

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
March 23rd, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Council President Jessica Brandt called the March 23rd, 2023 regular meeting to order  
2 at 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:** Mayor Nicholas Molnar and Councilor Dave Finley  
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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 public hearing and regular**  
13 **meeting of March 9, 2023 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried unanimously by  
14 a voice vote.  
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16 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None  
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18 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None  
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20 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**  
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22 **ORDINANCE NO. 22-2023**

23 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT INTO AN  
24 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9066 NORTH BEDFORD  
25 ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Ms. Tulley for **third reading by title**  
26 **only.**  
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28 Ms. Brandt shared that a public hearing had been held on this topic last month.  
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30 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 22-2023 and post the same according to**  
31 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 22-2023 declared and adopted.**  
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33 **ORDINANCE NO. 24-2023**

34 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO RENEW THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN  
35 AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT WITH REFERENCE TO THE REAL PROPERTY AT 9541  
36 NORTH BEDFORD ROAD was offered by Mr. Ventura for **second and third readings by title only.**  
37 Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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39 Ms. Brandt explained this ordinance is similar to the previous piece, but is for a renewal application.  
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41 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 24-2023 and post the same according**  
42 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 24-2023 declared and adopted.**  
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44 **ORDINANCE NO. 32-2023**

45 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF CITY OF  
46 MACEDONIA HISTORICAL ITEMS BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OLDE NORTHFIELD  
47 was offered by Ms. Tulley for **second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The  
48 motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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50 Ms. Tulley explained this appropriation will help the Historical Society of Olde Northfield with certain  
51 items, and that Council will be able to see how it is spent. Ms. Tulley shared that she has reached out to  
52 the other communities included in "Olde Northfield" to see if they are also able to make appropriations,  
53 and she reported these communities are investigating possible action in that regard. Further, Ms. Tulley

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54 shared that a local St. Barnabas student had recently given a presentation after working with the Historical  
55 Society.  
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57 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 32-2023 and post the same according to**  
58 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 32-2023 declared and adopted.**

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60 **ORDINANCE NO. 33-2023**

61 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION, AND AMENDMENT, OF  
62 CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE  
63 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MACEDONIA was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third**  
64 **readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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66 Dir. Guidetti explained this legislation updated the City's codified ordinances to reflect both changes that  
67 Council made last year as well as Ohio's General Assembly.  
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69 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 33-2023 and post the same according**  
70 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 33-2023 declared and adopted.**

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72 **RESOLUTION NO. 34-2023**

73 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE NATIONAL  
74 OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS AS TO CERTAIN DEFENDANTS, INCLUDING  
75 WALGREENS, WALMART, TEVA, CVS, AND ALLERGAN, CONSISTENT WITH THE  
76 MATERIAL TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 PROPOSED NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT  
77 AGREEMENT was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded  
78 by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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80 Dir. Guidetti stated this resolution is somewhat similar to two prior settlement agreements the City has  
81 participated in, which allows the City to receive funds from these settlements.  
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83 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt RES.NO. 34-2023 and post the same according to**  
84 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 34-2023 declared and adopted.**

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86 **ORDINANCE NO. 35-2023**

87 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE 79-2022 WHICH ESTABLISHED  
88 THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE NON-UNION CITY EMPLOYEES OF MACEDONIA  
89 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third readings by**  
90 **title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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92 Chief Ripley shared this ordinance creates an administrative assistant position within the Fire Department,  
93 and changes the title of the current administrative assistant/senior coordinator to Senior Administrative  
94 Assistant/Senior Center Coordinator.  
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96 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 35-2023 and post the same according to**  
97 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 35-2023 declared and adopted.**

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99 **RESOLUTION NO. 36-2023**

100 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY  
101 THE CITY OF MACEDONIA DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY  
102 OF MACEDONIA CODIFIED ORDINANCE § 121.05 AND OHIO REVISED CODE § 721.15 was  
103 offered by Ms. Tulley for **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The  
104 motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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106 Ms. Brandt shared this resolution allows the City to put up for auction a truck that is no longer being used  
107 by the Service Department.

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109 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 36-2023 and post the same according to**  
110 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 36-2023 declared and adopted.**

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112 **ORDINANCE NO. 37-2023**

113 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT  
114 WITH KLABEN CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE RAM, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 DODGE  
115 RAM 2500 PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT THE  
116 NECESSITY OF ADVERTISEMENT AND FORMAL BIDDING was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first,**  
117 **second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by  
118 a voice vote.

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120 Ms. Brandt stated this ordinance is to purchase a new truck, replacing the truck that will be auctioned off  
121 as a result of RES.NO. 36-2023. Dir. Veres shared that this truck is ready to be purchased now.

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123 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 37-2023 and post the same according**  
124 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 37-2023 declared and adopted.**

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126 **ORDINANCE NO. 38-2023**

127 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT  
128 WITH THE OHIO MUNICIPAL JOINT SELF INSURANCE POOL FOR MUNICIPAL LIABILITY  
129 COVERAGE FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT BEGINNING APRIL 1,  
130 2023 was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms.  
131 Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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133 Ms. Brandt stated this ordinance will allow the City to continue participating in the joint self insurance  
134 pool for another year and will be revisited next year.

