

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 22nd, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the June 22nd, 2023 regular Council 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 May 25,**  
12 **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 Desiree (Helkowski) Meister  
17 thanking the Macedonia and Sagamore emergency response personnel that helped save her mother's life  
18 in February of 2023. The Macedonia personnel involved in this response were dispatchers Karen Nelson  
19 and Rebecca Hanzel, Fire Lt. Tim Best and Fire/Medics Joe Boal, Rob Searson, Matt Snowden and Bryan  
20 Mitchell.

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22 The Mayor and Chief Ripley added this emergency response was a testament to how well the system  
23 works between the dispatchers, law enforcement and medics.

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25 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **enter into executive session pursuant to R.C.**  
26 **121.22(G)(4), preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with**  
27 **public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their**  
28 **employment.**

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30 Roll call: Ayes: Ms. Brandt, Mr. Finley, Mr. Garvas, Ms. Tulley, Mr. Ventura  
31 Nays: None  
32 The motion carried unanimously and Council entered into executive  
33 session at 7:36p.m. Council returned from executive session at 7:57p.m.

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

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37 **ORDINANCE NO. 50-2023**

38 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF  
39 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11.01 OF THE CHARTER REGARDING  
40 THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING CODE APPEALS remained at  
41 second reading.

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43 **ORDINANCE NO. 51-2023**

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

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48 **ORDINANCE NO. 62-2023**

49 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF  
50 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8.04, 8.05 AND SECTION 12.01 OF  
51 THE CHARTER REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS  
52 was offered by Mr. Garvas for **second reading by title only.**

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54 **RESOLUTION NO. 63-2023**

55 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING THE TERMS SET  
56 FORTH IN THE REPORT OF THE FACT FINDER RELATIVE TO THE SERGEANT AND PATROL  
57 OFFICER BARGAINING UNITS OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT was  
58 offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The  
59 motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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61 The Mayor shared the City went to fact finding with the patrolmen and Sergeants of the Police  
62 Department, and the fact finder has provided that report, which Council is now being asked to affirm.

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64 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt RES.NO. 63-2023 and post the same according to**  
65 **law**.

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67 Roll call: Ayes: Ms. Brandt, Mr. Finley, Mr. Garvas, Ms. Tulley, Mr. Ventura

68 Nays: None

69 The motion carried unanimously.

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71 **RES.NO. 63-2023 declared and adopted.**

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73 **RESOLUTION NO. 64-2023**

74 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ALTERNATE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION FOR THE CITY OF  
75 MACEDONIA, OHIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE  
76 SUMMIT COUNTY AUDITOR was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third readings by**  
77 **title only**. Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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79 Dir. Veres stated this resolution is annual housekeeping where the City sends its initial budget for next  
80 year in relation to any property taxes. Dir. Veres further stated it will likely remain the same, or possibly  
81 be slightly lower next year.

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83 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt RES.NO. 64-2023 and post the same according to**  
84 **law**. Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in  
85 the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **RES.NO. 64-2023 declared and adopted.**

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87 **RESOLUTION NO. 65-2023**

88 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE SUCH STEPS NECESSARY TO APPLY  
89 FOR FUNDING FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, DISTRICT EIGHT PUBLIC  
90 WORKS COMMITTEE, PROGRAM YEAR 36, FOR THE LEDGE ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT  
91 AND THE HIGHLAND ROAD/VALLEY VIEW ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT  
92 PROJECT was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by  
93 Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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95 Dir. Gigliotti stated this legislation would allow the City to apply for OPWC funding on two separate  
96 projects. Applications are due August 30, and the projected start of the projects would be in 2025.

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98 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt RES.NO. 65-2023 and post the same according to**  
99 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 65-2023 declared and adopted.**

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101 **RESOLUTION NO. 66-2023**

102 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NATE FALKENSTEIN TO  
103 MACEDONIA'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and**  
104 **third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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106 The Mayor stated this would be Mr. Falkenstein's second term and that he has obliged the Mayor's  
107 request to continue serving on the Commission.  
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109 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt RES.NO. 66-2023 and post the same according to**  
110 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 66-2023 declared and adopted.**

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112 **ORDINANCE NO. 67-2023**

113 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT  
114 WITH SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL BOX  
115 AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 8 AND HIGHLAND ROAD IN THE  
116 CITY OF MACEDONIA WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF ADVERTISEMENT AND FORMAL  
117 BIDDING was offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by  
118 Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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120 Dir. Guidetti stated equipment was damaged in a traffic accident, and the City has obtained the equivalent  
121 of the replacement cost from the third party that caused the accident. It is coming to Council because it is  
122 over the competitive bidding threshold although there is really only one company that can make these  
123 repairs.  
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125 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 67-2023 and post the same according to**  
126 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 67-2023 declared and adopted.**

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128 **ORDINANCE NO. 68-2023**

129 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE 79-2022 WHICH ESTABLISHED  
130 THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE NON-UNION CITY EMPLOYEES OF MACEDONIA  
131 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and third readings by**  
132 **title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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134 Chief Yakopovich stated that as part of Police Department restructuring, this ordinance would add the  
135 position of Communications and Records Supervisor to the dispatch center.  
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137 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 68-2023 and post the same according**  
138 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 68-2023 declared and adopted.**

