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Bedford OKs \$273K for police body, dash cameras Burke now officially

By Judith Goldsworth

At its meeting Monday night, Bedford Council approved legislation for a fiveyear contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for body and dash cameras for the city's police department, at a cost of \$273,160.

license fees over the five-year period of the contract, Manager Mike Mallis stated. according to the legislation.

"I think from an operational standpoint, for the the transparency and safety

Seven Roses closes doors



(Photo by Elena Psenicka

With the pandemic still keeping people at home and business down, Seven Roses owner Sophie Tyl closed her doors Sunday for the last time on this Fleet Ave. Polish bakery and deli and opened the chapter of her new life in retirement.

"We are so thankful for the nearly two decades of Truck, M2 106 Single Axle wonderful authentic Polish food and amazing bakery at Cab/Chassis, equipped with Seven Roses," Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli said. "Sophie, Tina and their team of wonderful staff have combination street sweeper been a staple in our community and a tourist attraction for visitors around the world."

Congratulations, Sophie, on your well-deserved retirement and enjoy those grandchildren!

Mallis commended Police Chief Marty Stemple and Finance Director Frank making the cameras a reality for the city's law enforcement officers.

Police cars, other vehicles approved

Council approved ordinances for contracts to purchase a large number of vehicles for the city's departments at Monday's meeting, including for the police and other city departments.

Among the contracts passedwere:

• Larkin Greenewood Ford for a 2021 Ford Police Utility Vehicle, \$38,32.

• Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora for a 2021 Tahoe SUV, \$37.929.

• Jay Auto Group of Bedford for three 2021 GMC Sierra 2500HD 2WD regular cab pickups, total cost \$84,133.80. These will replace three city vehicles that are all rolling up on 20 years of use, Mallis said.

• Valley Ford Truck for a 2022 Ford F450 regular cab, 4x4 dump truck with stainless steel dump body for the Department, Water \$78,795. This will replace a 20-year-old dump truck.

•One 2021 Freightliner new Vac/All Model AS-13 and catch basin sewer cleaner for \$335.212.

Mallis noted that the Freightliner will in effect

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•Also approved were two officers, for the public, for Gambosi for their work in separate contracts with Hall Public Safety to outfit the 2021 Ford Utility Vehicle at a cost of \$15,825.81, and the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe at a cost of \$15,477.46. Mallis said the installation will include special equipment to accommodate the police body and dash cameras, as approved earlier in the meeting.

Lateral transfer, police pension fund legislation approved

Council approved an ordinance authorizing Mallis and Gambosi to modify the wages and benefits for lateral transfers to the Bedford Police Department, to offer competitive salaries and vacation time.

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Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke was sworn into office Monday, Feb. 1, by County Council President Pernel Jones, Jr. Burke, the former city council president and Ward 6 representative, is filling the unexpired term of Mayor Vic Collova, who retired.

"I would like to thank outgoing Mayor Vic Collova for his dedication to the city of Garfield Heights and for the opportunity to transition from my position as council president to the mayor's office. The city is stable and thriving due to Vic's hard work during his nearly three terms as mayor," Burke said at his swearing-in ceremony, which was held via ZOOM Monday.



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Matt Burke was sworn in as new Garfield Heights mayor on Monday. He is shown here sitting at the mayor's desk at the Civic Center for the first time since being named to head the city.

'I welcome constructive suggestions from the community and will stay positive in my role as leader," Burke continued. "I plan to focus on relationship building and improvements and seek the support of city council, community members and my staff in this important effort."

Shot to death in S.V. parking lot

Last Sunday, Jan. 31, a man was shot to death in a Broadway Ave. parking lot in Slavic Village, according to Cleveland police.

At about 4:45 p.m., officers responded to 6517 Broadway Ave. for a male shot. The victim, age 47, was located down in the parking lot with citizens attempting to perform CPR. He had suffered gunshot wounds to the head and body.

