

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 26th, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Council President Jessica Brandt called the January 26th, 2023 regular meeting to order  
2 at 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.

6 **Absent:** Mayor Nicholas Molnar  
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8 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
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10 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
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12 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January**  
13 **12, 2023 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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15 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None  
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17 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None  
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19 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**  
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21 **RESOLUTION NO. 10-2023**

22 A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR POLICE CHIEF JON GOLDEN OF THE CITY OF  
23 MACEDONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT was offered by Ms. Tulley to be **read in full up to and**  
24 **including the fifth “Whereas” clause for first, second and third readings.** Seconded by Mr. Garvas.  
25 Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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27 **CITY OF MACEDONIA**  
28 **RESOLUTION NO. 10-2023**  
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30 **WHEREAS**, over the past 32-plus year, Jon Golden has served the City of Macedonia through  
31 his work within the City’s Police Department, starting with his employment with the City on April 30,  
32 1990 as a full-time classified civil service patrolman, and served in serving that position for more than 8  
33 years; and  
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35 **WHEREAS**, Chief Golden thereafter competed through the promotional examination process  
36 and was promoted on June 1, 1998 to the rank of Sergeant within the City’s Police Department, and  
37 served in that position for more than 3 years; and  
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39 **WHEREAS**, Chief Golden, less than 4 years after being promoted to Sergeant, and after again  
40 achieving top scoring during competitive promotional examination testing, was appointed as the City’s  
41 youngest Chief of Police on February 1, 2002, a position in which Chief Golden has remained for more  
42 than two decades; and  
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44 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure in the Police Department, Chief Golden has worked closely with  
45 the Mayor’s Office, Department Heads, and various City staff to ensure that the Police Department  
46 provides the professional and courteous policing services that residents and businesses of the City of  
47 Macedonia have come to expect, rely on, and appreciate; and  
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49 **WHEREAS**, Chief Golden has announced he is retiring from service in his position as the Police  
50 Chief effective February 3, 2023, in order to spend time enjoying his favorite hobbies of fishing and  
51 traveling around the country with his family.  
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53 Ms. Tulley reminded everyone that Chief Golden was responsible for implementing the 12-hour shift in  
54 the Police Department, which gave officers the ability to better plan and schedule time with their families.  
55 He was also responsible for making several technological advancements in the Department and creating  
56 the community policing program.

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58 Chief Golden thanked everyone and reflected on his 33-year career with the City. He noted that while the  
59 resolution at hand is in recognition of his career, there were several people that helped get him where he  
60 is, including his family, fellow officers, Council members and Department heads.

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62 Ms. Brandt offered thanks to Chief Golden for his years of service.

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64 Mr. Ventura stated that when Chief Golden tells you a story, you should believe it because “fact is funnier  
65 than fiction”.

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67 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt RES.NO. 10-2023 and post the same according to**  
68 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 10-2023 declared and adopted.**

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70 **ORDINANCE NO. 1-2023**

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

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77 Ms. Brandt explained this ordinance is to purchase a new all-electric truck for the Service Department,  
78 which was already in the budget. This legislation will go to three full readings to allow the public to give  
79 their input to Council members, the Clerk of Council or the Director of Public Service.

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81 **RESOLUTION NO. 7-2023**

82 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW  
83 COMMISSION was offered by Ms. Tulley for **second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by  
84 Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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86 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **amend RES.NO. 7-2023, Section 1 to add the names of**  
87 **the electors that will be serving on the Charter Review Commission for 2023.** The motion carried  
88 unanimously by a voice vote. The Clerk of Council was instructed to read the names from Section 1,  
89 which are listed here:

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91 Vincent Milianta

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93 Paul Bender

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103 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **amend RES.NO. 7-2023, Section 2 by adding Jeff Garvas**  
104 **as its Council representative to the Charter Review Commission for 2023.** Motion carried by a  
105 unanimous voice vote.

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107 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt RES.NO. 7-2023 and post the same according to**  
108 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 7-2023 declared and adopted.**

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110 **RESOLUTION NO. 9-2023**

111 A RESOLUTION ESTIMATING THE AGGREGATING MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PUBLIC FUNDS  
112 TO BE AWARDED AND TO INDEPENDENCE BANK FOR ACTIVE AND INTERIM FUNDS was  
113 offered by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The  
114 motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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116 Dir. Veres explained this resolution adds Independence Bank to the number of banks from whence he can  
117 go out and get bids for CD rates.

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119 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt RES.NO. 9-2023 and post the same according to**  
120 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 9-2023 declared and adopted.**

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122 **ORDINANCE NO. 11-2023**

123 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS  
124 FOR POLICE DISPATCHERS FOR THE YEARS 2023, 2024 AND 2025 WITH THE OHIO  
125 PATROLMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and**  
126 **third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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128 Ms. Brandt shared that the Mayor would typically speak to this, but conveyed he is proud to have this  
129 agreement done with the dispatchers, who are vital to the Police and Fire Department operations.

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131 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 11-2023 and post the same according to**  
132 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 11-2023 declared and adopted.**

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134 Mr. Ventura noted that the 9-1-1 dispatchers are the lifeline to the residents, the Fire Department and  
135 Police Department.

