

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
May 11th, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the May 11th, 2023 regular meeting to order at 7:31p.m.

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3 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Dave Finley, Jeff Garvas, Jan Tulley, and Vini J.
4 Ventura. Also present: Law Director Mark Guidetti and Clerk of Council Jon Hoover.

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6 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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8 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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10 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27,**
11 **2023 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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13 **PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:** The Mayor recognized the Nordonia Knights Boys
14 Basketball team for a phenomenal season and declared May 11, 2023 to be Nordonia Knights Boys
15 Basketball Day. In attendance were Coach Dominique Sanders and members of the team including: Joey
16 Palinkas, Liam Gopalakrishna, Khari Al Amin, Landon Naylor and Patrick Williams, Jr.

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18 The Clerk of Council read a proclamation from the Mayor declaring May 2023 to be Mental Health
19 Awareness Month.

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21 The Mayor read a proclamation observing May 15-21 as National Police Week and May 15, 2023 as
22 Peace Officers Memorial Day.

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24 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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26 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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

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30 **ORDINANCE NO. 50-2023**

31 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
32 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11.01 OF THE CHARTER REGARDING
33 THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING CODE APPEALS remained at
34 second reading.

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36 **ORDINANCE NO. 51-2023**

37 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
38 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIII OF THE CHARTER REGARDING
39 PARKS AND RECREATION remained at second reading.

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41 **ORDINANCE NO. 52-2023**

42 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA
43 COUNCIL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE
44 PURCHASE OF A NEW AMR-60 AUTOMATED ROTARY MOWER FROM M-TECH FOR USE BY
45 THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT was offered by Mr. Ventura for **second and third readings by title**
46 **only.** Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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48 Dir. Wilson added that he had spoken with the sales representative, who reassured him that the equipment
49 was safe and had been tested thoroughly. The Mayor added that given the difficulty the City has faced in
50 finding employees to do the mowing, he believes this will help as it is an autonomous mower.

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52 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 52-2023 and post the same according to**
53 **law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in
54 the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 52-2023 declared and adopted.**
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56 **ORDINANCE NO. 53-2023**

57 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF
58 TWELVE (12) MONTHS ON APPLICATIONS FOR, AND THE GRANTING OF PERMITS OR
59 OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS RELATING TO CAR WASH ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY
60 OF MACEDONIA was offered by Ms. Tulley for **second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by
61 Ms. Brandt. The motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and
62 Ventura voting in the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative.
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64 The Mayor stated the purpose of this legislation and two more later on the agenda, is to open the
65 conversation with Council about concerns residents have brought forward.
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67 Mr. Garvas stated that the reason he will be supporting this legislation is because it is temporary.
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69 Ms. Brandt thanked her fellow Councilors for being open to having a discussion, which is what these
70 three ordinances allows them to do. She further stated that there will be at least two public hearings, one
71 before and one after the November election, where residents can share their thoughts on these topics.
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73 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 53-2023 and post the same according to**
74 **law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in
75 the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 53-2023 declared and adopted.**
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77 **RESOLUTION NO. 55-2023**

78 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE MESKE TO THE CITY OF
79 MACEDONIA PLANNING COMMISSION was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third**
80 **readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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82 The Mayor stated there was an opening on the Planning Commission and several people expressed
83 interest. Ms. Meske has a professional background in landscape architecture and the Mayor believes she
84 will be a perfect fit for the Commission.
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86 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt RES.NO. 55-2023 and post the same according to**
87 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 55-2023 declared and adopted.**
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89 **ORDINANCE NO. 56-2023**

90 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
91 BETWEEN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA AND THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 436 FOR THE YEARS
92 2023, 2024 AND 2025 was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and third readings by title only.**
93 Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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95 The Mayor shared this is the third contract recently negotiated, which mirrors the previous two.
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97 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 56-2023 and post the same according**
98 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 56-2023 declared and adopted.**
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100 **ORDINANCE NO. 57-2023**

101 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
102 INTO A CONTRACT WITH SILCO FIRE & SECURITY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CITY
103 HALL DRY FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM was offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and third**
104 **readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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106 Chief Ripley stated this legislation is to replace the dry fire suppression system located in the attic space
107 of the City Center, with the current system being original to the building's construction in 1996. He
108 further stated that the City is at risk of a catastrophic failure in the building with that current system.
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110 Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 57-2023 and post the same according to**
111 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 57-2023 declared and adopted.**
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113 **ORDINANCE NO. 58-2023**

114 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF
115 TWELVE (12) MONTHS ON APPLICATIONS FOR, AND THE GRANTING OF PERMITS OR
116 OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS RELATING TO TIRE STORES AND ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN
117 THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first, second and third readings by title**
118 **only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas,
119 Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative.
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121 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 58-2023 and post the same according to**
122 **law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in
123 the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 58-2023 declared and adopted.**
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125 **ORDINANCE NO. 59-2023**

