

**CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

Maple Heights Senior Center - 7:00 PM

March 19, 2025

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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: | Councilwoman Tina Stafford Marbury, District 6 |
| 4. | Roll Call: | Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella Johnson |
| 5. | Addendum: | |
| 6. | Approval of Minutes: | January 15, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council |
| 7. | Communications: | |
| 8. | Council Committee Reports: | |
| 9. | Department Reports: | |
| 10. | Comments from City Residents: | Per Council Rule 220.01(c)(9) |
| 11. | Legislation: | |

2025-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE TEMPORARY SEWER EASEMENT DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC SEWER FACILITIES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON ROCHELLE DRIVE IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Reading 1 (Blackwell)

2025-19 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 CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES, DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Reading 1 (Blackwell)

2025-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIBBY ROAD WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT AND RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Reading 1 (Blackwell)

2025-21 A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2025 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, 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. 2025-18

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:

CO-SPONSORED BY:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
TEMPORARY SEWER EASEMENT DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC SEWER
FACILITIES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON ROCHELLE DRIVE IN THE
CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2021, by **Resolution No. 2021-131**, Council authorized the Mayor to enter into a 2022 Member Community Infrastructure Program (MCIP) agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) for the Southwest Sewer District Sewer Repairs Phase 2 Project in the City of Maple Heights which included the field investigation, testing, other research, and preparation of plans and specifications for the repair of storm and sanitary sewers on various streets including Dunham, Turney, Carol, Summit, Rochelle, Lisa, Janet, James, Wheeler, E. 146th, Mustang, Thunderbird, and appurtenant easement areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Heights had been awarded Two Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$292,320.00) by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) for the preparation of construction plans and specifications, including necessary engineering reports for the repair of storm and sanitary sewers on various streets within the Southwest Sewer District Sewer Repairs Phase 2 Project area; and

WHEREAS, through the 2022 Member Community Infrastructure Program (MCIP) agreement of cooperation with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS), the City of Maple Heights will be responsible for One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$125,280.00) of the cost of the preparation of construction plans and specifications, including necessary engineering reports for the repair of storm and sanitary sewers on various streets within the Southwest Sewer District Sewer Repairs Phase 2 Project area; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2022, by **Resolution No. 2022-15**, Council authorized the City Engineer to begin the preparation of construction plans and specifications, including necessary engineering reports for the repair of storm and sanitary sewers on various streets within the Southwest Sewer District Sewer Repairs Phase 2 Project area; and

WHEREAS, The City Engineer has advised the Mayor that he will require the acquisition of a temporary sewer easement at 14368 Rochelle Drive for the repairs and future maintenance of the storm and

sanitary sewers facilities on the property which are a part of the Southwest Sewer District Sewer Repairs Phase 2 Project area; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the property located at 14368 Rochelle Drive, Permanent Parcel No. 785-11-034 within the City of Maple Heights, will be offered appropriate consideration to grant a temporary sewer easement for the repairs and future maintenance of the storm and sanitary sewers facilities on the property which are a part of the Southwest Sewer District Sewer Repairs Phase 2 Project area; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to authorize and to accept these easements.

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

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate, execute and accept a grant of a temporary sewer easement from the owners of 14368 Rochelle Drive, Permanent Parcel No. 785-11-034, for the maintenance and repair of the storm and sanitary sewers facilities.

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. Resolution No. 2024-43 is hereby repealed

Section 4. 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 5. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the public welfare and further to ensure the timely completion of the construction 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: _____, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025-19

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:

CO-SPONSORED BY:

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 CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES, DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Heights seeks to make improvements to its existing wastewater facilities by improving sanitary sewers and eliminating sanitary sewer overflow; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Heights intends to apply for a 2025 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Principal Forgiveness loan to fund a portion of the cost of construction of the Southwest Quadrant Sewer Repairs- Phase 3 Project; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) requires the governing authority to pass legislation for application of a loan and the execution of an agreement as well as designating a dedicated repayment source; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Heights is a local government eligible to receive Funding for an eligible activity through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Program Year 2025 Final Program Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Engineer have advised Council that 2025 WPCLF Principal Forgiveness funds may be available through the Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$208,000.00), to fund a portion of the Southwest Quadrant Sewer Repairs- Phase 3 Project.

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

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to make application, sign and file all necessary contracts and documents with the Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) for funding through the 2025 WPCLF Principal Forgiveness loan program for the following project:

Southwest Quadrant Sewer Repairs- Phase 3 Project

Section 2. The dedicated source of repayment will be Maple Heights Water Fund 219.

Section 3. The Council of the City of Maple Heights hereby authorizes the Finance Director to amend appropriations as required for the expenditures outlined within this Resolution.

