

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
January 11th, 2024

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the January 11th, 2024 regular Council meeting to order
2 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.
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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 December**
12 **14, 2023 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
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15 **ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**
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17 **Council President**
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19 Mr. Ventura moved, seconded by Mr. Garvas, to nominate Ms. Brandt to the position of Council
20 President.
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22 There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.
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24 Mr. Ventura's motion, seconded by Mr. Garvas, electing Ms. Brandt to the position of Council President
25 carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
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27 Roll call vote: Ayes: Councilors Brandt, Finley, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura
28 **Ms. Brandt elected Council President for 2024**
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30 **Council Vice-President**
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32 Ms. Brandt moved, seconded by Mr. Ventura, to nominate Mr. Garvas to the position of Council Vice-
33 President.
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35 There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.
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37 Ms. Brandt's motion, seconded by Mr. Ventura, electing Mr. Garvas to the position of Council Vice-
38 President carried on a majority roll call vote.
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40 Roll call vote: Ayes: Councilors Brandt, Finley, Tulley and Ventura. Councilor Garvas
41 abstained.
42 **Mr. Garvas elected Council Vice-President for 2024**
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44 **Finance Committee Chair**
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46 Ms. Brandt moved, seconded by Mr. Garvas, to nominate Mr. Ventura to the position of Finance
47 Committee Chair.
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49 There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.
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51 Ms. Brandt's motion, seconded by Mr. Garvas, electing Mr. Ventura to the position of Finance
52 Committee Chair carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
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54 Roll call vote: Ayes: Councilors Brandt, Finley, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura
55 **Mr. Ventura elected Finance Committee Chair**
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57 **Council Representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission**
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59 Mr. Garvas moved, seconded by Mr. Ventura, to nominate Ms. Brandt to the position of Council
60 Representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission.
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62 There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.
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64 Mr. Garvas' motion, seconded by Ms. Brandt, electing Ms. Brandt to the position of Council
65 Representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
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67 Roll call vote: Ayes: Councilors Brandt, Finley, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura
68 **Ms. Brandt elected Council Representative to the Parks &**
69 **Recreation Commission for 2024**
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71 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
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73 ~ **Mitchell Edgecomb, 57 Chelmsford Dr., Aurora**, presented a proposed ordinance to massively
74 reduce single-use waste and transition to a zero-waste shopping bag economy by eliminating the single-
75 use distribution of paper and plastic bags in retail establishments. Mr. Edgecomb also expressed that
76 polyethylene bags are not recyclable in a conventional method, have contaminated our food and water
77 resources as well as negatively impacted health.
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79 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

80 The Clerk of Council read two e-mails addressed to Chief Ripley, the first of which came from Gary
81 David thanking FireMedics Bill Rogers and Grant Samaco for their assistance when his wife had an
82 emergency. The second e-mail was from Beverly Glass (275 Brookfield Pl) who commended FireMedics
83 Grant Samaco and Ryan Zapora for providing professional customer service when assisting her with an
84 issue at her home.
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86 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**
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88 **ORDINANCE NO. 101-2023**

89 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHFIELD
90 CENTER TOWNSHIP-MACEDONIA JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
91 AGREEMENT REGARDING THE ADDITION OF 2.3087 ACRES OF LAND TO BE PLACED INTO
92 THE TERRITORY OF THE JEDD was offered by Mr. Garvas for its **second reading by title only**.
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94 The Mayor shared this ordinance would add land to the JEDD and that a public hearing will be held prior
95 to the Council meeting at 7:15pm on January 25.
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97 **RESOLUTION NO. 1-2024**

98 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, BIDS AND
99 SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS,
100 FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE 2024 ROAD IMPROVEMENT
101 PROGRAM was offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded
102 by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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104 Dir. Gigliotti provided a presentation on road conditions in the City along with the latest Pavement
105 Conditions Rating report.
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107 Mr. Garvas asked whether Dir. Gigliotti envisioned a point where the annual paving the City has
108 traditionally done would not be necessary for a couple years in lieu of simple maintenance. Dir. Gigliotti
109 responded that he does not envision such a scenario and that it is important to maintain a steady annual
110 road program. He further added that by the time you finish repaving all of the roads, some of the roads
111 paved earlier would likely need attention again.

