

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
December 8th, 2022

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the December 8th, 2022 regular meeting to order at
2 7:30p.m.
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4 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Jeff Garvas, Jan Tulley, and Vini J. Ventura. Also
5 present: Law Director Mark Guidetti and Clerk of Council Jon Hoover.

6 **Absent:** Council member Dave Finley
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8 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
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10 **PROCLAMATION:** The Mayor proclaimed December 8, 2022 as Nordonia Drama Day and
11 congratulated the cast and crew for a wonderful performance of the recent play titled “Puffs” that he had
12 the pleasure of attending. In attendance were Ryan Dulaney, Julie Dulaney, Brennan Barber, Abbey
13 Krysinski, Claire Marchant, Katie Hersh, Kate Gentile, Gaby Curcic, Grace York, Alex Picoult, Gabby
14 Jethrow, Zeke Rayle, Zion Fountain, Hunter Gabel and Nordonia High School principal Louise Teringo.
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16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
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18 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of**
19 **November 10, 2022 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried unanimously upon a
20 voice vote.
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22 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
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24 **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk of Council read a letter received from the Aurora Police Department
25 to the Macedonia Fire Department commending Firefighters Ryan Zapora and Rory Skolnik for providing
26 mutual aid to the Aurora Police Department in locating a missing resident suffering from Alzheimer’s.
27 Their use of drone equipment helped locate the individual, allowing him to be transported to the hospital
28 where he has made a full recovery.
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30 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**
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33 **ORDINANCE NO. 67-2022**

34 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF
35 MACEDONIA, OHIO was offered by Mr. Garvas for **third reading by title only.**
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37 Dir. Veres thanked Council for the foresight in knowing that passing the budget for the upcoming year
38 during the current year is a best practice.
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40 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 67-2022 and post the same according to**
41 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 67-2022 declared and adopted.**
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43 **ORDINANCE NO. 71-2022**

44 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF
45 REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
46 TO BE MADE WHICH DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNER OF THE
47 IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES,
48 ESTABLISHING A BASCH MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT
49 EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO
50 REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43 was offered by Ms. Brandt for **third**
51 **reading by title only.**
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53 The Mayor stated this is a TIF for the new Basch Jewelry store, and expressed his appreciation for Dir.
54 Veres in getting this done.

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56 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 71-2022 and post the same according to**
57 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 71-2022 declared and adopted.**

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59 **ORDINANCE NO. 76-2022**

60 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 67-2021 RELATIVE TO CURRENT EXPENSES
61 AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY
62 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third readings by**
63 **title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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65 Dir. Veres stated the purpose for this amendment was due to the way in which the One Ohio opioid
66 settlement funds are to be distributed has changed. Rather than a lump sum payment, the amount coming
67 to the City will be spread out over 18 years.

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69 Ms. Brandt clarified that while the funds had been added to the budget previously, there had not been an
70 allocation of those monies. The Mayor further stated that the administration is working with the Law
71 Director to determine how those monies can be spent as the settlement has placed certain restrictions on
72 them.

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74 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 76-2022 and post the same according**
75 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 76-2022 declared and adopted.**

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77 **RESOLUTION NO. 77-2022**

78 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF ROBERT H. SCOTT II
79 TO THE CITY OF MACEDONIA BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING CODE APPEALS was
80 offered by Ms. Tulley for **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The
81 motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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83 The Mayor stated there had been a vacancy on the BZA and Mr. Scott came forward as a highly qualified
84 candidate for the role.

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86 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 77-2022 and post the same according to**
87 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 77-2022 declared and adopted.**

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89 **ORDINANCE NO. 78-2022**

90 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
91 BETWEEN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA AND THE MACEDONIA FIREFIGHTERS,
92 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 3947 FOR THE YEARS 2023, 2024
93 AND 2025 was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by
94 Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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96 The Mayor stated that if this ordinance passes, it will be the first time during his tenure and perhaps the
97 history of the City, where an agreement was made prior to the year it is scheduled to begin.

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99 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 78-2022 and post the same according**
100 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 78-2022 declared and adopted.**

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102 The Mayor thanked Council, Chief Ripley and the union for working together to make history on this
103 agreement.

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105 **ORDINANCE NO. 79-2022**

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106 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE
107 NON-UNION CITY EMPLOYEES OF MACEDONIA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 was offered by
108 Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion
109 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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111 Dir. Veres stated this ordinance adjusted a few of the minimum wage ranges for positions.

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113 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 79-2022 and post the same according to**
114 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 79-2022 declared and adopted.**

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117 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** None

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120 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

121 ~Mayor's Court revenue for November 2022 was \$29,418.41
122 ~Moment of silence in memory of Paul Susak, who was a former City Council member, Civil
123 Service Commission member, and Fire Chief in Warrensville Heights.
124 ~Happy Holidays!
125 ~Don't text and drive! Put the phones down and drive the car.

