and No. 2 Roof Repair Projects and asked if there were any other questions or

comments from Council. There being no questions or comments on this legislation, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on **Resolution No. 2023-35** at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-36** would authorize the preparation of plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the Stafford Park Restoration Project, Phase 2 and asked Council if there were any other questions or comments from Council. There being no questions or comments on this legislation, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on **Resolution No. 2023-36** at tonight's meeting.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2023-37** authorizing Change Order No. 1 for Fabrizi Trucking and Pavement Co., Inc., Mr. Jackson said this legislation was on Second Reading and asked if there were any other questions or comments on this legislation. 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. 2023-37** at tonight's meeting. There were no objections from Council.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-38** would authorize Change Order No. 1 reducing the contract for the Southwest Quadrant Sewer Repairs Phase 1 Project and asked if there were any other questions from Council. There being no questions or comments on this legislation, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on **Resolution No. 2023-38** at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-39** was another Change Order request, Change Order No. 1 for TC Construction to decrease the contract by \$17,672.29 for the 2022 Concrete Roadway Repair Program and asked if there were any questions on this legislation.

Ms. Jones asked Mr. Hren if these funds would be returned to the General Fund to which Mr. Hren responded that these funds would be returned to the SWMR Fund for use this year on other projects.

Councilman Shenett asked if any of these items of legislation concerned the area of Woodbrook and Longvale.

In response, Mr. Hren said this area would be part of what the City would be asking for in the MCPI construction project which was one of the new Resolutions (Resolution No. 2023-42) on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions on **Resolution No. 2023-39**. There being no questions or comments on this legislation, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on **Resolution No. 2023-39** at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-40** would authorize the contract for the Franklin Avenue Watermain Replacement Project and asked if there were any other questions on this legislation.

Councilman Trojanski thanked Mr. Hren for his work on this project and for his work on infrastructure projects throughout the City. Mr. Trojanski said he did not have any questions, but asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or comments regarding **Resolution No. 2023-40**. There being were no other questions from Council, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this Resolution at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-41** would authorize Change Order No. 5 to increase the contract for the City Hall New Vestibule & Elevator Addition Project and asked if there were any questions on this legislation. There being were no other questions from Council, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on **Resolution No. 2023-41** at tonight's meeting.

Moving to Resolution No. 2023-42 regarding application for a potential grant for capital infrastructure improvement projects in the City, Mr. Jackson asked City Engineer Ed Hren to discuss this legislation.

In response, Mr. Hren said this legislation will authorize application to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) MCIP Program for a potential grant for capital infrastructure improvement projects. He said this program had been used previously by the City for other projects. Mr. Hren said there will be two (2) separate applications for this year including the Southwest Quadrant Sewer Repair and Rehabilitation Project, Phase 2 and the Southwest Sanitary Sewer District #2 Improvement Project.

Mr. Hren said the first construction project will cost approximately \$1,956,000.00 and the grant would be for \$1,467,000.00 or 75% of the project costs. He said the City would secure the remaining \$489,000.00 from other sources of funding, such as an OPWC grant or use Community Cost Share dollars from the NEORSD or money from Cuyahoga County sanitary Sewer funds.

Mr. Hren said these projects would make sewer repairs on various City streets including Summit, James, Wheeler and a portion of E. 140<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hren said he misspoke when Mr. Shenett asked about Woodbrook and Longvale. Mr. Hren said those streets where included in a project that had already been funded under the Southwest Quadrant Phase 1 Project.

Mr. Hren said the Southwest Sanitary Sewer District #2 Improvement Project will follow the same protocol as the Phase 1 Project. He said in September the City will request funding from the OPWC for 20% or 25% of the project costs. Mr. Hren said the City will try to get as much funding as possible for these projects.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions on Resolution No. 2023-42.

Mr. Shenett said he had communicated with Mr. Hren regarding the poor condition of both Woodbrook and Longvale and asked if this will be taken into consideration to resurface these roads.

In response, Mr. Hren said the City will take the condition rating of these roads to the OPWC to request funding for full reconstruction and will do the same for Summit and James. Mr. Hren

said after the sewer work had been completed the NEORSD would pay for the resurfacing of the affected roads. Mr. Hren said this project was scheduled for 2024 but that he would advise Council if the schedule was changed. Mr. Hren said the City cannot award the contract until July 1<sup>st</sup> however.