Officers rendered aid to the victim until the arrival of EMS, who continued care and transported the victim to MetroHealth Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Members of the Homicide Unit responded to the scene for investigation. Preliminary information indicates that the victim was in the lot and after having a conversation with an unknown male in a vehicle, he was shot by the unknown male who then fled in the vehicle.

At this time there is not a description of the suspect vehicle. No arrests have been made. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact investigators at 216-623-5464. Anonymous information can be provided via Crime Stoppers by calling 216-25-CRIME.





Bedford Council OKs \$273K for police cameras

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Lateral transfers from other police departments or entities, who must have at least one year of experience, will receive a starting salary of \$64,132 for the first year with tion at the teleconference meeting in honor of civil rights the city increasing accordingly with additional experience. Álso, after working for the city for 90 days, lateral transfers will be allowed to take two weeks of vacation.

deferred pension for eligible employees of the police and fire departments who participate in the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund.

Council also approved an ordinance for the city to accept a \$33,000 Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council 2021 Energized Community Grant. Although a specific project had not yet been identified for the funds, the legislation still needed to be approved to accept the grant, Mallis said.



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Young speechwriter gives presentation

Mayor Koci introduced Jaiden Shauf-Dressman, a 9year-old resident of the city, who gave a special presentapioneer Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and also in observance of Black History Month.

Also approved was a resolution for the city to offer a first in the Regional MLK Oratorical Contest last January. Committee. A headline in last week's newspaper mistak-leferred pension for eligible employees of the police and Jaiden's speech was titled, "Where Would We Be? Where enly identified it as the Public Relations Committee. Will We Be?" in honoring Dr. King's life and legacy.

> the city of Bedford YouTube channel, as part of the February 1, 2021, council meeting recording.

Updates

its road program, with an estimated budget of roughly about \$400,000. The entire stretch of Union Street will be resurfaced this year, from Broadway to Broadway, Mallis said, after Cuyahoga County confirmed they would be doing the work in 2021. Legislation for the project will be on the agenda at an upcoming meeting, he added.

Mallis said the city was also looking to do a major waterline project through the Historic District, which will mean abandoning an old waterline that dated back to at least the early 1930s and updating the system in the area.

"We anticipate ODOT, in the coming years, to come in and resurface Broadway," he said. "We want to make sure our infrastructure is covered before they embark on that project."



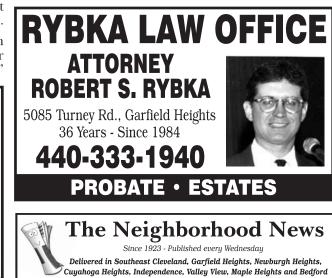
Garfield Hts. residents can still apply for Community **Relations Committee**

The mayor's office of the city of Garfield Heights is continuing to accept letters of interest and resumes from Jaiden, a fourth-grader at University School, placed residents for its newly revamped Community Relations

Duties of the members include advising city council and Jaiden gave his thanks for having the opportunity to officials in fields of community and diversity, promoting give his speech, the full version of which is available on communication and understanding between institutions, citizens and citizen groups in the community, improving equity of opportunity in government, education, employment and housing in the community, and conducting research and studies in the fields of community and Mallis said the city will be moving forward this year with diversity in an effort to lessen prejudice and discrimination.

> Those interested in applying for a committee position are asked to send a letter to: Office of the Mayor of Garfield Heights, Attention: J. Duber, 5407 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, OH 44125.

> Letters can also be emailed to Jduber@garfieldhts.org. Deadline is Feb. 28, 2021.



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Jones Road Family Development - Slavic Village's Diamond in the Rough

When it comes to helping the children of Slavic Village do better in school, enhancing their lives with music and arts courses and feeding their bodies as well as their souls, Jones Road Family Development, in its own quiet, steadfast way, has made its mark on thousands of neighborhood youngsters for over 30 years.