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136 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 38-2023 and post the same according to**  
137 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 38-2023 declared and adopted.**

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139 **ORDINANCE NO. 39-2023**

140 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 151.01(b) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE  
141 CITY OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL was offered by Mr.  
142 Ventura for **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried  
143 unanimously by a voice vote.

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145 Chief Yakopovich explained there had been a plan in place to restructure the supervisors and  
146 administrative staff in the Police Department, and he believes now is the time to put that plan into action.  
147 The goal of this restructuring is to remove administrative duties from patrol officers and sergeants, thus  
148 enabling them to spend more time patrolling and in contact with the public.

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150 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 39-2023 and post the same according**  
151 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 39-2023 declared and adopted.**

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153 **ORDINANCE NO. 40-2023**

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

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159 Ms. Brandt stated this ordinance amends the compensation schedule to accommodate the changes just  
160 approved by the passage of ORD.NO. 39-2023.

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162 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 40-2023 and post the same according**  
163 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 40-2023 declared and adopted.**

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165 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **remove ORD.NO. 18-2023 from the table and place**  
166 **back on the floor.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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168 **ORDINANCE NO. 18-2023**

169 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1327 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY  
170 OF MACEDONIA BY ADDING SECTION 1327.06 RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF  
171 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Mr.  
172 Ventura for **second and third readings by title only.** Second by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried  
173 unanimously by a voice vote.

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175 Ms. Brandt stated the purpose of this legislation had been to assist the City in identifying the owners of  
176 rental property, but further research found a better method that aligns with the City's Codified  
177 Ordinances. More information will be coming concerning rental property registration, and any questions  
178 can be sent to the Building Department.

179  
180 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 18-2023 and post the same according**  
181 **to law.** Motion defeated by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 18-2023 failed.**

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

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185 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

186 ~Council President Brandt, reporting in the Mayor's absence congratulated the Nordonia girls'  
187 bowling team for winning the state championship. Boys' bowling finished fifth overall in the  
188 state, and the wrestling team finished tenth.

189 ~Congratulations to Christian Costello, who was recently promoted from Sergeant to Executive  
190 Lieutenant of the Police Department.

191 ~Ramadan Mubarak to all Muslim community members and residents!

192 ~Don't drive distracted, keep your eyes on the road!

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194 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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196 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt reported the Parks & Recreation Commission met on  
197 March 15 and went over the budget and capital projects. Most of what the Commission had been asking  
198 for over the last 4-5 years has been done, so work has begun on a new list. The next meeting will be on  
199 April 19 at 6pm in the meeting room of the Recreation Center.

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201 **Charter Review Commission:** Mr. Garvas reported the Charter Review Commission met Wednesday,  
202 March 22 and will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, April 5 at 6pm.

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205 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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207 **Service Department:** Service Supervisor Dzurnak – Recent projects include installing trim and new paint  
208 in the City Center first floor hallway, continued work on the Veterans Park bathroom, as well as patching  
209 and refilling potholes. Residents can report potholes on the City website, but Service Department  
210 employees are also looking for them on the streets. Ms. Tulley mentioned a manhole cover along Route  
211 82 that makes a noise anytime it is run over and asked whether that is the City's responsibility. Mr.

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212 Dzurnak shared that it depends on what kind of cover it is, sanitary or storm, but that the Service  
213 Department can look at it and has options to try and remedy the issue.

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215 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – OPWC has awarded a grant for repaving a portion of Walters Road in the  
216 amount of \$171,000, which represents 50% of the project cost. The project is slated to begin in 2024.

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218 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – Preparing for Spring, which includes cleaning  
219 park trails after storms. Spring sports will kick off next week, with record high numbers of registrants.

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221 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – Macedonia residents have until July 17 to file their RITA refund  
222 requests with the Finance Department, unless an extension has been granted.

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224 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – Thanks for passage of ORD.NO. 35-2023. The drone team has been  
225 very successful, prompting the Summit County Special Operations Response Team to create a branch for  
226 drones. Assistant Chief Celinski has been a big part of it, and this will help relieve some of the pressure  
227 on the department to respond to distant locales.

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229 **Police Department:** Chief Yakopovich – Thanks for passage of ORD.NOs 39&40. Congratulations to  
230 Sgt. Christian Costello on his promotion to Executive Lieutenant and dispatcher Karen Nelson for  
231 receiving a dispatcher of the year award.

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233 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Absent

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235 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – With Spring approaching, home improvement projects  
236 tend to increase and the Building Department provided information on how not to fall victim to contractor  
237 scams in the latest e-Messenger. Residents are welcome to contact the Building Department if they have  
238 any questions on the matter.

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240 **IT Department:** Director Collins – 32 help desk tickets were closed since the last Council meeting.  
241 Major projects include integrating new employees, working on a new link, and redoing the phone system.

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243 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – No report

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246 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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248 **NEW BUSINESS:** None

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250 There being no further business, Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adjourn the meeting**. The  
251 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately  
252 7:56p.m.

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

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

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262 **Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
263 Nicholas Molnar

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