

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
April 27th, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the April 27th, 2023 regular meeting to order at
2 7:34p.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 April 13,**
12 **2023 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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14 **SWEARING-IN:** Sergeants Aaron Clelland and Brian Glontz were sworn in as Lieutenants in the Police
15 Department. Both officers introduced family and friends in attendance, and the Mayor stated he is happy
16 to see where the Department is headed.

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18 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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20 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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

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24 **ORDINANCE NO. 50-2023**

25 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
26 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11.01 OF THE CHARTER REGARDING
27 THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING CODE APPEALS was offered
28 by Mr. Garvas for **second reading by title only.**

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30 **ORDINANCE NO. 51-2023**

31 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
32 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIII OF THE CHARTER REGARDING
33 PARKS AND RECREATION was offered by Mr. Garvas for **second reading by title only.**

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35 **ORDINANCE NO. 52-2023**

36 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA
37 COUNCIL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE
38 PURCHASE OF A NEW AMR-60 AUTOMATED ROTARY MOWER FROM M-TECH FOR USE BY
39 THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first reading by title only.**

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41 The Mayor stated this legislation proposes the purchase of an autonomous mower to be used in
42 Longwood Park. It has proven difficult to find seasonal employees to perform this work, so this is an
43 exploration into other ways to get the work done. The Mayor further stated the equipment is safe and
44 would allow a worker to do other tasks near it and save time.

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46 Ms. Brandt shared that the cost of this mower is about \$66,000, and Dir. Guidetti stated from a procedural
47 standpoint this legislation first authorizes the City to become a member of this governmental cooperative
48 purchasing program and therefore the purchase would not need to go out for formal bidding.

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50 Upon Ms. Brandt's question of where this equipment would come from, Dir. Wilson stated M-Tech is
51 based in northeast Ohio. The Mayor further spoke about the safety features of the machine and that an
52 employee would be in proximity of the machine while it operates.

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54 **ORDINANCE NO. 53-2023**

55 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF
56 TWELVE (12) MONTHS ON APPLICATIONS FOR, AND THE GRANTING OF PERMITS OR
57 OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS RELATING TO CAR WASH ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY
58 OF MACEDONIA was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first reading by title only**.

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60 The Mayor shared he had read another community was doing something similar to this, and it sparked
61 this conversation. Macedonia is a ten-square mile town with four car washes, and it begs the question of
62 “at what point is a certain type of business not necessary”. He further stated that while he believes a
63 property owner should be able to put up whatever they want if it conforms to zoning laws, there comes a
64 time when a saturation point has been reached, and this legislation is to open up a conversation with
65 Council and may extend to other types of businesses in the City.

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67 **RESOLUTION NO. 54-2023**

68 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY
69 THE CITY OF MACEDONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY OF
70 MACEDONIA CODIFIED ORDINANCE § 121.05 AND OHIO REVISED CODE § 721.15 was offered
71 by Mr. Finley for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion
72 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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74 Chief Yakopovich stated this legislation would allow the Police Department to auction off older vehicles
75 as pieces of the new fleet arrive.

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77 Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 54-2023 and post the same according to**
78 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 54-2023 declared and adopted**.

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80 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

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82 **MAYOR’S REPORT**

- 83 ~Construction is taking place on the emergency drives at City Hall
84 ~Stores planning to go in at the empty spaces next to the Burlington location include Nordstrom
85 Rack, Sephora and TJ Maxx. Dates/times of when these businesses will open are unknown at the
86 moment.
87 ~Put the phones down and drive the car—no text message is that important!

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89 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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91 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt reported the Parks & Recreation Commission met on
92 April 19 to discuss new projects they would like to see happen, and the Parks & Recreation staff came
93 back with the costs for many of those projects. Spring projects were discussed, along with registration
94 numbers for Spring activities. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17 at 6pm upstairs at the
95 Recreation Center.

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97 **Charter Review Commission:** Mr. Garvas reported the Charter Review Commission has gone through
98 everything they were asked to, and thanked the members of the Commission, which include Vinnie
99 Milianta, Linda Biber, Paul Bender, Tom Dirmyer, Julie Nicholson and Luis Gonzalez. Mr. Garvas
100 credited this group with finding a few discrepancies in the Charter where the Codifier had not updated
101 previous amendments to the Charter, and they discovered them by carefully going through the document
102 and asking questions.

