

**CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**Maple Heights Senior Center - 7:00 PM**

**May 15, 2024**

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1.	Caucus: 6:30 pm	All Members of Council
2.	Call to Order:	Council President Ron Jackson
3.	Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:	Councilman Tim Tatum, District 3
4.	Roll Call:	Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson
5.	Addendum:	
6.	Approval of Minutes:	May 1, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council
7.	Communications:	a. Notice from Ohio Division of Liquor Control
8.	Council Committee Reports:	
9.	Department Reports:	
10.	Comments from City Residents:	Per Council Rule 220.01(c )(9)
11.	Legislation:	

**2024-44 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2024 AS “LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH”  
IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Reading 1 (Jones)**

**2024-45 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO BEGIN THE  
PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO ADVERTISE  
FOR BIDS FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS ON VARIOUS STREETS LOCATED  
WITHIN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.**

**Reading 1 (Blackwell)**

**2024-46 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET  
INFORMATION OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025; SUBMITTING THE SAME  
TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY; 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. 2024-44**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilwoman Toni Jones

**MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:**

**CO-SPONSORED BY:**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2024 AS “LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH” IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Maple Heights cherishes the value and dignity of each person and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, all persons are welcome in the City of Maple Heights to live, work, play, and every family, in any shape, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Maple Heights denounces prejudice and unfair discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical attributes as an affront to our fundamental principles; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride month began in June of 1969 on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City after LGBTQ+ and allied friends rose up and fought against the constant police harassment and discriminatory laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Maple Heights appreciates the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus (LGBTQ+) community which strengthen our social welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that young people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, despite being marginalized, LGBTQ+ people continue to celebrate authenticity, acceptance, and love; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rainbow Flag, also known as the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag or Gay Pride Flag, has been used since the 1970s as a symbol of LGBTQ+ pride and social movements; and

**WHEREAS**, flying the Rainbow Flag throughout the month of June further symbolizes the recognition of June as LGBTQ+ Pride month, and encourages the celebration and support for the LGBTQ+ community.

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

**Section 1.** Council of the City of Maple Heights hereby declares June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Maple Heights.

**Section 2.** 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 3.** This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, safety and general welfare of the City and for the further reason to support the LGBTQ+ community 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: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Ron Jackson, Council President

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Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor

Approved as to legal form:

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Frank Consolo, Director of Law

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 2024-45**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

**MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:**

**CO-SPONSORED BY:**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO BEGIN THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS ON VARIOUS STREETS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Service Director had informed the Mayor and the City Engineer that the pavement conditions on various streets located within the City of Maple Heights makes it necessary to perform repairs, reconstruction and preventative maintenance on various streets within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Council deemed it necessary and in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of all of the City residents to perform routine repairs and preventative maintenance on various streets within the City of Maple Heights; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2022, by **Resolution No. 2022-26**, Council authorized and directed the City Engineer to coordinate with the Service Director to update the street inventory which rates pavement conditions for streets based on ODOT's PCR Manual for the Mayor and Council's use in developing and authorizing a road repair program in the City of Maple Heights; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineer and the Service Director have updated the street inventory which rates pavement conditions, including preliminary estimate of cost for pavement repairs, and made a recommendation for the streets, which were determined to be in greatest need of repair, for consideration by the Mayor and Council in authorizing a road repair program for the 2024 construction season, such streets being listed in "Exhibit A" attached to this legislation and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2024, the Cuyahoga County Executive informed the Mayor that the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works will reimburse the City for up to \$141,600.00 in material costs expended on County Routes included under a road repair program in the City of Maple Heights.

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

**Section 1.** The City Engineer is hereby authorized to begin the preparation of plans and specifications and to provide advertising for bids for the **2024 Pavement Repair Program** in the City of Maple Heights.

**Section 2.** The Council of the City of Maple Heights hereby authorizes the Finance Director to amend the appropriations as required for the expenditures outlined within this Resolution.

**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 health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the City, and for the further reason to begin this project in a timely manner so that a pavement repair program can be completed during the 2024 construction season, 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: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Ron Jackson, Council President

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Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor

Approved as to legal form:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-46**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

**MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:**

**CO-SPONSORED BY:**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION  
OF THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING  
JANUARY 1, 2025; SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, on October 11, 2002, the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission with an affirmative vote of all members waived the requirement for taxing authorities of subdivisions or other taxing units (including schools) to adopt a Tax Budget as provided under O.R.C. Section 5705.281, but instead requires the filing of Alternative Tax Budget Information on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alternative Tax Budget Information for the City of Maple Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 has been prepared and presented to the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, after due consideration, Council deems it advisable in the interest of the Municipality to adopt the Alternative Tax Budget Information.

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

**Section 1.** The Alternative Tax Budget Information of the City of Maple Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, heretofore prepared by the Mayor and Director of Finance and submitted to this Council, copies of which are on file in the offices of the Director of Finance and Clerk of Council, is hereby adopted as the official Alternative Tax Budget Information of the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025.

**Section 2.** The Finance Director is authorized to promptly certify a copy of said Alternative Tax Budget Information and transmit the same along with a copy of this Ordinance to the Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

**Section 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, safety and general welfare of the City and for the further reason to comply with all State, County and Local requirements concerning tax budgets, 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: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Ron Jackson, Council President

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Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor

Approved as to legal form:

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Frank Consolo, Director of Law

ATTEST:

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Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council