From its headquarters at Jones Road Church, 8000 Jones Rd., in Slavic Village, its Literacy Through the Arts (LTA) program offers children and youth, ages 5 to 18 years, opportunities for after school tutoring, music and arts instruction, meals, youth employment and summer arts camp.

"We believe that learning to play an instrument, writing poetry, drawing and painting can all enhance a student's ability to learn other life skills," said founder and executive director Ione Parry.

With most of the LTA students being African-American, the program provides a curriculum that not only emphasizes textbook knowledge and character development but equality for all.

Mrs. Parry remarked that the COVID-19 pandemic threw her programs a curve ball, but she and her talented staff of teachers and mentors were up to the challenge. They quickly adjusted by working with area school leadership teams to convert their programs into virtual learning opportunities until they are allowed to fully reopen safely.

And the staff is proud to participate this school year in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District Academic Learning Pods initiative. Eighteen children meet at the Jones Road Church, five days perweek for virtual learning with professional proctors from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and continuing at 3 p.m. with LTA activities. Vocal music, violin instruction, keyboard, percussion, creative writing, and help with reading and math are offered in the afterschool program along with soccer, gymnastics and life skills instruction. Masks are worn and social distancing is carefully observed.

Normally the after school program is held one day a week at Jones Road Church from late fall through the beginning of May. Daily curriculum includes an afterschool snack, reading and homework assistance, art/ music instruction, opportunities for reading theater/ production, and a hot dinner meal before heading home.

Historically the summer academy lasts six weeks, Mondays through Fridays, for half-day sessions. Attendance at this popular event typically numbers about 200 youth, who are given breakfast and lunch along with instruction and fun activities that help the children learn and grow and build skills desired by future employers by working as part of a team. Due to COVID-19, this past summer's academy was held virtually.

And because most of the students come from families struggling to make ends meet, the academy cost is only \$10 per child for the entire summer camp. That's why they rely heavily on donations and grant funding to keep their doors open.

In "normal times," the summer academy is located at Cleveland Central Catholic High School, which generously provides space and support services for the program. Like Central Catholic, LTA is an active member of Slavic Village P-16, an initiative which seeks to connect young people in Greater Cleveland with positive experiences and the caring adults they need to lead good lives, supplementing the parenting and education of our youth.

"Like everyone else, we are looking forward to getting back to normal," said Mrs. Parry. "And funding is a constant challenge, although we have been fortunate to obtain financial support from the Third Federal Foundation and a number of other donors."

She said LTA is eager to find additional funding opportunities to be able to expand the after-school program at Jones Road and restart on-site tutoring at neighborhood schools.

Slavic Village is lucky to have this "diamond in the rough" program and LTA teachers who work tirelessly with neighborhood youth, helping to turn them into the "polished gems" they were meant to be.

For additional information or to donate to the organization, visit the Jones Road website: https:// www.jonesroadfamily.org or email Mrs. Parry at: pparry@ameritech.net.



Literacy Through the Arts Summer Camp children are shown performing at an annual concert in pre-COVID days. This one took place behind Holy Name Church in 2017 that gave parents, grandparents and friends a chance to see what their little ones had learned over the course of the summer instruction.







Maple Hts. Council OKs more money for police department locker room expansion

By Judith Goldsworth

At its meeting Jan. 20, Maple Heights Council approved legislation to authorize a \$57,000 change order for the Maple Heights police station locker room expansion on Lee Rd., the first phase of which was paid for through \$85,000 in federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funding.

According to the resolution on last week's agenda, Police Chief Todd Hansen informed Mayor Annette Blackwell and City Engineer Ed Hren that additional construction and design work should be performed to complete the COVID-19 Locker Room Expansion Project in its entirety by converting additional underutilized detention space into locker/restroom space and break room space in order to comply with social distancing ation at a future meeting. requirements.

to complete, which includes \$2,000 for design and administrative services, and "not greater than \$55,000 for construction.'

