

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
July 13th, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the July 13th, 2023 regular Council meeting to order at
2 7:30p.m.
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4 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Dave Finley, Jan Tulley, and Vini J. Ventura. Also
5 present: Law Director Mark Guidetti and Clerk of Council Jon Hoover.

6 **Absent:** Council member Jeff Garvas
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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 Ms. Tulley, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 22,**
13 **2023 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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15 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
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17 **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk of Council read an e-mail received from the Bob Voytko family,
18 thanking the Macedonia Fire and Police Departments for the swift response and actions taken to save Mr.
19 Voytko's life. Responding Fire Department personnel included Cpt. Brian Miller and Fire/Medics
20 Meredith Hurley, Jeff Tylicki, Rory Skolnik, Mike Velazquez and Matt Maloney. Police officers Rick
21 Rizzo, Chris Neal and Ashley Barendfeld also responded.
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23 Chief Ripley added that this incident illustrated once again the benefit of collaboration with neighboring
24 communities and that the system works.
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26 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**
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28 **ORDINANCE NO. 50-2023**

29 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
30 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11.01 OF THE CHARTER REGARDING
31 THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING CODE APPEALS remained at
32 second reading.
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34 **ORDINANCE NO. 51-2023**

35 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
36 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIII OF THE CHARTER REGARDING
37 PARKS AND RECREATION remained at second reading.
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39 **ORDINANCE NO. 62-2023**

40 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
41 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8.04, 8.05 AND SECTION 12.01 OF
42 THE CHARTER REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS
43 remained at second reading.
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45 **ORDINANCE NO. 70-2023**

46 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 909.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY
47 OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO WEEDS was offered by Ms. Tulley for **second reading by title only.**
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49 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **amend ORD.NO. 70-2023 to conform to the most recent**
50 **version distributed by the Law Department.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
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54 **ORDINANCE NO. 71-2023**

55 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA,
56 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VILLAGE OF GLENWILLOW, VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD, AND
57 THE CITY OF TWINSBURG, TO APPLY TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR
58 THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PID NUMBER 113165, AT
59 RICHMOND/BROADWAY/RAVENNA/SHEPARD ROADS, WITH THE CITY OF TWINSBURG
60 SERVING AS LEAD APPLICANT was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third readings by**
61 **title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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63 Dir. Gigliotti stated this ordinance allows Twinsburg to apply to OPWC for grant money to pay for this
64 project. If awarded, the costs of the project would be lowered for all four communities.

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66 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 71-2023 and post the same according to**
67 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 71-2023 declared and adopted.**

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69 **RESOLUTION NO. 72-2023**

70 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF MATTHEW
71 FERRARO TO THE CITY OF MACEDONIA BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING CODE
72 APPEALS was offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by
73 Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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75 The Mayor shared that he asked Mr. Ferraro to continue serving, and is now asking Council to approve
76 his reappointment.

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78 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt RES.NO. 72-2023 and post the same according to**
79 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 72-2023 declared and adopted.**

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81 **RESOLUTION NO. 73-2023**

82 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF SAM PILATO TO
83 THE CITY OF MACEDONIA BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING CODE APPEALS was offered
84 by Ms. Tulley for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion
85 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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87 The Mayor stated this is similar to the previous resolution.

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89 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt RES.NO. 73-2023 and post the same according to**
90 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 73-2023 declared and adopted.**

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92 **RESOLUTION NO. 74-2023**

93 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE OHIO
94 ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS THROUGH THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA
95 TRANSPORTATION STUDY FOR FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY
96 FUNDING ASSISTANCE was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third readings by title**
97 **only**. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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99 Dir. Gigliotti stated this project is to improve the intersection of State Route 8 and Highland Road. The
100 first step of the process is finding funding, which this resolution allows the City to pursue.

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102 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt RES.NO. 74-2023 and post the same according to**
103 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 74-2023 declared and adopted.**

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107 **ORDINANCE NO. 75-2023**

108 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO
109 PURCHASE CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY OF MACEDONIA DEPARTMENT OF
110 PUBLIC SERVICE was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and third readings by title only**.
111 Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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113 Dir. Wilson stated this ordinance is for the purchase of two 5-ton dump trucks, which can be equipped
114 with a hook lift, salt spreader and liquid spraying equipment, as well as a snowplow.

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116 Ms. Brandt added that the purchase of these dump trucks is part of the 5-year capital plan.

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118 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 75-2023 and post the same according to**
119 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 75-2023 declared and adopted**.

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121 **RESOLUTION NO. 76-2023**

122 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AS
123 TO CERTAIN CITY OF MACEDONIA BUILDING HEIGHT REGULATIONS was offered by Mr.
124 Finley for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried
125 unanimously by a voice vote.

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127 Dir. Guidetti shared that this resolution cleans up procedural record and reaffirms that the Planning
128 Commission approves of previous legislation passed in 2017 regarding maximum building heights in the
129 City.

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131 Upon request by the Mayor, Dir. Guidetti clarified that the regulations apply to B1 through B4 and B-O
132 Districts.

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134 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt RES.NO. 76-2023 and post the same according to**
135 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 76-2023 declared and adopted**.