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140 **ORDINANCE NO. 69-2023**

141 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 67-2022 RELATIVE TO CURRENT EXPENSES  
142 AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY  
143 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third readings by**  
144 **title only.** Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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146 Dir. Veres stated this is the second amendment to ORD 67-2022, which includes an approximate 5%  
147 increase in municipal income tax collections, sewer district for community cost-share for a stormwater  
148 project, and the receipt of new Police Department vehicles.  
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150 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 69-2023 and post the same according**  
151 **to law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting  
152 in the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 69-2023 declared and adopted.**

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154 **ORDINANCE NO. 70-2023**

155 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 909.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY  
156 OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO NOXIOUS WEEDS was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first reading by**  
157 **title only.**  
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159 The Mayor relayed that this ordinance is meant to deal with some of the problem properties, as he and the  
160 Building Commissioner have heard numerous complaints from residents. There will be more to come on  
161 this, but in the meantime, residents can share questions or concerns with the Clerk of Council, himself,  
162 the Building Commissioner, or members of Council.

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

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167 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

168 ~Welcome to Christy Young, the new Communications Specialist  
169 ~ Happy Independence Day!  
170 ~Thanks to the Police, Fire, Service and Parks and Recreation staff for a successful SummerFest  
171 ~Please don't drive distracted—put the phones down and drive the car!

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173 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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175 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt reported the Parks & Recreation Commission met on  
176 Wednesday, June 21. Residents from the area abutting the new ball fields at Longwood Park attended  
177 and discussion was had over the plans for the area and lighting issues. A recap of the summer programs,  
178 SummerFest and discussion of the upcoming FallFest also took place. There is no meeting in July, so the  
179 next meeting will be the third Wednesday of August.

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181 **Finance Committee:** Mr. Ventura reported the Finance Committee will meet one hour prior to the July  
182 13<sup>th</sup> Council work session, which will be an overview of 2023 thus far.

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184 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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186 **Service Department:** Service Supervisor Ray Reed – Oaktree Drive road repairs completed last week.  
187 Mulch will be available to residents at the 9000 Valley View Road Service garage, Monday through  
188 Friday from 8am-3:30pm. The Mayor clarified that a Service employee will be present to check  
189 identification so that only Macedonia residents receive the mulch.

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191 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – Road paving is taking place on several roads, including Golden Link  
192 Boulevard near Target. Newport Road has been restricted to one-way traffic and should continue for the  
193 next week and a half.

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195 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – SummerFest was a great event – thanks to the  
196 Service Department for all their work during and in preparation for the event. Preparing for FallFest and  
197 Touch a Truck. Gold Medal Plaque award video was submitted. Multipurpose field questions from  
198 residents were answered, and the work on the field should be completed in the next week or so. The tree  
199 wall, located at the back of the Recreation Center parking lot and the baseball field parking lot, will have  
200 its brush removed along with some branch trimming and removal of dead trees in October.

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202 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – Deadline for filing RITA refunds is July 17 unless you have an  
203 extension. Thanks to Council for approving alternate tax budget and the second amendment of 2023  
204 appropriations.

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206 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – Hydrant flushing has been completed, and painting continues. Station  
207 3 in Northfield Center is now open, and there will be an open house there on August 12 from 11am-3pm.  
208 The new squad should be here in time for the next Council meeting. Funeral services were held this past  
209 weekend for firefighter Matt Piontkowski, who started as an Explorer with the Macedonia Fire  
210 Department before moving south.

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212 **Police Department:** Chief Yakopovich – The Police Department recently finished recertification with the  
213 Ohio Collaborative. A new officer, Dan Ingersoll, will start with the Department on July 10. There was  
214 another drone team success, with Officer Anthony Skrbini piloting the drone and directing officers  
215 towards a fleeing suspect. Enjoy Independence Day safely.

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217 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Interviews for the Fire Department Administrative Assistant and three  
218 maintenance positions in the Service Department have concluded.

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220 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – 14 single-family building permits have been issued this  
221 month. Basch Jewelers have vacated their former location and are aiming to open the new location on  
222 July 11. Panda Express and Wave Carwash are aiming to open sometime in July.

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224 **IT Department:** Director Collins – 28 help desk tickets have been closed since the last Council meeting.  
225 Another layer of backup storage in case of ransomware has been installed.

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

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229 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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231 **NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. Tulley thanked the Fire Department and surrounding departments on behalf of  
232 the Piontkowski family for their outpouring of support.

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234 Ms. Brandt wished everyone a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, and to be a good neighbor—many  
235 people have pets, and there are those with PTSD that may not appreciate fireworks going off all day.

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237 Mr. Ventura noted it was his and his wife’s 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

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239 There being no further business, Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adjourn the meeting**. The  
240 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately  
241 8:23p.m.

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244 **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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247 **Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
248 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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251 **Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
252 Nicholas Molnar

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