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 and said that Wheeler had already been resurfaced so she was wondering how much deconstruction would there be with the sewer repairs.

In response, Mr. Hren said that to be able to ask for funding for road resurfacing with these projects, a couple of factors needed to be considered including the number of sewer repairs to be made. Mr. Hren said if multiple sewer repairs were made it would not make sense to only repair the road and not resurface the entire road.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or comments regarding **Resolution No. 2023-42**. There being were no other questions from Council, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on this Resolution at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-43** will authorize the contract for the Dunham Road Service Yard Security Fence Project and asked Mr. Hren to discuss this legislation also.

In response, Mr. Hren said he worked with the Service and Police Departments on this project for the installation of security fencing around the Service Garage on Dunham Road. Mr. Hren said there would be mechanical entrances with swing gates and one (1) manual gate. He said the security fencing will enclose and secure the property and equipment at the Service Garage.

Mr. Hren said the original bid for this project was in April with an estimated cost of \$85,000.00 for the project. He said all of the bids submitted were greater than 10% over the estimated project cost so the City needed to reject all of the bids. Mr. Hren said the City re-bid the project with a revised cost estimate for the project of \$110,000.00. Mr. Hren said the bids came in under the estimated project cost with the lowest and best bid being \$108,000.00 submitted by the Great Lakes Fence Co.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions on Resolution No. 2023-43.

Councilman Tatum asked how much lineal footage of fence would be installed.

Mr. Hren said 110 feet of 8' fencing was requested for this project and that the full description was included in the bid tab provided to Council with his recommendation letter. Mr. Hren said there will be a 20' openings for the mechanical gates. He said the automatic gates will have a controller inside the service garage plus the ability to have a keypad.

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

Mr. Jackson asked if there would be a man gate installed also to which Mr. Hren responded in the affirmative. Mr. Hren said there would be one (1) man gate.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or comments on this legislation. 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. 2023-43** at tonight's meeting. There were no objections from Council.

Mr. Jackson said **Resolution No. 2023-44** would authorize the agreement for the sale of property located at 14900 Broadway Avenue and asked Planning and Development Director Duffy to discuss this legislation.

In response, Mr. Duffy said this legislation was originally purposed in January but was withdrawn at the time base upon a comment from the neighboring business that had also expressed an interest in this property. Mr. Duffy said the City gave them an opportunity to apply for this land bank property. Mr. Duffy said since this neighboring business did not submit an application for this property and has now vacated it, the Administration decided it would be appropriate to re-introduce this legislation at this time. He said there were no changes from the previous agreement presented to Council. At this time Mr. Duffy introduced Mr. Kevin Perkins, the purchaser for 14900 Broadway Avenue.

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Perkins if he would like to address Council.

Mr. Perkins said the planned redevelopment of 14900 Broadway Avenue was the same as previously proposed in January. He said the property would be turned into office space for use by an insurance agent.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions from Council.

Councilwoman Agee said she had a question regarding the financing letter from Dollar Bank that references another name. Ms. Agee asked if Mr. Michael Bowen was Mr. Perkins' business partner and if so, would he need to also sign the City application.

In response, Mr. Duffy said only Mr. Perkins needed to sign the application as submitted since both of these individuals have the authority to sign the application and other documents.

Ms. Agee said she was just asking since she had not seen Mr. Perkins name on the loan.

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

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions on this legislation. There being were no other questions from Council, Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on **Resolution No. 2023-44** at tonight's meeting.

Moving to **Resolution No. 2023-45**, Mr. Jackson said this Resolution would authorize the purchase agreement with Bequest Builders for the sale of four (4) vacant lots on Arch and Thomas Streets and asked Mr. Duffy to also discuss this legislation.

In response, Mr. Duffy introduced Mr. Burton of Bequest Builders and said that Mr. Burton had approached the City regarding a project to construct new single-family homes in Maple Heights.

Mr. Burton said he had experience in the construction of new homes and most recently had been working in the Glenville area of Cleveland. Mr. Burton said he had identified the four (4) parcels, one on Arch and three (3) on Thomas Street for this project.

