

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
February 23rd, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the February 23rd, 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 **PROCLAMATION:** The Mayor read a proclamation declaring March 2023 as Developmental
10 Disabilities Awareness Month
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12 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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14 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February**
15 **9, 2023 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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17 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
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19 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
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21 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

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23 **ORDINANCE NO. 12-2023**

24 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR
25 DONATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 33-00010, 33-
26 00012 AND 33-03316.
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28 The Mayor stated that this legislation will be held at second reading.
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30 **ORDINANCE NO. 18-2023**

31 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Finley to **table ORD. NO. 18-2023:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
32 CHAPTER 1327 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA BY ADDING
33 SECTION 1327.06 RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY
34 WITHIN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
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36 The Mayor asked Dir. Guidetti if the legislative title still needs to be read, to which Dir. Guidetti replied it
37 does not since nobody offered it for further reading.
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39 **ORDINANCE NO. 19-2023**

40 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 67-2022 RELATIVE TO CURRENT EXPENSES
41 AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY
42 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third readings by**
43 **title only.** Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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45 Dir. Veres stated this legislation is the first amendment of the year, and the main reason is to update the
46 beginning unencumbered cash balances which ended up higher than expected. An additional \$300,000
47 was added to the emergency reserve, bringing the total to one million dollars. An additional \$100,000
48 was added to the retirement reserve, and an additional \$250,000 to municipal property that can be put
49 towards a cash down payment for a building that is planned to be used for the Service Department.
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51 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 19-2023 and post the same according**
52 **to law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura in the
53 affirmative, Councilor Finley in the negative. **ORD.NO. 19-2023 declared and adopted.**

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RESOLUTION NO. 20-2023

A FINAL RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT – PID 116540 RELATIVE TO THE RESURFACING OF A PORTION OF VALLEY VIEW ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

The Mayor explained this is the final step for ODOT to resurface Valley View Road between Twinsburg Road and the border with Hudson.

Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt RES.NO. 20-2023 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 20-2023 declared and adopted.**

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF MACEDONIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY OF MACEDONIA CODIFIED ORDINANCE § 121.05 AND OHIO REVISED CODE § 721.15 was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Dir. Wilson explained this legislation allows for the sale of a 2013 Dodge Charger and 2011 Crown Victoria that are reaching the end of usefulness to the Service Department.

Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt RES.NO. 21-2023 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 21-2023 declared and adopted.**

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2023

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT INTO AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9066 NORTH BEDFORD ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first reading by title only**.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE 79-2022 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE NON-UNION CITY EMPLOYEES OF MACEDONIA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Dir. Chadock explained this legislation allows the Parks & Recreation Department to add “seasonal” to the job title of a number of part-time positions within that department.

Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 23-2023 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 23-2023 declared and adopted.**

MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION: None

MAYOR’S REPORT

~In regards to the recent events in East Palestine and I. Schumann, the Mayor shared that the residents will know of any safety concerns that arise. City staff are trained and ready to keep everyone safe. The Fire Department tested the air quality and determined there was nothing that would not be expected to be found in smoke after a fire. Macedonia also has resources from Summit County at hand. The Mayor shared information that Cleveland Water had distributed,

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107 stating that Cleveland Water tests the water that leaves their plant. Our hearts go out to all
108 affected by these events. Lt. Yakopovich shared training that dispatchers and patrol officers will
109 soon be undertaking.
110 ~Update on the process of selecting the next Police Chief, and the hope to have the next one
111 selected by the March 23rd Council meeting. Clarification on the reason for the timing of Chief
112 Golden's retirement.
113 ~Sephora will be coming into final space by Burlington
114 ~Please don't text and drive!

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116 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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118 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt reported the Parks & Recreation Commission met on
119 February 15 and discussed what is coming up in the Spring for not only programming but the parks and
120 trails. Spring and Summer programming are busting at the seams.

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122 **Charter Review Commission:** Mr. Garvas reported the Charter Review Commission had its inaugural
123 meeting on February 22, and will continue to meet every other Wednesday at 6pm starting on March 8.
124 The meetings are open to the public, and while for now the public can not speak at these meetings, they
125 are encouraged to share their thoughts with the Council Clerk, who will then share with the Commission.
126 The Mayor and Department Heads have been invited to share their thoughts or any concerns they would
127 like the Commission to address.

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130 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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132 **Service Department:** Director Wilson – Wrapped up some interviews for open positions. With the
133 recent high winds it has been difficult to keep up with trash removal. Work on the Veteran's Park
134 bathroom continues, often late into the night. Remodeling the restrooms in City Hall is one of the next
135 projects.

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137 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – Absent

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139 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – Please sign up for program waitlists. The
140 Lucky Leprechaun scavenger hunt will be March 11 in Longwood Park. Park maintenance to prepare the
141 fields is taking place and the ball fields are booked (two of which have lights), but you can put your name
142 on a waitlist for those as well.

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144 Ms. Brandt asked whether the MacRec website was functioning given recent issues, and Dir. Chadock
145 shared that links to sign up for programs were reposted on social media accounts in case the MacRec
146 website was not functioning properly.

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148 **IT Department:** Director Collins – Completed drops for pool chemical controls, which allows for remote
149 control of the chemicals from anywhere. Rec Center technology is set up at the front desk. Fire
150 Department CAD issued have been dealt with, new user adds and removals, along with security updates
151 for Finance. The static noise issue that had been plaguing the non-emergency dispatch phone lines have
152 been fixed.

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154 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – RITA refunds are being processed, with the due date of July 17
155 unless the returns have been extended.

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157 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – New UTV has been received after nearly 18 months. Macedonia Fire
158 sent assistance to the I. Schumann fire in Oakwood. Happy 1st anniversary to Chief Ripley's wife!

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160 **Police Department:** Lieutenant Yakovich – A new full-time patrol officer, Matthew Pfouts, has been
161 hired and started this past Monday.

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163 **HR Department:** Director Smith – No report.

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165 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – There has been an uptick in Building Department
166 activity. The proposed Chase Bank drawing that appeared in the News Leader is not what will be built as
167 it does not conform to the Western Reserve motif that the City requires—representatives will be back to
168 the Planning Commission in March to update the design. The Mayor noted other recent misprints that
169 have been reported in the News Leader, specifically a misleading headline that the City was purchasing
170 an electric vehicle for the Police Department.

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172 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – No report.

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175 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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178 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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180 Ms. Tulley shared that the last edition of the News Leader will run on March 22 and thanked reporters
181 April Helms, Ken Lahmers, Michael Beaven and Eric Marotta for their work over the years.

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183 There being no further business, Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adjourn the meeting**.
184 The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at
185 approximately 8:00p.m.

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188 **Date:** _____

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191 **Attest:** _____
192 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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195 **Mayor:** _____
196 Nicholas Molnar

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