He said the change order work will be paid for with city funds committed towards police department renovations.

Council also passed an ordinance authorizing Blackwell and Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas to apply for and accept a Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$100,000, for operations and safety equipment, with the city responsible for 10% of the award in matching funds.

Parcels for senior housing community rezoned

Council approved another ordinance adopting the recommendation of the Planning Commission that 22 parcels of land in the Broadway-Rockside area of the city be rezoned from residential single family, medium density district, to residential multi-family district, for the development of Hazelwood Court, an affordable senior housing community to be built by PIRHL Acquisitions LLC of Cleveland.

Hazelwood Court, as described by PIRHL representatives in a presentation to council last week, is intended to be built in close proximity to the Maple Heights High School complex, west of Thomas St. between Waterbury and Dalewood aves., as "affordable, independent living apartments for seniors, with accessible, single-floor living allowing seniors to remain in the community they love.'

According to PIRHL, provided tax credits are awarded and financing proceeds later this year, construction is expected to begin in April 2022, with completion and occupancy expected by June 2023.

Senior transportation approved for 2021

Council passed a resolution to approve senior transportation in the city for the year 2021, with Senior Transportation Connection at a cost of \$775 per month, a 3% increase from last year.

Human Services Director Linda Vopat said that the funding for the transportation would come out of revenue from the senior levy renewal passed by Maple Heights voters last year for another five-year period.

Salary legislation placed on readings

Also on the agenda were two ordinances regarding salaries of city employees, both of which were placed on additional readings.

One ordinance, to set the annual salary of the safety director, who according to the Maple Heights City Charter is also the city's mayor, at \$15,000 (amended at the meeting from the \$10,000 originally stated in the legislation), was taken out of Finance Committee and placed on the agenda.

A motion to pass the safety director salary ordinance on

emergency at the meeting failed, with council members Stafford Shenett, Christian Ostenson, Tanglyn Madden and Edwina Agee voting "no," which automatically placed on second reading for consideration at a future meeting.

The other ordinance amended and restated the authorized pay schedule for non-bargaining city unit employees for 2021, as well as for the position of safety director with a salary of \$15,000 effective Jan. 1, 2021

A motion to pass this separate ordinance, which also includes salaries for police and fire chiefs, department directors and other city employees, on emergency at the meeting also failed. Council members Toni Jones, Dana Anderson and Richard Trojanski voted "no," which automatically placed it on second reading for consider-

Blackwell and Finance Director Tinita Tillman both Hren said the project would need an additional \$57,000 clarified that recent raises for city employees, as approved through legislation earlier this month, were made possible through a variety of funding sources, including a \$600,000 Bureau of Workers' Compensation reimbursement to the city.

> Blackwell clarified that the two ordinances were not in conflict with each other and that their intent was to clearly state salaries for all of the non-bargaining positions in the city, including that of the safety director

> This is not about me," she emphasized, referencing the proposed safety director salary raise, but it was about the position itself and any future occupants of the mayor's office and to make the salaries comparable to that of other cities.

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> Michael T. Nenadovich Legislative Committee Chairman President of Council Councilman - Ward 3

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GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Motor Vehicle Theft

On Jan. 22, at about 4 p.m., a caller reported that someone had taken her unlocked and running 2010 Mazda CX-9 from in front of A Taste of Soul restaurant at 4812 Turney Rd., while she ran into the store to pick up her dinner order. While still inside the business she witnessed her vehicle get stolen. A witness told police the suspect was a 30-40 year-old black male, 5'11" tall, thin build and a beard. A black iPhone and \$300 in cash were in the car. A GHPD detective viewed the city camera system for the theft and said a red mini-van had dropped off a male suspect who had stolen the woman's car. Vehicle entered into LEADS as stolen. Victim cited for unattended motor vehicle.