Section 4. 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 5. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the City, and to timely submit the grant application, 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: _____, 2025

Ron Jackson, Council President

Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor

Approved as to legal form:

Frank Consolo, Director of Law

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Date: _____

Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:

CO-SPONSORED BY:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIBBY ROAD WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT AND RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Heights, upon application of the City Engineer, was awarded a grant in the amount of Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Zero Cents (\$475,448.00) for the Libby Road Watermain Replacement Project, from Broadway Avenue to Lee Road, ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2021, by **Resolution No. 2021-33**, Council authorized the City Engineer to begin the preparation of plans and specifications and to provide advertising for bids for the Libby Road Watermain Replacement Project in the City of Maple Heights; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) is contributing up to Thirty Percent (30%) of the cost, up to a maximum of Four Hundred Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$418,500.00), for the watermain replacement and additional work, including the resurfacing of Libby Road, from Broadway Avenue to Lee Road, under the Libby Road Waterline and Resurfacing Project; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2025 the bids for the Libby Road Watermain Replacement and Resurfacing Project were opened and inspected by the City Engineer to determine the lowest and best bid.

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

Section 1. The Council of the City of Maple Heights hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Northeast Ohio Trenching Service, Inc., for the Libby Road Watermain Replacement and Resurfacing Project, for a cost not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Forty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$1,541,760.24), as more fully described in the bid record on file in the Office of the Finance Director of 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 public welfare and to ensure the timely completion of the construction 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.

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Date: _____

Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025-21

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

MOTION FOR ADOPTION BY:

CO-SPONSORED BY:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2025 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Heights is committed to protecting and ensuring that children grow up safe, healthy, educated and prepared to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect contribute to adverse childhood experiences that can have a profound lifelong negative impact on lives; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is 100% preventable and the cost of treating the impacts of child abuse is significantly higher than the cost of preventing it; and

WHEREAS, consistent, early and effective prevention strategies have been proven to save lives, protect resources and strengthen and preserve Cuyahoga County's families by ending cycles of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, children raised in safe, stable and nurturing environments are more likely to enjoy good physical and mental health, succeed academically and socially and achieve economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, educating adults about how to use positive coping skills, seek options, and be flexible enables them to be stronger, more resilient individuals throughout their lives and create more stable environments and brighter futures for children; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect prevention is a community responsibility, and on behalf of Cuyahoga County's children, we join with Canopy Child Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April and throughout the year we encourage everyone to come together against child abuse and neglect by supporting prevention programs, so every child feels safe and nurtured and each family receives the support and education needed; and

WHEREAS, guided by the wisdom of Frederick Douglass that it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adult, we all resolve to do our part to build strong children with safe, healthy futures.

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

Section 1. Council thereby declares April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Maple Heights to acknowledge this most serious societal problem and the City's commitment to support the Canopy Child Advocacy Center and its child abuse prevention programs.

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 highlight this issue during the month of April, 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.

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Leonette Cicirella Johnson, Clerk of Council

City of Maple Heights | Council Expenditures Approval & Disclosures
 Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment Expenditures over \$5,000.00

Date Requested	APPROVAL NUMBER	Requested By	Fund/Dept. Account	Fund	Department	Account Name	Beginning Overall "Professional Services/ Other" Budget	Department Cost	Remaining Overall "Professional Services/ Other" Budget Balance	VENDOR	ITEM and DESCRIPTION
									\$0.00		
GRAND TOTAL										All Approved	YES _____ NO _____

Council Expenditures over \$25,000.00

Date Requested	APPROVAL NUMBER	Requested By	Fund/Dept. Account	Fund	Department	Account Name	Beginning Overall "Professional Services/ Other" Budget	Department Cost	Remaining Overall "Professional Services/ Other" Budget Balance	VENDOR	ITEM and DESCRIPTION
GRAND TOTAL										All Approved	YES _____ NO _____

Disclosure: Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00

Date Requested	APPROVAL NUMBER	Requested By	Fund/Dept. Account	Fund	Department	Account Name	Beginning Overall "Professional Services/ Other" Budget	Department Cost	Remaining Overall "Professional Services/ Other" Budget Balance	VENDOR	ITEM and DESCRIPTION
01/01/25	N/A	Service Director	270-6100-55072	SCHMR	Streets	Vehicle Parts/ Repairs	N/A	\$12,500.00	N/A	CHURNEY'S BODYWORKS INC.	Parts and repairs for City vehicles
02/11/25	N/A	Service Director	100-7160-55015	General	Lands & Building	Professional Services	N/A	\$17,880.00	N/A	ZENITH SYSTEMS LLC	Replace automatic transfer switch for the City Hall generator
03/11/25	N/A	Fire Chief	252-1200-55082 and 253-1200-55082	Ambulance Billing and FEMA Fire Grant	Fire	Operations & Safety Equipment and Uniforms	N/A	\$21,500.00	N/A	MES I ACQUISITION INC.	Firefighting Gear