

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
January 12th, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the January 12th, 2023 regular meeting to order at
2 7:30p.m.

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4 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Dave Finley, Jeff Garvas, Jan Tulley, and Vini J.
5 Ventura. Also present: Law Director Mark Guidetti and Clerk of Council Jon Hoover.

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7 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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9 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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11 Ms. Brandt moved, seconded by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December**
12 **8, 2022 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried upon a majority voice vote.
13 Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative; Councilor Finley abstained.

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15 **ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**

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17 **Council President**

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19 Mr. Garvas moved, seconded by Ms. Tulley, to nominate Ms. Brandt to the position of Council President.

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21 There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

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23 The motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in
24 the affirmative. Councilor Finley abstained.

25 **Ms. Brandt elected Council President for 2023**

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27 **Council Vice-President**

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29 Ms. Brandt moved, seconded by Mr. Ventura, to nominate Mr. Garvas to the position of Council Vice-
30 President.

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32 There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

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34 The motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in
35 the affirmative. Councilor Finley abstained.

36 **Mr. Garvas elected Council Vice-President for 2023**

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38 **Finance Committee Chair**

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40 Ms. Brandt moved, seconded by Mr. Garvas, to nominate Mr. Ventura to the position of Finance
41 Committee Chair.

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43 There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

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45 The motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in
46 the affirmative. Councilor Finley abstained.

47 **Mr. Ventura elected Finance Committee Chair**

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49 **Council Representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission**

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51 Mr. Ventura moved, seconded by Ms. Tulley, to nominate Ms. Brandt to the position of Council
52 Representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

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56 The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

57 **Ms. Brandt elected Council Representative to the Parks &**
58 **Recreation Commission for 2023**

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61 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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63 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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65 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

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68 **ORDINANCE NO. 1-2023**

69 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
70 WITH LORDSTOWN EV CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 ENDURANCE CC1L
71 PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE CITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF
72 ADVERTISEMENT AND FORMAL BIDDING was offered by Mr. Finley for **first reading by title**
73 **only.**

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75 The Mayor explained that the manufacturer notified several municipalities approximately two years ago
76 that these commercial vehicles would be available at some point, and the City expressed interest in being
77 involved. The opportunity to purchase one of these vehicles is now available and has been budgeted for
78 by the City. The vehicle has zero maintenance and the battery has an expected life and warranty covering
79 eight years. The City would like to test the vehicle in various tasks, but would also like to hear input from
80 the public.

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82 **ORDINANCE NO. 2-2023**

83 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
84 SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S COMMISSION FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF
85 INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF
86 THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third reading by title**
87 **only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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89 Dir. Guidetti stated this legislation is largely housekeeping and allows the public defender's office to
90 represent an individual declared indigent that faces a loss of liberty offense in the City of Macedonia.
91 There is a maximum of \$170 per case.

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93 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 2-2023 and post the same according to**
94 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 2-2023 declared and adopted.**

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96 **ORDINANCE NO. 3-2023**

97 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA AND
98 CHAGRIN VALLEY ENGINEERING, LTD. RELATIVE TO COMPENSATION FOR
99 ENGINEERING SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CITY BY THE CITY ENGINEER was offered by
100 Ms. Tulley for **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion
101 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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103 The Mayor shared that Chagrin Valley Engineering (CVE) approached him to inform that costs were
104 going up, and after researching other firms and municipalities, learned that these costs are in line with
105 increases elsewhere in the realm of engineering. The Mayor further stated an appreciation for the job that
106 CVE has done for the City and does not wish to make a change.

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108 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 3-2023 and post the same according to**
109 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 3-2023 declared and adopted.**
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111 **ORDINANCE NO. 4-2023**

112 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN M. VERES AS THE
113 DIRECTOR OF FINANCE FOR THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO was offered by Mr. Ventura for
114 **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried
115 unanimously by a voice vote.
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117 The Mayor stated that during his tenure with the City, there have been nine Finance Directors and opined
118 that Dir. Veres has been the best during that time. Examples were given of the value added by Dir. Veres
119 to the position, and explained that, if passed, this retire/rehire allows the City to avoid spending funds
120 searching for a new Finance Director.
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122 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 4-2023 and post the same according to**
123 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 4-2023 declared and adopted.**
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125 **RESOLUTION NO. 5-2023**

126 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, BIDS AND
127 SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS,
128 FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT
129 PROGRAM was offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by
130 Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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132 Dir. Gigliotti explained this resolution allows the City to move forward with the 2023 road program. His
133 presentation gave an overview of the program, which includes complete repaving of Janes Lane, South
134 Melody Lane, Fairlane Drive, Newport Drive (w/curb replacement), Elizabeth Drive, Crestline Drive,
135 Merline Drive (w/curb replacement), Barkdale Drive (to 250 north of Newport Drive), Lancewood Drive
136 and River Run.
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138 The Mayor thanked the voters for passing the levy years ago that allowed the City to improve the roads.
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140 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt RES.NO. 5-2023 and post the same according to**
141 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 5-2023 declared and adopted.**
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143 **RESOLUTION NO. 6-2023**

144 A FINAL RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROCEED
145 WITH THE INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN PAVEMENT MARKINGS ALONG STATE ROUTE 8
146 FOR PROJECT D04 PM R-WR FY2023 – PID NO. 115375 RELATIVE TO A PORTION OF STATE
147 ROUTE 8 LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first,**
148 **second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by
149 a voice vote.
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151 Dir. Gigliotti explained this legislation allows ODOT to proceed with public bidding for repainting of
152 lines on Route 8 on the north end of town. The City's portion of the project cost is \$2,900.
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154 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 6-2023 and post the same according to**
155 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 6-2023 declared and adopted.**
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157 **RESOLUTION NO. 7-2023**

158 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW
159 COMMISSION was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first reading by title only.**

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161 Dir. Guidetti summarized the Charter requirements that a Charter Review Commission be assembled
162 every five years. This legislation allows for the Commission to assemble and meet periodically, with the
163 goal to make any amendment recommendations to Council within enough time to make it on the
164 November ballot.