Mr. Duffy said he had supplied the materials from Mr. Burton regarding this proposal to Council with this legislation.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions from Council.

Mr. Shenett asked Mr. Burton which area of Cleveland was he working as a developer.

Mr. Burton said he was working on the Inside Circle North Project that had been an initiative of Mayor Jackson. He said this project was for twenty (20) units.

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Burton if he had the twenty (20) units under construction to which Mr. Burton responded in the negative. Mr. Burton said he did not do pre-sell construction, only specs. Mr. Burton said he had six (6) units finished and that the remaining fourteen (14) were waiting until there were buyers for them. Mr. Burton said each of his units were 1,100 square feet bungalows with two (2) car attached garages. Mr. Burton said with regards to the City's tax abatement program he would need to check the City rules regarding energy efficiency requirements for new home construction.

Mr. Shenett said he was proud of the Community Reinvestment legislation in the City but was not sure if it included the requirements for energy efficiency. Mr. Shenett said he did not believe that was part of the CRA legislation requirements for tax abatement.

Ms. Jones asked if Mr. Burton will pre-build or sell the lots he was purchasing.

In response, Mr. Burton said he would do the pre-build and did not do specs. He said that at the meeting with the City Land Bank he agreed to do the specs, but was not sure if his financing company will fund spec units.

Councilwoman Anderson said she was the Councilperson for this District and that she was very excited about this project.

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

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

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

Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Duffy to discuss both **Resolutions Nos. 2023-46 and 2023-47** since both Resolutions would authorize the sale of vacant lots for the construction of single family, owner occupied homes on Carol Drive.

In response, Mr. Duffy said **Resolutions Nos. 2023-46 and 2023-47** were similar pieces of legislation but were different than the previous **Resolution No. 2023-45** since the proposed sale of the individual vacant lots will be directly to the end-users/homeowners. Mr. Duffy said both of these vacant lots were located on Carol Drive and that the transactions were suggested by a real estate agent from Keller Williams.

Mr. Duffy said a representative from the builder, Cleveland Custom Builders and Remodeling was also present at tonight's meeting.

The representative from Cleveland Custom Builders and Remodeling said he had past experience working in the Cleveland area including St. Luke's Point and for the last 20 years in the inner ring suburbs. He said all of his builds will be energy efficient which he had learned a lot about working on other projects.

Mr. Duffy also introduced Ms. Shawn Jones one of the homeowners and one of the builder's clients.

Ms. Jones said she was very excited to be building her dream home in Maple Heights. Ms. Jones said she was a 30-year teacher for the Warrensville Heights City Schools and her husband was a veteran. Ms. Jones said she and her husband were grateful to be able to build a home here.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions on these items of legislation.

Mr. Shenett reiterated how excited he was about the CRA legislation to see what it was doing for the City. Mr. Shenett said he was glad to have these new homeowners on Carol Drive.

Mr. Shenett asked to be added as a C0-Sponsor to both **Resolutions Nos. 2023-46 and 2023-47.** 

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or comments on these items of legislation. There were no other questions or comments. Mr. Jackson said if there were no objections from Council he would ask that Council vote on both **Resolutions Nos. 2023-46 and 2023-47** at tonight's meeting. There were no objections from Council.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2023-48** concerned amendment of Section 1272.05(A) of the Codified Ordinances and asked Mr. Duffy to discuss this legislation.

Mr. Duffy said Section 1272.05(A) of the Codified Ordinances referred to the requirements for minimum lot size and minimum lot width for buildable lots in the City. He said this Section came to his attention with the new homes being built in the City. Mr. Duffy said the Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District covered approximately <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> or perhaps

2/3 of the land area of Maple Heights so under the current Code, most of the lots in Maple Heights would be illegal to build on based upon the required minimum lot size of 7,000 sq. ft. and minimum lot width of 60 ft. Mr. Duffy said builders have been required to seek variances from the Planning and Zoning Commission to build in the City.

Mr. Duffy said it was reasonable to rebuild in the City and that amending the current Section 1272.05 would not be changing the character of the City. He said it will just make it easier to build homes here.

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

Ms. Jones said the County Planning Commission prepared a report on data from suburbs with these restrictions and said that she supported this legislation. Ms. Jones said it will encourage building on these lots.