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104 **Cemetery Board:** Ms. Tulley reported the Board will be meeting next Wednesday, May 3 at 3:30pm and
105 would like to hold their annual meeting on May 25 at 7:15pm before the regular Council meeting.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department: Director Wilson – Lots of mowing, soil and seeding, and touch-up work being done. Several repairs are taking place in the Recreation Center, and the first-floor bathrooms at the City Center should be done in about two weeks. Ditching and culvert work is being done, with Dir. Gigliotti and Wilson inspecting different areas in the City.

Engineer: Director Gigliotti – Parking lot construction is underway—thanks to the Fire and Police Departments for being cooperative during the inconvenience.

Mr. Ventura asked that Dir. Gigliotti and Wilson not let waterflow issues on a property near Bradford Dr. and Blueberry Ln. slip through the cracks and thanked them for their attention to this matter up to this point. Dir. Wilson shared that this issue is on their agenda.

Parks and Recreation Department: Director Chadock – Contract with Butler Fitness starting on May 1. They offer personal training and fitness assessments. The cabinetry in the breakroom at the Recreation Center has been replaced. Thanks for previously approving the multipurpose field expansion project at Longwood Park, which will start next month with the intent of first using them for soccer in the Spring of 2024. Macedonia Parks & Recreation were recognized by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) as a finalist for the 2023 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. Finalists will compete for the Grand Plaque Award honor, which will be announced in October at the NRPA Annual Conference in Dallas.

Mr. Garvas commended the Parks & Recreation Department on the success of the first Food Truck Thursday of the season.

Finance Department: Director Veres – No report

Fire Department: Chief Ripley – With the construction taking place on the emergency entrance, please use caution when going in and out of the parking lot, as emergency vehicles will be using routes they don't normally utilize. Crews are out flushing hydrants and have about two-thirds of the City done. Please watch out for bicycles as the weather changes and drive cautiously.

Police Department: Chief Yakopovich – Congratulations to Lt. Clelland and Glontz on their promotions. In response to Ms. Brandt asking him to provide some common-sense tips when being pulled over, the Chief shared that officers should be in full uniform. Unmarked cars are not primarily used for traffic stops and are in fact very rare. It is ok to ask for identification from the officer, and one can also call 9-1-1 to speak with dispatch and confirm an officer has initiated the stop. Additional common-sense practices include pulling over near a well-lit area with other people nearby.

HR Department: Director Smith – Absent

Building Department: Commissioner Rodic – Projects under construction currently include Chik-fil-A and Taco Bell finishing their minor alterations. Interior renovations at Target are nearly complete. Optima Dermatology is in the process of finishing their exterior sitework. Panda Express is anticipating a late May opening, TJ Maxx is making exterior improvements, Basch Jewelers are in the drywall stage and anticipating a July opening, and Cleveland Clinic will be opening their new office on Monday at the Maguire Medical Building. The Planning Commission will hear from Sephora and Chase Bank at their next meeting. No BZA meeting in May due to lack of agenda.

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158 **IT Department:** Director Collins – 28 help desk tickets closed since the last Council meeting. Major
159 projects include procurement of hardware for the Lieutenants’ offices in the Police Department and for
160 the Fire Department, and expansion of wi-fi at the Recreation Center.

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

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164 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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166 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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168 Mr. Ventura shared that Summit County ReWorks is hosting an event on May 2-4 from 1-6pm to collect
169 hard-to-recycle materials that require special handling. If you have a television to discard, you must
170 register ahead of time. ReWorks is located just east of State Road 8 as you exit Graham Road in Stow.

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172 Ms. Brandt congratulated Dir. Chadock and his staff for the work applying for the Gold Medal award, and
173 for the work they’ve done to get to the place where they can win this award. Congratulations also to
174 Lieutenants Clelland and Glontz on their promotions.

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176 Ms. Tulley wished Ms. Brandt a happy birthday.

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178 There being no further business, Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adjourn the meeting**. The
179 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately
180 8:15p.m.

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183 **Date:** _____

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186 **Attest:** _____
187 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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190 **Mayor:** _____
191 Nicholas Molnar

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