

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
February 9th, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the February 9th, 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, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January**
12 **26, 2023 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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14 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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16 **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk of Council read an e-mail received from a resident expressing thanks
17 to Lt. Joe Natali of the Macedonia Fire Department for his time and assistance addressing a concern.

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

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21 **ORDINANCE NO. 1-2023**

22 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
23 WITH LORDSTOWN EV CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 ENDURANCE CC1L
24 PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE CITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF
25 ADVERTISEMENT AND FORMAL BIDDING was offered by Mr. Finley for **third reading by title**
26 **only.**

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28 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 1-2023 and post the same according to**
29 **law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura in the
30 affirmative, Councilor Finley in the negative. **ORD.NO. 1-2023 declared and adopted.**

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32 **ORDINANCE NO. 12-2023**

33 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR
34 DONATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 33-00010, 33-
35 00012 AND 33-03316 was offered by Mr. Finley for **second reading by title only.**

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37 The Mayor stated that there will be more to come on this ordinance, likely in the next meeting.

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39 **RESOLUTION NO. 13-2023**

40 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DONNY BASCH TO THE
41 CITY OF MACEDONIA PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION was offered by Ms. Brandt for
42 **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried
43 unanimously by a voice vote.

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45 The Mayor shared that this resolution is to reappoint Mr. Basch to the Parks and Recreation Commission,
46 as he had previously been confirmed to fill an unfinished term.

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48 Ms. Brandt stated she is happy whenever residents volunteer to serve and is looking forward to working
49 with Mr. Basch for another five years.

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51 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt RES.NO. 13-2023 and post the same according to**
52 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 13-2023 declared and adopted.**

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54 **RESOLUTION NO. 14-2023**

55 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, BIDS AND
56 SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS,
57 FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS ALONG CITY HALL'S EMERGENCY DRIVEWAY was offered
58 by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion
59 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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61 Dir. Gigliotti explained this project is to perform various concrete repairs and asphalt resurfacing for the
62 emergency services driveway at the City Center as well as correct drainage issues on that driveway.

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64 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt RES.NO. 14-2023 and post the same according to**
65 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 14-2023 declared and adopted.**

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67 **RESOLUTION NO. 15-2023**

68 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, BIDS AND
69 SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS,
70 TO RESURFACE GOLDEN LINK BOULEVARD was offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and**
71 **third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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73 Dir. Gigliotti explained this project is to resurface Golden Link Boulevard in the Golden Link shopping
74 center, and is a joint project with Northfield Center Township. 50% of the project is funded by OPWC.
75 The Mayor shared that the City is responsible for 42.5% of the project, and Dir. Guidetti further stated the
76 City has a cooperative agreement in place with the Township.

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78 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt RES.NO. 15-2023 and post the same according to**
79 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 15-2023 declared and adopted.**

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81 **ORDINANCE NO. 16-2023**

82 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
83 WITH TIM GANLEY CHEVROLET OF AURORA FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1)
84 CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND TO ENTER INTO A
85 CONTRACT WITH STATEWIDE TO OUTFIT THE TAHOE, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO
86 EXCEED \$67,500.00 WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF ADVERTISEMENT AND FORMAL
87 BIDDING was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by
88 Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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90 The Mayor shared the difficulty in obtaining police vehicles and that the useful life of the current fleet is
91 being pushed. He was able to locate this vehicle locally.

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93 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **replace "Tim Ganley" with "Ken Ganley" wherever it**
94 **may occur throughout the ordinance**. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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96 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 16-2023 and post the same according**
97 **to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 16-2023 declared and adopted.**

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99 **ORDINANCE NO. 17-2023**

100 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 171.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY
101 OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO THE POSITIONS OF CLERK OF COURT AND DEPUTY CLERK
102 OF COURT OF THE MAYOR'S COURT was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first, second and third**
103 **readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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105 The Mayor stated that when the pandemic began, two staff members of the Mayor's Court were not
106 necessary. This ordinance puts those positions back by hiring one additional full-time member of the

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107 department. Currently there are staff members from both the Human Resources and Finance Departments
108 working in the Mayor’s Court, which takes them off task and causes their departments to struggle.
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110 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **amend Section b to remove the last part of the sentence**
111 **“subject to confirmation by a majority of those elected or appointed to Council”**. The motion carried
112 unanimously by a voice vote.
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114 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 17-2023 and post the same according to**
115 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 17-2023 declared and adopted.**
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117 **ORDINANCE NO. 18-2023**

118 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1327 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY
119 OF MACEDONIA BY ADDING SECTION 1327.06 RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF
120 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Mr.
121 Ventura for **first reading by title only**.
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123 The Mayor stated he anticipated more conversation on this ordinance.
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125 Ms. Brandt shared that if anyone has questions or concerns about this ordinance to reach out to Council or
126 the Clerk of Council.
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129 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** None
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131 **MAYOR’S REPORT**

132 ~January 2023 Mayor’s Court revenue was \$35,792.79

133 ~NOPEC gives back to member communities based on usage, which has allowed for new lights
134 at ball fields, the Rec Center and City Hall. Macedonia is being awarded \$31,368 this year, and
135 the Mayor thanks them.

136 ~Contrary to rumors being circulated, TJ Maxx and Nordstrom Rack are still coming to town.