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

Mr. Shenett thanked Mr. Duffy for his work and asked if this Ordinance needed to be passed on emergency. Mr. Shenett said he supported this legislation but was concerned about the issue of greenspace that may be a concern to some residents.

In response, Mr. Duffy said he would request that Council pass this legislation on emergency at tonight's meeting since it would not preclude a maximum lot size. He said it will just allow a home if there was a large enough lot to be able to build on.

Mr. Consolo said the Law Department would also request that Council pass this legislation on emergency at tonight's meeting. Mr. Consolo said the proposed legislation had already been discussed with the Planning and Zoning Commission who were in agreement with it since they have heard a number of variance requests regarding these issues.

Mr. Consolo said it was also a problem for people purchasing existing homes in Maple Heights. He said some lenders were very careful to mortgage homes since in the case of a fire, etc. the property would become non-conforming. Mr. Consolo said both home buyers and lenders were concerned that they could not re-build the homes on these lots.

Mr. Consolo said the second part of the passage on emergency request was that if this Ordinance would pass tonight, the previous resolutions with the two (2) builders will not need to file for variances and appear before the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Mr. Jackson said at the time the current Code was changed, the City wanted to compete with areas that had larger lot sizes.

Ms. Jones asked Mr. Duffy how many buildable lots were available in the City now that would benefit from this change in the Codified Ordinances.

In response, Mr. Duffy said that he would estimate approximately two hundred (200) lots.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or comments on **Ordinance No. 2023-48.** There were no other questions or comments. Mr. Jackson said if there were no objections from Council he would ask that Council vote on this legislation at tonight's meeting. There were no objections from Council.

Moving to **Ordinance No. 2023-49**, Mr. Jackson said this Ordinance concerned the adoption of the Alternative Tax Budget Information for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2024.

Mr. Consolo advised Council this this Ordinance will be on First Reading at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinances Nos. 2023-50 and 2023-51** authorized the purchase of various vehicles by the Service Department and asked Mr. Ciresi and Mr. Koudela to discuss both of these items of legislation.

Mr. Ciresi said before they discussed these Ordinances he wanted Council to know that the fence requested for the Service Garage was necessary due to a lot of theft concerning catalytic converters and salt that has been occurring over the years.

With regards to **Ordinances Nos. 2023-50 and 2023-51,** Mr. Koudela said he had purchased fleets of vehicles for his past employers so he was familiar with this process. He said currently there was an issue of programs not being available under State bid procedures which started during Covid. Mr. Koudela said the vehicles to be purchased by the Service Department under **Ordinance No. 2023-50** for use by City staff had been approved at the last Finance Committee Meeting. He said 2008 was the last time vehicles had been purchased for City staff which were 2009 models.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions on Ordinances Nos. 2023-50 and 2023-51.

Mr. Shenett thanked Mr. Koudela for his work to upgrade the fleet and asked him to explain the purchase of the police interceptor vehicles described in the legislation.

Mr. Koudela said this was the model type of the vehicles to be purchased that will be executive vehicles for use by the various departments including Police, Fire, Service and the Senior Center.

Mr. Jackson asked when would the vehicles be delivered.

Mr. Koudela said the fleet company had already purchased the vehicles but the order delivery time would be about 16-20 weeks out.

Mr. Ciresi said the City may not even receive the vehicles though, if the vendor would sell out. He said the vendor may not receive the order either.

Mr. Koudela said the sooner the City submitted the order, the sooner the City would receive the vehicles. He said Sourcewell was a consortium that the Service Department as a member of, similar to the State Cooperative bid process.

Mr. Jackson asked if the vehicles will be purchased and not leased to which Mr. Koudela responded in the affirmative. Mr. Koudela said the manufacturers were not offering any incentives to lease vehicles anymore.

Mr. Jackson asked if the funds for these purchases were in the Service Department budget to which Mr. Koudela responded in the affirmative as per Finance Director Tillman.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any other questions or comments on **Ordinances Nos. 2023- 50** and 2023-51. There were no other questions or comments. Mr. Jackson asked Council to vote on both of these items of legislation at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jackson said **Ordinance No. 2023-52** amending Section 240.05 of the Codified Ordinances was added to the Agenda for tonight's meeting by Addendum and said the proposed changes where included in the body of the legislation.

