

City of Maple Heights

State of the City Address

October 19, 2020



**Presented by
Mayor Annette M. Blackwell**



City of Maple Heights

Maple Heights City Council

2020 Council Members



Ron Jackson
Council President



Leonette F. Cicirella
Clerk of Council



Stafford L. Shenett, Sr
Dist. 1 Councilman



Toni Jones
Dist. 2 Councilwoman



Christian Ostenson
Dist. 3 Councilman



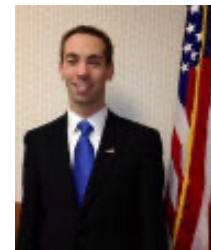
Dana Anderson
Dist. 3 Councilwoman



Tanglyn Madden
Dist. 5 Councilwoman



Annette M. Blackwell
MAYOR



Richard Trojanski
Dist. 6 Councilman



Edwina Agee
Dist. 7 Councilwoman



City of Maple Heights

Maple Heights Finance Department

- Assisted over 50 tax payers with tax issues.
- Increased General Fund balance from **~~\$-2.7mil~~** to **\$2.2mil** as of 12/31/2019.
- Cleared all audit findings for fiscal year end 12/31/2018 which led to a clean audit for fiscal year end 12/31/2019.
- Maintained positive balances in all funds.
- Cleared over 40 Accounting Method write-ups in order to be recommended to be released from Fiscal Emergency.
- Received recommendation from Fiscal Commission to be released from Fiscal Emergency on 1/23/2020.

The Financial Planning and Supervision Commission Maple Heights, Ohio

Resolution Number: 2020-01

Request to be Released from Fiscal Emergency

January 23, 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 118 of the Ohio Revised Code the city of Maple Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio was declared to be in a fiscal emergency on February 13, 2015, and;

WHEREAS, the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission for the City of Maple Heights (the "Commission") was created pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 118 to assist in the restoration of the fiscal integrity of the city of Maple Heights (the "City"), and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 118.06 of the Revised Code, the City submitted to the Commission an updated financial recovery plan duly approved and passed by the City Council on July 7, 2019; and;

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2019, the Commission adopted the financial recovery plan presented by the City; and;

WHEREAS, the updated recovery plan shows the City has corrected and eliminated all the fiscal emergency conditions determined pursuant to section 118.04 of the Revised Code, including presenting a financial forecast for a five-year period in accordance with the standards issued by the Auditor of State; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 118.10 of the Revised Code, the City has implemented an effective financial accounting and reporting system and corrected any deficiencies identified by the Auditor of State in its report on Accounting Methods dated August 22, 2017.

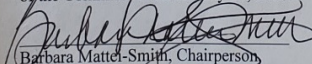
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission for the City of Maple Heights respectfully requests the Auditor of State certify that the City has complied with all requirements under section 118.27 of the Revised Code in order to allow the commission to be terminated.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Blackwell ☒ Council President Jackson ☒ Rev. Walker ☐ Mr. Arnold ☒ Mr. Pollack ☒
Ms. Armstrong ☒ Mattei-Smith ☒

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Barbara Mattei-Smith, Chairperson of the Commission does hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and accurate representation of the resolution presented to and passed by a vote of the Commission on January 23, 2020.


Barbara Mattei-Smith, Chairperson

Financial Planning and Supervision Commission for Maple Heights



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Economic Development & Building Departments

- 11 New Businesses Open in Maple Heights
- Attracted GOJO Industries to Maple Heights
 - ❖ Investment of \$25M to open Maple Heights facility
 - ❖ Will create 200 good-paying jobs in the next 3 years
- Kept Farmer Jones Market open by facilitating a partnership between investor-owner and the Rid-All Green Partnership
- Reduced property tax delinquencies by over \$800,000
- Partnered with Cuyahoga Land Bank to build 2 new homes on Jefferson Avenue





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Maple Heights Department of Human Services

Community Services through COVID-19

- Thank you to the residents of Maple Heights for passing the 5 year Senior Levy renewal!
- **Community Monthly Mobile Food Pantry**
 - ❖ Increased from 80 families served to 250 families served, since March, 2020
- **Congregate and Home Delivered Meals (HDM)**
 - ❖ Served 20,248 HDM & 6,530 “Grab and Go” meals to our congregate clients as of Oct., 2020
 - ❖ Since the COVID-19 shutdown, 92 new Seniors have requested and been served HDM or “Grab and Go” meals.
 - ❖ Transportation services for seniors and disabled persons have been resumed
- **Community Flu Shots:** Offered in September & October
- **Farmers Market Coupons:** Were distributed and redeemed in August, September & October at the Senior Center Parking lot
- **Community Shred Day:** Offered in August & October
- **Maple Heights Food Panty:** Stayed open and offered parking lot pick up.





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Maple Heights Police Department & Community



Shop with a Cop



- Record # of calls answered 2019- on pace for new record in 2020
- Hundreds of thousands of grant dollars obtained
- 3 police officers, 1 special officer, 5 auxiliary officers, 1 corrections officer, and 1 records employee added this year
- 2 new Chevy Tahoes added to fleet
- Greatly increased training opportunities



Awards City Lighting Ceremony



Mocktail- Univ. Hosp./Rainbow's OVI Task Force



New hires

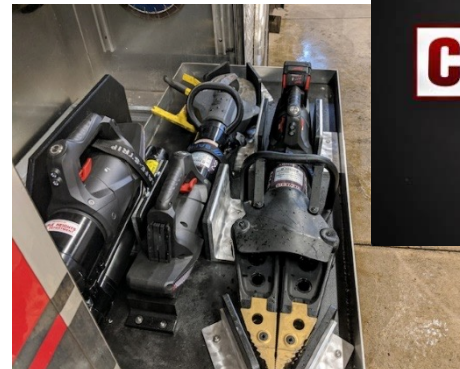




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Maple Heights Fire Department

- 2020 will be the highest call volume year steadily increasing by 200+ runs a year to near 6000!
- Received the 2019 AFG Equipment grant in the amount of \$177,277.00 for 5 new defibrillator heart monitors
- 2020 was extremely challenging year with the COVID-19 outbreak taxing both resources and equipment, we received the 2020 AFG supplemental grant for badly needed personal protective equipment in the amount of \$15,237.45
- Fire Department received and placed in service 2 full sets of extrication equipment purchased with the 2018 AFG grant we received
- City purchased a 2008 Freightliner/Braun ambulance and ordered a 2021 Freightliner/Lifeline ambulance to be delivered in March of 2021 to replace our badly worn ambulance fleet





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Maple Heights Service Department

- The City of Maple Hts. has brought back its own leaf program this year with equipment purchased from the community cost share program.
- Service Dept, due to Covid-19 took care of over 3000 residential grass lots this summer.
- The Service Dept. averaged 12 tons of asphalt on a weekly basis.