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113 The Mayor noted that prior to 2015 the City did not have a road program due to insufficient funding, and
114 thanked the residents for passing that levy.

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116 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt RES.NO. 1-2024 and post the same according to**
117 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 1-2024 declared and adopted.**

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120 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

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122 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **accept donations from Ed and Fran Kuchar to the City**
123 **of Macedonia, Ohio, in the amount of \$1,200 for Police Department purposes, and in the amount of**
124 **\$1,200 for Fire Department purposes.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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126 The Mayor thanked the Kuchars for these donations.

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128 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **cancel the March 28, 2024 regular Council meeting.**
129 **Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

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132 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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134 ~Mayor's Court revenue for October 2023 was \$33,664.63, November 2023 was \$35,177.22 and
135 December 2023 was \$29,935.00

136 ~Condolences to the family of Bob Roloff, a Service Department employee, who passed away on
137 December 30

138 ~Congratulations to Rick Rizzo on his retirement from the Police Department!

139 ~The Mayor read a newsletter put out by Summit Co. Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh
140 commending Chief Yakopovich and the Macedonia Police Department for their work on a case
141 that resulted in the conviction of a Macedonia resident to a life sentence

142 ~Please don't drive distracted—put the phones down and drive your car!

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145 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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147 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt thanked Council for re-electing her as the Council
148 Representative to the Commission and looks forward to another year. The next meeting will be on
149 Wednesday, January 17 at 6pm. There will be an opening on the Commission, so if any resident is
150 interested, they can attend the meeting and contact the Mayor, who traditionally appoints residents to the
151 Commission.

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153 **Finance Committee:** Mr. Ventura thanked everyone for re-electing him to chair the Finance Committee,
154 as well as the Finance Director.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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Service Department: Director Wilson – We extend our deepest sympathies to the Roloff family. Holiday lights will be down by January 15. The mirror on North Freeway Drive was repaired. The Service Department will be ready for the cold snap predicted next week.

Engineer: Director Gigliotti – Thanks to Council for passage of Resolution 1-2024

Parks and Recreation Department: – Director Chadock – Welcome Ms. Brandt again to the Parks & Recreation Commission. The HVAC project is slated to go ahead in the Spring and hopes to inform Council in March as to which two-week period the Recreation Center will be closed. The family changing room and pool deck will be two high priority projects this year. 2024 events planning is complete. Revenue surpassed \$1 million in 2023, which was \$155,000 more than in 2022.

Finance Department: Director Veres – Absent

IT Department: Director Collins – Major projects include new photography devices for the patrolmen to document evidence, office changes and new hires, and getting software renewals squared away for the new year.

Building Department: Commissioner Rodic – TRW Construction has begun mobilizing to demolish the two properties on Shepard and Twinsburg Roads. 1,184 permits were issued in 2023, 870 of which were residential and 314 commercial. Just over 1,500 inspections occurred. 726 contractors were registered. Revenue from the contractor registration and permitting was just over \$430,000.

HR Department: Director Smith – Closing out 2023 programs and preparing for 2024.

Fire Department: Chief Ripley – There were 50 less calls in 2023 than were in 2022—EMS was about the same, but less fire. EMS collections up approximately 14%. About \$10,000 worth of rope rescue equipment was received for the City’s use, although it is owned by the Cuyahoga Valley Park district. A unique partnership exists where local fire departments perform rescue work rather than park rangers. Thanks to the Kuchars for their donation.

Police Department: Chief Yakopovich – Welcome Officer Dailey to the Police Department as an SRO. Thanks to Ed and Fran Kuchar for their donation. Appreciate the Top Cop designation from the County Prosecutor, but it was truly a group effort.

Law Department: Director Guidetti – Thanks to his grandfather who served as a medic in Normandy during World War II as well as all veterans, who should be recognized year-round.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Tulley commended dispatch and the patrol officers for their quick attention to a recently broken down car at the intersection of Route 82 and State Highway 8. Ms. Tulley also congratulated the Nordonia girls swimming team, and specifically Hailey Kaminski, for their performance at a recent swim meet.

There being no further business, Mr. Ventura 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.

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Attest: _____

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Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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220 **Mayor:** _____

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Nicholas Molnar

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