

**CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

Maple Heights Senior Center - 7:00 PM

March 1, 2023

1. **Caucus: 6:30 pm** All Members of Council
2. **Call to Order:** Council President Ron Jackson
3. **Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden, District 5
4. **Roll Call:** Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson
5. **Addendum:**
6. **Approval of Minutes:** December 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council
February 15, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council
7. **Communications:**
8. **Council Committee Reports:**
9. **Department Reports:**
10. **Citizens' Comments:** Per Council Rule 220.01(c)(9)
Comments from City residents will be entertained at Regular Council Meetings only, and shall be limited to four (4) minutes per person for comments on the agenda and comments of a general nature and no person shall be allowed to speak more than once. A person wishing to address Council shall first be recognized by the President of Council, and when recognized, shall come forward, state his or her name and address and state the subject matter which he or she wishes to discuss. Total resident comments shall be limited to 45 minutes for all comments. Under special circumstances, this rule can be extended or modified by a majority of Council present. No profanity or comments of a personal or inflammatory nature will be tolerated under any circumstances. The Presiding Officer shall permit a one (1) minute response from the Mayor or Council Member or Department Director to whom the Citizen's question is directed.
11. **Legislation:**

2023-17 A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Reading 1 (Blackwell)

12. **Expenditures over \$25,000.00:**
13. **Mayor's Report:**
14. **Council/Council President's Reports:**
15. **Adjournment:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:

CO-SPONSORED BY:

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund was reduced in 2011 by 50% during Gov .Kasich's Administration, from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66% of General Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, past Ohio General Assemblies have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years in addition to significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, including eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue of approximately \$11 million dollars for the City of Maple Heights; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well; and

WHEREAS, a reinvestment in the Local Government Fund would aid the state in its goal of lowering taxes on the individual by enabling municipalities to decrease their local tax burden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Ohio General Assembly should restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, ensuring that local communities in Ohio are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

Section 2. This Council does hereby declare its opposition to any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting on the date indicated below, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its Committees that

resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the safety, health and general welfare of the residents of the City and to support this legislative initiative that will benefit local governments, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2023

Ron Jackson, Council President

Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor

Approved as to legal form:

Frank Consolo, Director of Law

ATTEST: _____
Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

I, Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council of the City of Maple Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, do hereby certify the above to be a true and exact copy of the original as contained in the records of my office and that the same has been and will remain duly posted as required by law.

Date: _____

Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council