

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
October 12th, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Council President Jessica Brandt called the October 12th, 2023 regular Council
2 meeting to order at 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.

6 **Absent:** Mayor Nicholas Molnar
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8 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
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10 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
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12 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of**
13 **September 28, 2023 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried by a majority voice
14 vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative. Councilor Finley
15 abstained.
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17 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
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19 ~ **Mira Pozna, Support Summit DD**, spoke on behalf of her organization urging voters to approve Issue
20 17 on the November 7 ballot. She stated that of the 5,000 Summit County residents Summit DD serves,
21 86 reside in Macedonia. The County is mandated to provide services, which include residential,
22 employment and vocational, to developmentally disabled adults and their children. Summit DD has been
23 operating from a levy that passed in 2005, and there has been no increase in funding since then. Passage
24 of this replacement levy would cost homeowners \$158 per \$100,00 of appraised value and lock at current
25 appraised values, not the increased values that will take effect in 2024.
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27 Ms. Brandt asked for clarification on renewal vs. replacement, to which Ms. Pozna replied Summit DD
28 had been operating on a renewal levy since 2005, but this would be a replacement levy resulting in a net
29 increase for the organization.
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31 **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk of Council read an e-mail from Bruce Webber thanking the
32 Macedonia paramedics that tended to him on a recent emergency call. Responding fire/medic personnel
33 were Ed Manney, Grant Samaco and Omar Mansour.
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35 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**
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37 **RESOLUTION NO. 87-2023**

38 A RESOLUTION OPPOSING H.R. 3372, A U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL TO AMEND
39 TITLE 23 OF THE U.S. CODE TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM CONCERNING CERTAIN 6-
40 AXLE VEHICLES OPERATING ON THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM was offered by Mr.
41 Ventura for its **third reading by title, paragraphs four and five, and sections one and two only.**
42 Seconded by Mr. Garvas.
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44 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt RES.NO. 87-2023 and post the same according to**
45 **law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Finley, Tulley and Ventura voting in
46 the affirmative. Councilor Garvas voting in the negative. **RES.NO. 87-2023 declared and adopted.**
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48 **ORDINANCE NO. 90-2023**

49 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 161.18 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY
50 OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS was offered by Mr. Garvas for
51 its **third reading by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura.
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53 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **amend ORD.NO. 90-2023 to conform to the most**
54 **recent version distributed by the Law Department.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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56 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 90-2023 and post the same according**
57 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 90-2023 declared and adopted.**

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59 **RESOLUTION NO. 92-2023**

60 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL CARBON
61 REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA
62 TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) TO RESURFACE CERTAIN ROADS was offered by Ms.
63 Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Finley. Motion carried by
64 a unanimous voice vote.

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66 Dir. Gigliotti stated this legislation is to apply to AMATS for improvements to two intersections: Route
67 8/Highland and Valley View/Highland.

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69 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt RES.NO. 92-2023 and post the same according to**
70 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 92-2023 declared and adopted.**

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72 **RESOLUTION NO. 93-2023**

73 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL SURFACE
74 TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) PROGRAM RESURFACING FUNDS
75 PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
76 (AMATS) TO RESURFACE CERTAIN ROADS was offered by Mr. Finley for its **first, second and**
77 **third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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79 Dir. Gigliotti stated this legislation is to apply for a grant to resurface North Bedford and Shepard Roads.

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81 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt RES.NO. 93-2023 and post the same according to**
82 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 93-2023 declared and adopted.**

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84 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

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86 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Tulley to **cancel the Thursday, November 23 and Thursday,**
87 **December 28, 2023 regular Council meetings** for the holidays. Motion carried unanimously by a voice
88 vote.

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90 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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92 ~Ms. Brandt shared that the Mayor is traveling for an awards ceremony with members of the
93 Parks & Recreation Department in Dallas.
94 ~Welcome back Chief Brian Ripley, and thanks to Assistant Chief Paul Celinski for filling in.
95 ~ New firetruck and ambulances were parked outside before the meeting.
96 ~Don't text and drive!
97 ~Mr. Ventura congratulated Chief Ripley for his 40+ years of service.

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99 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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101 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt stated the next commission meeting will be Monday,
102 October 16 at 6pm in the upstairs of the Recreation Center.

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104 **Finance Committee:** Mr. Ventura shared that the Finance Committee will meet one hour before the
105 Council work session on October 26.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department: Director Wilson – Welcome back Chief Ripley. Leaf season starts on Monday, October 16. Thanks to Christy Young for her help spreading the word about the leaf program, and to Dir. Gigliotti and CVE for help creating the leaf pickup map.

Engineer: Director Gigliotti – Thanks for passage of Resolutions 92 & 93. The City should know by February whether they are awarded the grants.

Parks and Recreation Department: – Director Chadock – Absent

Finance Department: Director Veres – Absent

IT Department: Director Collins – 31 help desk tickets closed since the last Council meeting. Major projects include swapping out a dispatch machine. Congratulations Chief Ripley.

Building Department: Commissioner Rodic – Absent

HR Department: Director Smith – Welcome back Chief Ripley. Virtual health fair, biometrics and flu shots coming up on October 27.

Fire Department: Chief Ripley – The people who work for the City’s Fire Department save lives every day, including him. Thank you! The new fire engine ordered in January of 2022 arrived, but the engine is not quite ready to be put in service. Valley View Road will be closed starting Monday, October 16 for eleven days between Route 8 and Olde 8. The Fire Department Open House on Tuesday, October 10 was a great event. Fire Prevention Week is the longest-running public health observance in the country, having started in 1925 by President Calvin Coolidge. Chief Ripley shared history of the observance.

Police Department: Chief Yakopovich – Welcome back Chief Ripley. The Police Department is still in the process of hiring new full-time dispatchers, but excited to report the two open Sergeant positions will be filled by Patrolman Dan Matejka and Patrolman Bryan Vince.

Law Department: Director Guidetti – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Brandt reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and that you can get walk-in mammograms at the Macedonia and Twinsburg Cleveland Clinics, and perhaps UH facilities.

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

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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159 **Mayor:** _____
160 Nicholas Molnar
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