Breaking & Entering

On Jan. 27, officers were called to Walgreens at 5090 Turney Rd., for a breaking and entering report. The manager said he arrived at work that day to find the front doors had been pried open. Several packs of cigarettes had been taken. Store security cameras showed two males prying open the front door at 4:54 a.m. They put packs of cigarettes in a bin and left the store one minute after entering. A copy of the security video turned over to detectives.

Burglary

On Jan. 27, at 7:20 p.m., police arrived at a home in the 10100 block of Russell Ave. in reference to a robbery. The victim told police that four unknown males had kicked in the rear door of her house while she was upstairs with her sisters. On hearing the loud noise, she went downstairs and one of the men told her to sit on the floor. When they were done going through the house they told her to go upstairs. She sat on her bed for a while then ran across the street to call police. The victim's two sisters had gone down the stairs when they heard someone knocking at the door. The unknown males kicked in the back door and pointed a gun to one of the sisters' heads and told them to sit on the floor while they went upstairs looking for what they could take. When they were finished looking through the house one of them again pointed a gun at them and told them to go upstairs. Stolen items included an Iphone 10x Max, a pair of Gucci shoes and purse, a Mark Jacob purse and a Hisense TV. The Detective Bureau is following up.

Robbery

On Jan. 31, at about 4:30 a.m., police responded to Marymount Hospital for a robbery report. The victim said she is a driver for Lyft and was just assaulted and robbed of her dark blue Camry. She said she had just picked up three young black males from an unknown address, possibly in Garfield Heights or Maple Heights. She was not able to provide a location due to her not having access to the Lyft App on her phone. She described the males as between the ages of 18-22 and thin builds. She said after a short ride they reached their destination about five minutes from the initial pickup. One of the males told her to pull up further towards the driveway of a house. Another of them began hitting the side of her head with a closed fist. Another ripped her from the car and threw her on the ground. All of them then left in her car. She wandered around the area and then found the hospital and checked herself in. She said her smart phone, wallet, ID, debit card and keys were all left in the stolen vehicle. The victim was advised to follow up with the Detective Bureau once she is able to access her Lyft App to provide a location of the robbery.

G.H. Community Awareness meeting

Join Garfield Heights Ward 5 Councilman Jason Blake on Wednesday, Feb. 10, for a Community Awareness meeting held virtually via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be Barbara Biro, finance director for the city of Garfield Heights.

If there are specific questions/topics you would like addressed, please forward them to: jblake@garfieldhts.org. All residents are welcome to access the Zoom meeting at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89955187870?pwd=T1lZdkMyZXBSN0g1NIJXZy95b FBÎUT09

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•Online: Pay by e-check or credit/debit card.

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•Drop Box: Located at the County Administrative Headquarters, 2079 E. 9th St., Cleveland, for check or money order payments (right-hand side of main entrance).



Legal Advertisement

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Garfield Heights ("Owner"), at the office of the Fiscal Officer, City of Garfield Heights, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125 on the 11th day of February, 2021 until 10:00 am current local time for the:

"Broadway Avenue Watermain Replacement"

and will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full names of the party or parties making the same, with an affidavit as to interested parties, and in the case of a corporation not chartered in Ohio, with a proper certificate that such corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio, and shall be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty Bond for the full amount (100%) of the Bid, in favor of the "Owner" or a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of 10% of the Bid, payable to the "Owner".

It is agreed that the bid guaranty shall be for the benefit of the "Owner" pursuant to Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code if the undersigned fails to execute the Contract in conformity with the Form of Contract incorporated in the contract documents and furnish Bond and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the Contract to the undersigned.

Copies of the Contract Documents are on file at SE Blueprint, Plan Room and may be obtained at cost (1) online at www.ohm-bidderplanroom.plancycle.com, (2) in person at the SE Blueprint Akron Office, 540 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44311 or at the SE Blueprint Cleveland Office 2035 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114, or (3) via phone SE Blueprint Cleveland (216) 241-2250.