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

Ms. Anderson asked what was the reason to amend this Section.

In response, Councilwoman Madden said she would rather discuss her legislation during the Council Meeting due to the length of the Caucus Meeting.

Mr. Tatum asked if Council will be voting on **Ordinance No. 2023-52** tonight.

In response, Mr. Jackson said this legislation will be discussed in the regular meeting.

Mr. Jackson said there no expenditures to be approved by Council at tonight's meeting, only three (3) disclosures of Purchase Orders.

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 7:24 p.m.

# **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Council President Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Shenett, Jones, Tatum, Anderson, Madden, Trojanski and Agee. Also present were Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Law Director Frank Consolo, Police Chief Todd Hansen, Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy and Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson. Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, Human Services Director Linda Vopat, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Service Director Tony Ciresi and City Engineer Ed Hren were absent and excused.

Councilwoman Dana D. Anderson 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: The Minutes of the May 3, 2023 Council Meeting will be reviewed at the June 7, 2023 Council Meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS**: There was one (1) Communications for tonight's meeting:

## Planning and Zoning Appeal regarding Case No. 2023-PZ-10

Applicant Ms. Michelle Beden-Payne and Mr. John Ranucci appeared before Council to present her appeal regarding Case No. 2023-PZ-10, requesting relief under Sect. 1262.03(F) of the Maple Heights Codified Ordinances from the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission rendered in this Case at the April 10, 2023 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. Applicant requested approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sects. 1278.04(H) and 1298.28(G) of the Maple Heights Codified Ordinances to operate a child day care center located in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5310 ½ Warrensville Center Road.

Mr. Ranucci presented Council with handouts that addressed the specific concerns of the Planning and Zoning Commission and said that with regards to the outdoor play area the Applicant will add barriers to the area and speed bumps will be installed.

Mr. Ranucci said the Applicant also addressed the concerns of the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the parking for the day care and that there would be no parking in front of the building by Warrensville Center Road.

Mr. Ranucci said the Applicant's original application was heard and denied by the Planning and Zoning Commission at the February 2023 meeting and was appealed to Council. He said when it was returned to the Commission it was denied a second time and that this was a hardship for the Applicant. Mr. Ranucci said the Applicant operated other day cares successfully. He said they were not sure about the appeal process and that there had been some confusion when they went back to the Commission. Mr. Ranucci respectfully asked Council to consider their request to overturn the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission rendered in Case No. 2023-PZ-10.

**<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</u>** There were no Council Committee Reports for tonight's meeting.

**<u>DEPARTMENT REPORTS:</u>** 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.

**<u>CITIZENS' COMMENTS:</u>** Started at 7:31 p.m.

Ms. Tina Marbury of Homewood Avenue said she was appalled to see the mural painted on the commercial building located at 5180 Northfield Road. Ms. Marbury said she had voted "no" for this business at the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. Ms. Marbury said this business was not located in just a strictly business area of the City and was located near a couple of day cares. She said the City did not need this type of artwork portrayed in the City, especially for children to see.

In response, Mr. Trojanski said he also was not in support of this business but since it met the Code guidelines it was permitted to open. Mr. Trojanski said he had been made aware of the mural and that business owners have First Amendment rights. Mr. Trojanski said he did not approve of the mural either.

Ms. Laura Williams and a woman who identified herself as the mother of Naszier Woodward said they came to the Council Meeting to request the release of police reports, body cam footage, etc regarding the police chase and the accident that resulted in the death of Naszier Woodward in Garfield Heights.

Mr. Jackson asked if there were any additional questions or comments before he permitted a response.

Mr. Woodward's mother said she had read the comment from Mayor Blackwell that there would be no police chases in Maple Heights.

In response, Police Chief Hansen extended his condolences to the Woodward family and said that the police chase had been cut-off within Maple Heights. He said the incident was still under investigation and will be able to release the video when permitted. The Police Chief said that per law information cannot be shared until the case has been adjudicated.

Police Chief Hansen said the "no police chase" comment was not correct. He said the City has changed its policy to have chases end within its jurisdictional borders, except during serious felonies. Police Chief Hansen said he would give the family his contact telephone number and email address if they talked with after the meeting.