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166 **ORDINANCE NO. 8-2023**
167 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 161.12(b)(2), 161.13(a)(1), AND 161.15(g) OF THE
168 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEE
169 BENEFITS was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by
170 Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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172 The Mayor explained this legislation mirrors some of the benefits of what the recent collective bargaining
173 agreement with Fire Department contained, but extends it to non-bargaining employees of the City.

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175 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 8-2023 and post the same according to**
176 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 8-2023 declared and adopted.**

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179 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

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181 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **accept a donation from Plastic Process Equipment, Inc.**
182 **in the amount of \$1,200 to be utilized by the Macedonia Police Department for certain law**
183 **enforcement purposes**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

184
185 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **accept a donation from Plastic Process Equipment, Inc.**
186 **in the amount of \$1,200 to be utilized by the Macedonia Fire Department for various Fire**
187 **Department purposes**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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189 **MAYOR'S REPORT**
190 ~Mayor's Court revenue for December 2022 was \$40,712.79
191 ~WinterFest was amazing – thanks to all the City staff that helped!
192 ~Lots of construction happening now (Wave Carwash, Don Basch Jewelers, Optima
193 Dermatology)
194 ~Don't drive distracted! Put the phones down, drive the car and stay out of the passing lane
195 unless you are passing.

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197 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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199 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt reported the first meeting of the year will be on
200 Wednesday, January 18 at 6pm in the Activity Room of the Recreation Center. Election of the
201 chairpersons will take place and the public is welcome to attend and comment.

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203 **JEDD:** Mr. Ventura reported the JEDD Board will be meeting on Monday, January 23 at 6pm in Council
204 Chambers. It is also open to the public, and no agenda has been set as of now.

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207 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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209 **Service Department:** Director Wilson – The Service Department has been busy taking down Christmas
210 lights, picking up trash and focusing on potholes.

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212 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – Thanks to Council for passage of Ordinance 3 and Resolution 5&6. The
213 road presentation was previously given during discussion of Resolution 5.

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215 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – Excited to have Ms. Brandt back on the Parks
216 & Recreation Commission. WinterFest was a huge success where they learned a lot on what works and
217 could be improved. 2022 was the highest revenue total ever for the Mac Rec. The flooring project is
218 complete. Hoping to get the front desk soon but encountering delays. Late January should see the
219 installation of the new men’s lockers. The lap pool heater was installed a couple weeks ago. Chemical
220 automation units to control pool levels are being integrated to allow computer-aided control of chemicals.

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222 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – Thanks for passage of Ordinance 4-2023, and looking forward to
223 continuing with the City.

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225 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – 2022 was another record year for calls: 4,441 district-wide with about
226 54% located in the City. EMS collections also had a record year, which are shared between Macedonia
227 and the two townships. Hospital wait times have increased with the resurgence of Covid and flu season.
228 The squad that was ordered in September of 2021 may start being built next month.

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230 **Police Department:** Chief Golden – The Police Department is looking to hire two new officers and an
231 SRO (school resource officer), hopefully by the end of the month.

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233 **HR Department:** Director Smith – HR has been working on end of year reports and open enrollment for
234 2023. The BWC has announced a new safety initiative of \$40,000, so HR will be talking with the
235 Service, Police and Fire Departments to evaluate their needs and write a grant proposal.

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237 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – 900 permits were issued in 2022, with about two-thirds
238 of those being residential. Total revenue for permits and registering contractors was just under \$300,000.
239 Spruce Hill Crossings will begin construction in Phase IV improvements and new homes in Phase III
240 sometime in early February.

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242 **IT Department:** Director Collins – Major projects include final mobile data terminals (MDT) setups in
243 the police cars. Swapped out half of the tablets in the Service Department and set up a new desk in
244 Mayor’s Court.

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246 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – Appreciate the expertise of Dir. Veres and looking forward to
247 continuing working with him.

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250 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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253 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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255 Mr. Ventura announced an MLK Day celebration and program this Sunday, January 15 at 5pm in the
256 Nordonia High School auditorium. The guest speaker is Pastor Chip Freed from Garfield Memorial
257 Church and will be accompanied with performances by Nordonia students.

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259 Ms. Brandt wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone back, as well as thanking
260 Council for re-electing her Council President and representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission.
261 Ms. Brandt also thanked the Fire Department for another wonderful Santa program.

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263 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **enter into executive session pursuant to R.C.**
264 **121.22(G)(4) for the preparation for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions**

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265 **with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their**
266 **employment.** Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

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268 At 8:22p.m. Council reconvened into its regular meeting.

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270 There being no further business, Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adjourn the meeting.** The
271 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately
272 8:22p.m.

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275 **Date:** _____

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278 **Attest:** _____
279 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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282 **Mayor:** _____
283 Nicholas Molnar

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