

SUMMARY OF KEY ACTIONS TAKEN AT JULY 7TH COUNCIL MEETING:

(summarized from minutes by L. Mayer)

After 18 public comments about a pending countywide COVID mask requirement, the Cleveland Indigenous Coalition supported an upcoming resolution declaring racism a public health crisis. Mr. Budish gave a report about the current countywide surge in COVID cases. He noted that all counties coded RED are required by Ohio to conform to OH mask requirements. Mr. Brady announced that live Council meetings are expected to resume again in September.

The following key items were passed:

- Declaration that racism is a public health crisis in the county;
- \$3.5 million Economic Development loan to a manufactory of Purell products on Lee road in Maple Heights;
- Requirement that various employee units serve 10 unpaid furlough “cost-saving” days;
- Hazard pay agreements for various employee units;
- \$1 million in additional funds for Closing the Achievement Gap services in 4 districts.

A walk-on ordinance requiring masks in public spaces was introduced and referred to committee.