In response, Mayor Blackwell said she was very sorry for their loss. The Mayor said the City's policy was put into place after looking at national data. Mayor Blackwell said she worked with the Police Chief to make this change in the policy. She said chases would be not be permitted for anything that was not truly dangerous.

Mr. Ozell Dobbins III, residing at 19608 Longview Avenue said he wanted to apologize for his outburst at the last Council Meeting and that he would drop off paperwork related to trees at City Hall.

In response, Mr. Jackson thanked Mr. Dobbins for his apology.

Citizens Comments closed at 7:45 p.m.

# **LEGISLATION:**

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-32

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RESURFACING OF ROCKSIDE ROAD FROM EAST 141<sup>ST</sup> STREET TO SECTOR DRIVE IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-33**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM WITH TIM LALLY CHEVROLET FOR FOUR (4) CHEVROLET TAHOES PPV 4 WD, 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 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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-34**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS FOR DESIGN OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES, DEDSIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, 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.

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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-35**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SIXMO, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FIRE STATION NO. 1 AND NO. 2 ROOF REPAIR PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, INCLUDING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR REPAIR WORK, 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. 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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-36**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO BEGIN THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE STAFFORD PARK RESTORATION PROJECT, PHASE 2 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 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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-37**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING CO., INC. INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$14,774.09, FOR THE NORTHEAST QUADRANT SEWER REPAIRS PHASE 3 PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Anderson 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. 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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-38**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING CO., INC. DECREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$48,918.21, FOR THE SOUTHWEST QUADRANT SEWER REPAIRS PHASE 1 PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, 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.

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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-39**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR TC CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. DECREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$17,672.29, FOR THE 2022 CONCRETE ROADWAY REPAIR PROJECT 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 Resolution on emergency. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any questions or discussion on this legislation.

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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-40**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FRANKLIN AVENUE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, 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.

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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-41**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 FOR METIS CONSTRUCTION SERVICE INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$29,800.87, FOR THE CITY HALL NEW VESTIBULE & ELEVATOR ADDITION PROJECT 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.

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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-42**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORSD) FOR A POTENTIAL GRANT FOR THE FUNDING OF CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS 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. 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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-43**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUNHAM ROAD SERVICE YARD SECURITY FENCE PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-44**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH 14900 BROADWAY AVENUE LLC FOR THE SALE OF THE BUILDING AND PROPERTY LOCATED AT 14900 BROADWAY AVENUE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$10,000.00 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.

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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-45**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BEQUEST BUILDERS INC. TO SELL FOUR (4) VACANT LOTS LOCATED AT 5224 ARCH STREET (PPN 782-03-093), 5041 THOMAS STREET (PPN 782-01-152), 5115 THOMAS STREET (PPN 782-02-165) AND 5250 THOMAS STREET (PPN 781-28-013) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND SALE OF A SINGLE FAMILY, OWNER-OCCUPIED HOME ON EACH PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules 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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-46**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DAIRRA BOSS TO SELL THE VACANT LOT (PPN 785-15-052) LOCATED ON CAROL DRIVE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY, OWNER-OCCUPIED HOME ON THE PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules 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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-47**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JAN AND SHAWN JONES TO SELL THE VACANT LOT (PPN 785-15-042) LOCATED ON CAROL DRIVE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY, OWNER-OCCUPIED HOME ON THE PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

There being no questions or discussion, Mr. Jackson asked for the vote to suspend the rules 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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-48**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1272.05(A) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS CONCERNING MINIMUM LOT AREA AND WIDTH FOR SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED DWELLINGS IN THE RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY-MEDIUM DENSITY (RSF-M) ZONING DISTRICT, 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.

Ms. Anderson 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 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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-49

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING

# JANUARY 1, 2024; SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-50

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP, THROUGH SOURCEWELL'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) 2023 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY AWD VEHICLES FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, PER QUOTE ID: 23901RL, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$332,355.80), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-51

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP, THROUGH SOURCEWELL'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 FORD SUPER DUTY F-350 XL 4WD CREW CAB TRUCK FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, PER QUOTE ID: 23902RL R1, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$54,840.78), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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: Anderson: Yes; Madden: Yes; Trojanski: Yes; Agee: Yes; Shenett: Yes; Jones: Yes; Tatum: 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. 2023-52**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 240.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR EXPENDITURES OVER TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was on First Reading.