137 ~Regarding the recent incident that involved the discharge of a police firearm, many are asking
138 for information now but there is a legal process in place that prevents details from being released
139 while an investigation is ongoing. Information is not being hidden, and the Mayor vows to
140 disseminate information as soon as the Law Department says he can. Dir. Guidetti reinforced that
141 there is a legal process in place and the City is following established protocol. The Mayor
142 pointed out that Macedonia is a safe community and referenced how the Flock cameras in town
143 are helping in that regard. Trust in our Police Department. Mr. Ventura added that other
144 communities utilizing the Flock cameras share information between police departments.

145 ~Happy Birthday this week to Mr. Ventura and the Mayor’s wife.

146 ~Council President Brandt’s father, Bob Brandt, Jr. passed away recently, and the Mayor was in
147 awe learning the fact that Mr. Brandt had been awarded a Bronze Star, which is for a heroic or
148 meritorious deed in conflict. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to recognize Council
149 President Brandt’s father.

150 ~Don’t drive distracted—put the phones down and operate your vehicle.
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152 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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154 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt reported the next Commission meeting will be on
155 Wednesday, February 15 at 6pm in the activity room of the Recreation Center.
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157 **Charter Review Commission:** Mr. Garvas reported the Commission is tentatively scheduled to have its
158 first meeting at 6pm on Wednesday, February 22 with additional dates to follow once the Commission
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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department: Director Wilson – The Service Department is helping on the front desk project at the Recreation Center, and some upcoming projects will be renovations of the City Hall lobby and bathrooms. In the process of hiring a maintenance technician to fill a vacancy, as well as conducting interviews for seasonal staff soon. A conversation was had with Dan Davis, one of the veterans involved in the planning of Veterans Park, about volunteer groups, material donations, and various projects surrounding the park. Mr. Garvas inquired on the timing of the restroom being completed at the park, to which Dir. Wilson shared the goal is for completion in April.

Engineer: Director Gigliotti – Thanks to Council for passing Resolutions 14 & 15. The plan will be for contract recommendations to be presented to Council in March.

Parks and Recreation Department: Director Chadock – Congratulated a former Recreation Center employee for her new role with a different municipality. The Recreation Department is posting part-time positions for summer employment. The front desk project at the Recreation Center is ongoing. The chemical controllers for the pool have been installed. The summer MAActivity guide will be out next month, and the community is encouraged to sign up for programs early as the slots will fill up very quickly.

Finance Department: Director Veres – The Finance Department closed 2022 this week and all of the reports have been sent out to Council and the Administration. RITA resident refunds have started and the deadline to file is Monday, July 17, unless your return has been extended.

Fire Department: Chief Ripley – Receipt of two new ambulances has been pushed back two more months because of air conditioning parts shortages. The completion of Station 3 is also being held back because of not being able to locate parts. On February 3, a pickup truck found its way into the pond beside Home Depot and was discovered around 11:30am. The driver had been transported to a hospital earlier in the morning. Chief Ripley encourages people to call 9-1-1 if they see something like this, stating the worst thing that could happen is dispatch telling you they are aware of the issue. On behalf of the Fire and Police Departments, deepest condolences to Ms. Brandt and her family.

Police Department: – The Mayor read the report on behalf of Interim Chief Yakopovich. A credit/debit card skimmer was confirmed to have been placed in the ATM at a local bank from January 20-28. Several reports have been received of PINs being used throughout southern Ohio, and an ongoing investigation is taking place with substantial leads. The Mayor has requested that information be disseminated to inform residents of what a skimmer looks like and how it operates.

HR Department: Director Smith – HR is working to fill two Service Department positions and will now work to fill the Deputy Clerk of Court role. Additionally, a police administrative position will soon be posted, and currently assisting the Police Department in filling the SRO position.

Building Department: Commissioner Rodic – Provided updates to construction on various projects in the City, including Optima Dermatology, Target, Don Basch Jewelers, TJ Maxx and Panda Express. The next Planning Commission meeting will be Monday, February 13 at 5:30pm, while the BZA will meet on Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30pm.

IT Department: Director Collins – Recent projects including cutting over internet at the Sagamore Fire station, wiring for the desk and chemical controllers at the Recreation Center. Dir. Collins attended cyber security training, and the link between the Recreation Center and City Center has been dialed back in and bandwidth back up.

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Law Department: Director Guidetti – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Tulley commended a Saia semi-truck she recently saw abiding the speed limit on Aurora Road. She also congratulated Nordonia high school’s mock trial team for recently winning its district competition and advancing to regionals on February 17. Finally, Ms. Tulley shared that First Energy will have helicopters performing routine spring patrols on power lines next week.

Ms. Brandt thanked everyone in attendance for expressing their sympathy on the passing of her dad. Her parents have lived in Macedonia, in the same house, in the same neighborhood for almost 50 years. Her dad was a Boy Scout and a Girl Scout dad, an NHAA baseball dad, and a Nordonia band dad among other things, as well as a Bronze Star recipient. Her family has had a lot of wonderful friends in Macedonia and it was very nice to see so many neighbors, past and present, come pay respects and share good memories of her dad. As it happened, a nurse in the emergency room was also a Macedonia resident. Ms. Brandt would like everyone to know what wonderful people live and work for you in Macedonia, from the elected officials down to the entire staff. Special mention of Macedonia’s Dispatch and Fire Departments, for when you call 9-1-1 it may very well be your worst day, but you’ll be met not only with professionalism and skill, but also kindness, dignity, and respect. Ms. Brandt left everyone with the most important lesson she learned from her dad, which is please be kind to one another.

There being no further business, Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05p.m.

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

Mayor: _____
Nicholas Molnar