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

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140 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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142 ~Mayor's Court revenue from May 2023 was \$31,172.06 and June 2023 was \$33,617
143 ~The Summit County ReWorks shredding day was hosted at Longwood Park this past July 8th,
144 where 493 households took part. 32,140 pounds of paper, along with 800 pounds of cardboard
145 were recycled. There will be additional shredding days in Green on August 5th and in Stow on
146 October 7
147 ~Please don't drive distracted—put the phones down and drive the car!

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149 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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151 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt reported the Parks & Recreation Commission did not
152 hold a July meeting. The next meeting will be the third Wednesday in August at 6pm in the upstairs of
153 the Recreation Center.

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155 **Finance Committee:** Mr. Ventura shared that the Finance Committee met before this evening's Council
156 work session to review the revenues and expenses of the first 6 months of 2023. Another Finance
157 Committee meeting will be held prior to the Council work session on September 28.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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Service Department: Director Wilson – Free mulch to Macedonia residents will be available on Saturday, July 15 from 9am-5pm at 9000 Valley View Road. The autonomous mower will be arriving soon, and staff will be trained on the equipment July 26, likely in Longwood Park. The new bucket truck is scheduled to arrive August 1.

Ms. Brandt complimented the Service Department on their good job coordinating traffic at the recent ReWorks shredding event.

Engineer: Director Gigliotti – Road paving is complete on Golden Link Boulevard, River Run Drive, Lancewood Drive and the Newport/Elizabeth neighborhood. Paving is in process on Fairlane Drive, Janes Lane and Melody Lane. Paving on Valley View south of Twinsburg Road is scheduled to begin on July 20th.

The Mayor added that roads are rated on a PCR scale (Pavement Condition Report) to help decide which roads are repaved.

Parks and Recreation Department: – Marketing and Special Events Coordinator Sam Edgar – A car cruise in combination with Food Truck Thursday will be held on July 27th from 5-7:30pm at the Recreation Center parking lot. The Touch-a-Truck event will be August 10th from 5-8pm at the Recreation Center. FallFest is scheduled for September 23 from 4:30-9:30pm at Longwood Park. Summer programming has been going great, and preparation for Fall programming is gearing up now, with the Fall MACTivity guide coming out at the end of July. The multipurpose field project wrapped up last week.

Finance Department: Director Veres – In regard to the Finance Committee meeting held prior to the Council work session, revenues are coming in as expected and no large surprises on the expense side. The filing deadline for the Macedonia refund is July 17 unless you have a RITA extension. Auditors will be coming in July 17-20 for on-site testing, which is the final step of their audit. The City recently received its preliminary financial health indicator report, and for the first time the City received a ‘green’ rating in all sixteen categories.

Fire Department: Chief Ripley – There was a major house fire on July 5 at 6am on Lawton Drive. Crews will be going down for the final inspection of the new squad on July 24. Photos were shown of the progress on a new fire truck, which has an expected delivery date of August 23. The Department lost a full-time firefighter to Cleveland Heights, who stated it was a financial decision.

Police Department: Chief Yakopovich – Upcoming community events the Police Department will be participating include the National Night Out on August 1 from 6-8pm at Walmart, Touch-a-Truck on August 10, and the Rotary will sponsor a Kids and Family Health & Safety Fair on September 9 from 12-4pm at Nordonia High School.

HR Department: Director Smith – Recent interviews for Service Department, Fire Department administrative assistant, and Police administrative assistant are all complete. Onboarding is scheduled to begin next Monday.

Building Department: Commissioner Rodic – The Building Department has recently issued two certificates of occupancy, to Don Basch Jewelers and Panda Express. Don Basch Jewelers have moved in and are now open, while Panda Express is hoping to be open by the end of this month. Plans have been received for Chase Bank on Golden Link. Out of the 14 single-family dwelling permits issued in June, 13 were for the Spruce Hill Crossing subdivision.

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213 **IT Department:** Director Collins – Major projects include new patch management, updating remote
214 management software, and the arrival of a new 128TB backup server.

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

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218 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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220 **NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. Tulley reported receiving several calls from residents concerned about the new
221 Metro RTA bus routes and questioning why the City held no public hearings and was not informed of the
222 new routes going down certain streets.

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224 Dir. Guidetti shared that the City did not hold a public hearing because it had nothing to do with it. The
225 Metro promulgated pursuant to its authority in the Ohio Revised Code. The City was just as surprised to
226 hear about it as the residents. Metro RTA did hold its own hearings, but the City was not notified. Dir.
227 Guidetti and Ms. Brandt recommended advising concerned residents to call Metro RTA and voice their
228 concerns and opinions.

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230 The Mayor stated he shared his displeasure with the Akron Metro RTA and that they are planning to
231 conduct studies at least for another 30 days to evaluate ridership in Macedonia. He shares the concerns of
232 the residents and wants residents to call him if they wish to discuss them.

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234 There being no further business, Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adjourn the meeting.**
235 The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at
236 approximately 8:01p.m.

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239 **Date:** _____

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242 **Attest:** _____
243 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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246 **Mayor:** _____
247 Nicholas Molnar

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