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

Mr. Jackson said there were no Expenditure over \$25,000.00 for review at tonight's meeting, only three (3) Disclosures of Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00.

<u>MAYOR'S REPORT:</u> Mayor Blackwell congratulated all of the developers at the meeting tonight and said the City celebrated new homes being built here.

The Mayor said tonight Council also approved legislation to update the City's fleet of vehicles which was being done for the first time since 2008. She said this was good for employee retention and recruitment. She said multiple infrastructure projects were also approved. The Mayor said the City was moving forward in positive ways.

Mayor Blackwell said the City still had challenges though, including infrastructure challenges.

The Mayor said new businesses will be coming to Maple Heights and that a number of land bank parcels were going quickly.

Mayor Blackwell announced that the opening for the Maple Heights Boys League will be this Saturday at Noon and that Jump Start Sports was also back in the City. The Mayor said the City will also be working with the YMCA to offer other recreational activities for City youth.

The Mayor concluded her report by thanking everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Dana D Anderson, District 4 said she was very excited about the ground breaking for the new home on Clement Avenue and for the new homes to be built in her District.

Ms. Anderson announced that the District 4 and District 6 Town Hall Meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 2023 at the Maple Heights Library, Large Meeting Room.

**Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5** said she hoped everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday and that she had No Report.

Councilman Richard Trojanski, District 6 said the trees that have been recently planted on Hansen, Watson and Raymond were a very positive improvement for the District. He said the two (2) new homes that were being built on Hansen Road was also very exciting. Mr. Trojanski said it has been many decades since there was new home construction in the district.

Mr. Trojanski announced a new business will be opening in District 6 at the beginning of June, Center Cut Barbershop. He said there were about 50 businesses in District 6 which was important for City property and income taxes.

Mr. Trojanski said the District 4 and District 6 Town Hall Meeting scheduled for May 22, 2023 will include guests Mayor Blackwell, Police Chief Hansen and School Representative Angelique Shy.

Mr. Trojanski announced that the District 6 Recycle Right Workshop will be held on June 12, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Castle High School, 5130 Warrensville Center Road and that from June 6 through August 8 he will be sponsoring Wellness Wednesdays to promote healthy living.

Councilwoman Edwina Agee, District 7 – No Report.

**Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, District 1** thanked all of the residents who attended the District 1 Block Watch Meeting on Saturday, May 31, 2023 at St. Martin of Tours. He thanked Police Chief Hansen for attending to answer resident questions. Mr. Shenett said he will be sending out a summary of the meeting to residents as he usually did.

Mr. Shenett said he was looking forward to joining District 7 and the Lutheran Church of the Covenant for the Safety Initiative Meeting to be held tomorrow, May 18, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Covenant. Mr. Shenett said he was also excited to announce that the Bridge Gap Hoop It Up Event sponsored by Southgate will be held on August 26, 2023 at Milkovich Middle School. He said this event helped to bring together the youth and City officials.

Mr. Shenett concluded his report by thanking everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 2 said she attended the Cuyahoga County Tax Foreclosure event that was held in Garfield Heights and that next Tuesday, May 23, 2023 some of the same vendors will be at the Maple Heights Spring Resource Fair. Ms. Jones said the Resource Fair will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Maple Heights High School. She said grants up to \$10,000.00 were still available to cover back property taxes.

Ms. Jones said the Dunham Road Resurfacing Project should be starting June 1 and said it will be from corporation line to corporation line. Ms. Jones said residents will be receiving information from the contractor regarding this project.

Ms. Jones announced that the District 2 Bring City Hall to District 2 Meeting will be held tomorrow, May 18, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church. She said representatives from Police, Service, City Engineer, Building, Planning and Development and the Mayor will be at the meeting.

Ms. Jones also announced that the new home at 14204 Rockside Road was nearing completion.

Councilman Timothy Tatum, District 3 thanked the Service Department for helping with the grass problems in District 3 and thanked the Animal Warden for helping with animals getting into peoples' homes.

Mr. Tatum congratulated the developers on the new homes being built in the City.

**Council President Ron Jackson** said he wanted to remind everyone that the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial by City Hall.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Jackson thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Dated: June 7, 2023 ATTEST:

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