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127 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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129 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt reported there was not a meeting in December and the
130 January meeting is tentatively scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month, but that it may change
131 because of a scheduling conflict with the Nordonia School Board Committee meeting that same evening.

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133 **JEDD:** Mr. Garvas reported the mandatory JEDD meeting will take place in January. Dir. Guidetti
134 clarified that it is technically the final meeting of 2022 and that it will take place on January 23 at 6pm.

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137 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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139 **Service Department:** Director Wilson – Leaf pickup is complete, and the Service Department is triple
140 checking all the snow equipment. Much work has been done on Christmas lights around the City, to
141 which Mr. Ventura commended the Service Department employees he witnessed working to put up the
142 lights early on a cold Sunday morning. Ms. Brandt added that she has been impressed by the lights at
143 Longwood Park and the excellent job done by the Service Department in removing leaves.

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145 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – The planning process for the intersection of Highland and Valley View
146 Roads is taking place and is scheduled for 2025. Dir. Gigliotti shared via PowerPoint a map of the
147 proposed improvements to that intersection. A 30-day comment period is required, thus the discussion of
148 the project at this meeting. The Mayor stated that the City has received a \$2.1 million grant to help in this
149 project and that residents will be appreciative at its completion.

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151 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – WinterFest is taking place at Longwood Park
152 on Saturday, December 10 from 6-8pm and the area has been transformed for this event, thanks to the
153 hard work put in by the Parks & Recreation as well as Service Department staff. Fireworks are aiming to
154 be set off at 8pm. The flooring project in the Recreation Center has been completed. The Mayor
155 reiterated that WinterFest is taking place at Longwood Park, not at the City Center and that everyone
156 should dress appropriately for the weather.

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158 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – Thanks for passage of the finance-related legislation, especially
159 the fire contract as it will reduce the amount of extra work needing to be done by the Finance Department.
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161 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – Thanks for passage of the fire contract. The letter read previously from
162 the Aurora Police Chief is of note as the author is a former part-time Macedonia police officer. The drone
163 team has been called out four times and are continuing to learn. It was also discovered there is a drone
164 class at Nordonia High School, so the team will visit the class. The Santa delivery program will be out in
165 the town next week, so please be careful navigating around him.
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167 **Police Department:** Chief Golden – There are 23 kids signed up for the Shop with a Cop program and
168 the public support is appreciated. The four new Chevy Tahoes are in and currently getting striped and
169 decaled, with the hope that they are on the streets by late winter. The Mayor noted Chief Golden is soon
170 to retire and wished him well.
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172 **HR Department:** Director Smith – HR is closing out 2022 and preparing for open enrollment in 2023.
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174 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – Planning Commission will meet on December 19 and
175 two items on the agenda include the final design review for the Nordstrom Rack façade as well as the
176 drive-up window for Chipotle. It was also noted that the Planning Commission meeting after that will be
177 on January 9 rather than the 16th because of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
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179 **IT Department:** Director Collins – 42 help desk tickets have been closed since the last Council meeting.
180 Major projects include additional access points in the City Center to augment the wi-fi in a couple spots,
181 as well as “dumbing down” the mobile data terminals (MDT) in the police cruisers from 5G to 4G to
182 eliminate some of the coverage issues experienced by officers.
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184 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – 2023 will be a Charter Review year as required by the City
185 Charter that will involve, among other things, six residents to be appointed by Council and the Mayor to
186 serve as the Charter Review Commission. The Commission will review and make potential
187 recommendations to Council for amendments that would appear on the ballot, likely in November.
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190 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None
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193 **NEW BUSINESS:**
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195 Mr. Garvas invited residents to drive by and observe from the street the holiday lighting display at his
196 home on 9821 Firestone Lane between the hours of 5-11pm. By tuning radios to 87.9, music
197 synchronized to the display can be heard. Mr. Garvas also commended Chief Ripley on the drone
198 program, as well as the Service Department for the fantastic holiday lighting throughout the City.
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200 Mr. Ventura congratulated Chief Golden on his upcoming retirement.
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202 Ms. Tulley also thanked Chief Golden for his service and pointed out Junior Council member Vincent
203 Milianta sitting at the dais. The Mayor expounded on the role of Junior Council and thanked Mr.
204 Milianta for being a part of it.
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206 There being no further business, Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adjourn the meeting**.
207 The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at
208 approximately 8:11p.m.
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211 **Date:** _____

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Attest: _____

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Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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218 **Mayor:** _____

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Nicholas Molnar

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