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137 **ORDINANCE NO. 12-2023**

138 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR  
139 DONATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 33-00010, 33-  
140 00012 AND 33-03316 was offered by Mr. Finley for **first reading by title only.**

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142 Dir. Guidetti explained this ordinance is for a local property owner to donate parcels of property to the  
143 City. The parcels used to be known as the Aerosol building, and the City would be looking to make some  
144 beneficial use out of it in the future.

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

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148 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

149 ~Council President Brandt met with Cub Scout Troop 882 of Northfield, who were working  
150 towards their government badge. She was able to talk with them and explain how local  
151 government works.

152 ~Mike Menhart, Sr. recently passed away. He was a Macedonia Council member from 1992-  
153 2003. He was also recognized by the City in 1990 for being named the Ohio's Outstanding  
154 Disabled Veteran of the Year. Additionally, he was one of the first members of the newly formed  
155 JEDD board in 1995, was appointed to the Charter Review Commission in 2004, and served on  
156 the Macedonia Civil Service Commission from 2004-2020. He was a very important and  
157 dedicated member of the community and happened to have been Ms. Brandt's neighbor. He will  
158 be missed, and please keep the Menhart family in your thoughts and prayers.

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159 ~Don't text and drive—keep your eyes on the road!  
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161 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
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163 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt reported at the most recent meeting there was a recap of  
164 the WinterFest, various improvements to the Recreation Center since Dir. Chadock joined the Parks &  
165 Recreation Department and started working on a tentative schedule for 2023 activities. The next meeting  
166 will be on Wednesday, February 15 at 6pm in the activity room of the Recreation Center.  
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168 **JEDD:** Mr. Ventura reported the JEDD Board met on January 23 and while many issues remain  
169 unresolved, the Law Director has assured the Board that some resolution is coming up for one or two of  
170 those items in the future. The date for the next meeting has not been set.  
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173 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**  
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175 **Service Department:** Director Wilson – The Service Department is in 24-hour shift mode to help address  
176 the falling snow. In response to Ms. Brandt's question on whether work is continuing on the Veterans  
177 Park bathroom, Dir. Wilson responded the goal is to have it finished by the end of March/early April and  
178 have a special dedication ceremony. Congrats to Chief Golden.  
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180 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – Congratulations to Chief Golden on his retirement.  
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182 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – Thank you and congratulations to Chief Golden  
183 on his retirement. A one-sheet detailing the various improvements to the Recreation Center and Parks  
184 since 2020 was shown. Thanks to Dir. Veres for his financial guidance throughout all of it. A few  
185 examples of the improvements include the hot tub renovation and LED lighting. Kudos to staff for  
186 having the ability to research and create dynamic change that serves all of the community. On the docket  
187 moving forward includes the new front desk and chemical controllers for the pool coming in next week.  
188 Currently working on trail expansion and the HVAC replacement plan.  
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190 Ms. Brandt complimented Dir. Chadock on putting together a great staff and asked whether the one-sheet  
191 will be published on the Mac Rec website, to which Dir. Chadock affirmed it would.  
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193 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – Congrats to Chief Golden! RITA refunds are already being  
194 processed, and the deadline to file is July 17.  
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196 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – Mr. Menhart was a friend of the Fire Department and will be greatly  
197 missed. The Fire Department was dispatched at approximately 11pm on Friday, January 20 to a fire that  
198 was in the national park. Valley View Road was closed off from Chaffee to Sagamore Road until  
199 Saturday at 2pm. Congratulations to Chief Golden.  
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201 **Police Department:** Lieutenant Yakopovich – Both Chief Golden and Police Department Administrative  
202 Assistant Sonja Becker are retiring next week and will be greatly missed. This past Sunday, a shoplifter  
203 at a local business was apprehended by a patrol officer. A struggle ensued, resulting in the officer  
204 discharging his firearm and the suspect was wounded. BCI (Bureau of Criminal Investigation) was called  
205 in and they are investigating. The City issued a press release, and while the BCI is conducting their  
206 investigation, the Police Department is unable to release any additional information at this time. The  
207 Mayor and Council will be given updates as they are received. Condolences to the Menhart family.  
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209 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Absent  
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211 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – Absent

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**IT Department:** Director Collins – 32 help desk tickets were closed since the last Council meeting. Major projects include additional access points, reconfiguration of the firewall, and extending phone service out to the Service garages. A piece of ice hit the wireless link between the City Center and the Rec Center, impacting internet connectivity to the Rec Center. Congratulations to Chief Golden.

**Law Department:** Director Guidetti – Recent events that both Chief Ripley and Lieutenant Yakovich spoke on during their reports highlight the importance of having good individuals in those Safety Force positions. Appreciate the continued public service provided over the years by Chief Golden and wish him the best in his retirement.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Tulley stated that the Northfield Historical Society will have their annual organizational meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Northfield Center Town Hall. She encouraged those wishing to learn more about the history of the area to pay them a visit, sharing the little-known fact that the area now known as Macedonia Commons used to be a turkey farm.

Ms. Brandt further stated that Northfield Historical Society does encompass Macedonia, Northfield Center Township, Northfield Village and Sagamore Hills Township.

There being no further business, Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:07p.m.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

**Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Nicholas Molnar