Please note that in order to be considered as a "responsive bidder" for this project, you must purchase a set of plans and bid documents, and follow all instructions provided. Bids from contractors who are not on the Plan Holders List will be disqualified.

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> Barbara A. Biro, Finance Director City of Garfield Heights

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The deadline to pay 2020 first half real estate taxes in will be assigned a late fee of 5% if they pay their first half taxes between Friday, Jan. 29, and Sunday, Feb. 7. On Monday, Feb. 8, the penalty increases to 10%.

> All tax bills were mailed during the week of January 4, modate potential mail delays. However, if a taxpayer is late paying their taxes due to not receiving a bill, they can return a Remission of Late Payment Penalties form to:

> Address: Cuyahoga County Treasury, 2079 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, OH 44115

Email: TREASCOMMENT@cuyahogacounty.us

Fax: 216-443-7463

Each form will be reviewed by the Treasury Department In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, taxpayers and authorized on a case-by-case basis. If the remission is



authorized, late penalties assessed to First Half Tax Payments will be removed from the tax bill or refunded.

If taxpayers are experiencing difficulties with making their payment, they should contact the county treasurer at 216-443-7420 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email to: treascomment@cuyahogacounty.us.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

By order of the Council of the City of Maple Heights, sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, until 12:00 Noon, local time, on the 11thth day of February, 2021 for the "MAPLE HEIGHTS CITY HALL NEW VESTIBULE & ELEVATOR ADDITION PROJECT in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

The bid documents, specifications and drawings may be examined without charge online at www.cvelimited.plancycle.com. To become a Registered Bidder, documents, specifications and drawings must be purchased at either www.evelimited.plancycle.com, SE Blueprint at 2035 Hamilton Avenue Cleveland, OH 44114 or SE Blueprint at 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411 Akron, OH 44311 at the cost of \$100.00 + tax and delivery which includes bid registration, one (1) hard copy set of the bid package and one (1) complete set of pdf files. Additional sets of bid documents can also be ordered online at www.cvelimited.plancycle.com or by emailing seblue@seblueprint.com, calling 216-241-2250 or visiting an SE Blueprint location.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surely. Each bid must be made upon the Proposal Form provided in the set of specifications and must be accompanied by a bank check or cashier's check drawn on a solvent bank in Cuyahoga County in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, or a bid bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount bid, as a guarantee that if said bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and a Surety Bond satisfactory to said City in an amount equal to 100% of the total bid will be furnished. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Maple Heights, Ohio.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity.

Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted Proposals or their representatives are invited to attend.

The Maple Heights City Hall New Vestibule & Elevator Addition Project is partially funded by the Cuyahoga County Department of Development's Block Grant Program. A bidder/contractor will be deemed committed to the Department of Labor's goals and timetables for the Cleveland, Ohio area as specified in the Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal Employment Opportunity Order 11246 by submitting a properly signed bid. Each bidder must insure that all employees and applicants for the employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

A copy of the Bid Specification package for the Maple Heights City Hall New Vestibule & Elevator Addition Project will be available for review by all potential bidders at the offices of the Cuyahoga County Department of Development located at 2079 East Ninth Street; Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) are encouraged to participate on this project. The goal for SBE participation is 35% of total contract award for this project.

A Pre-bid Conference for the Maple Heights City Hall New Vestibule & Elevator Addition Project will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time on the 4th day of February, 2021 in the Council Chambers at the Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137 for all interested parties. Information will be disseminated concerning proper completion of bid package documents.

The right is reserved to accept any bidder, to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Maple Heights to do so.

Bids are to be submitted in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Agent. Sealed bids must be marked, "MAPLE HEIGHTS CITY HALL NEW VESTIBULE & **ELEVATOR ADDITION PROJECT**

> Tinita Tillman Finance Director Maple Heights, Ohio

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