126 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF
127 TWELVE (12) MONTHS ON APPLICATIONS FOR, AND THE GRANTING OF PERMITS OR
128 OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS RELATING TO MATTRESS COMPANIES AND ESTABLISHMENTS
129 WITHIN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third**
130 **readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried by a majority voice vote.
131 Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the
132 negative.
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134 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 59-2023 and post the same according**
135 **to law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting
136 in the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 59-2023 declared and adopted.**
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138 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

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140 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

141 ~Mayor's Court revenue for March was \$48,936 and April was \$29,846.71
142 ~Don't blow grass clippings onto the street or sidewalks. Property owners are liable if accidents
143 occur in front of house because of that.
144 ~Interviews are underway for the new Communications Specialist position
145 ~Thank to Council for passage of the Service Department contract
146 ~A lawsuit was filed against the Key Inn citing safety concerns. Dir. Guidetti gave a brief
147 summary of the lawsuit where the City is seeking preliminary and permanent injunctive relief so
148 people don't enter the hotel because of all the safety violations.
149 ~Please don't text and drive—no text message is that important! In regards to the recent law
150 passed regarding distracted driving, Chief Yakopovich clarified that the law won't change in
151 October, but enforcement of that law will. Mr. Ventura asked Dir. Guidetti whether the fines will
152 be progressively larger, to which Dir. Guidetti responded in the affirmative and shared that
153 distracted driving will become a primary offense rather than a secondary.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Recreation Commission: Ms. Brandt reported the Parks & Recreation Commission will hold its next meeting on May 17 at 6pm in the Recreation Center.

Cemetery Board: Ms. Tulley reported the Board will hold its annual meeting prior to the next City Council meeting on Thursday, May 25 at 7:15pm. She also stated there are no changes in the amount each municipality is responsible for, and that a number of projects have been completed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department: Director Wilson – Thanks to Council for passing the Service Department contract. The Garden Club flower sale will take place on May 20 in Garage Two on Valley View Road. The bathrooms at Veterans Park are finished, for all intents and purposes, and there will be an event there on Memorial Day. The new bucket truck should be arriving in mid-June. The rain barrel workshop will take place on May 22, and residents can register on the City website.

Mr. Garvas inquired as to whether there will be a mulch program this year, to which Dir. Wilson says he does not want to promise anything, but the hope is for early June. In response to a question from Ms. Brandt, Dir. Wilson confirmed the hanging flower baskets will be back this year, most likely between Mother’s Day and Memorial Day.

Engineer: Director Gigliotti – Emergency services driveway project is complete. ODOT is scheduled to perform pavement maintenance work on State Route 8 near the Valley View intersection, which will be an application of a sealant on the road which will feel a bit rough when first driving over it but will smooth out over time.

Ms. Brandt asked when the residential road project will begin this year, to which Dir. Gigliotti responded in early June.

Parks and Recreation Department: Director Chadock – Working in collaboration with Community Focus to produce the video submission to the NRPA. Community-wide garage sales will take place this weekend, and a map of the registered homes can be found on the City website. Family Fishing Day is May 20 at Longwood Park. June 9-10 is SummerFest, with the fireworks taking place on the Saturday night at 9:45pm

Finance Department: Director Veres – July 17 is the due date for the Macedonia income tax refund. Residents can call the Finance Department for assistance in filling out the form, at 330-468-8350.

Fire Department: Chief Ripley – Crews are out painting fire hydrants, while flushing has been completed. Station 3, the new building in Northfield Center, finally received its electrical panel and will be opening the first week of June. There will be an open house at the new building, at a date and time to be determined. The new squads are scheduled to be delivered the week of June 26. Retired Macedonia Fire Chief Tim Black was recently promoted to the Director of Township Services for Northfield Center Township.

Police Department: Chief Yakopovich – Thanks for the Police Week Proclamation. The upfitting of the police fleet is underway, with one new cruiser out on the road and the rest following shortly. Two full-time dispatch positions have recently been filled, and a new patrol officer will be starting this coming Monday.

HR Department: Director Smith – Absent

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Building Department: Commissioner Rodic – Applications have been received for two new business occupancies, both at the Center Pointe Plaza. One will be Hot Heads hair salon and the other will be Wholly Frijoles, a street taco restaurant.

IT Department: Director Collins – New user account updates, IDs, key fobs and hardware procurement for new offices and office reconfigurations. Thanks to the Mayor for recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month.

Law Department: Director Guidetti – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

There being no further business, Mr. Finley 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 8:10p.m.

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

Mayor: _____
Nicholas Molnar