

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
December 14th, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the December 14th, 2023 regular Council meeting to
2 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.
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7 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
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9 **PRESENTATION:** Brian Zimmerman, CEO of Cleveland Metroparks and representing the American
10 Academy for Park & Recreation Administration, presented Dir. Chadock and his staff with the Gold
11 Medal Finalist Award plaque. Mr. Zimmerman conveyed how exclusive the award is and commended
12 the Macedonia Parks & Recreation Department for the work they do.
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14 Dir. Chadock praised his team, City administration and Council for getting the Department where they are
15 now.
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17 The Mayor read a letter from Congresswoman Emilia Sykes congratulating him on his re-election and
18 expressed that she is looking forward to working with and serving our community.
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20 Tiera Moore, Community Liaison for Congresswoman Sykes, read a letter from Rep. Sykes
21 congratulating the Macedonia Parks & Recreation Department for receiving the Gold Medal Finalist
22 award.
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24 Chief Ripley shared that Colonel Frew Long would have approved of what has become of Longwood
25 Park, property that he had donated to the City.
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27 **CEREMONIAL SWEARING-IN:** Dir. Guidetti swore in Council members Dave Finley and Jeff
28 Garvas to their new terms. Stow Municipal Clerk of Court Amber Zibritosky swore in Mayor Nicholas
29 Molnar to his new term. Mayor Molnar credited the City staff and Council for the work they do, and
30 thanked his family in attendance for being there for him.
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32 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
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34 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of**
35 **November 9, 2023 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried by a unanimous voice
36 vote.
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38 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
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40 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

41 The Clerk of Council read two e-mails addressed to Chief Ripley, the first of which came from Twinsburg
42 Interim Fire Chief Steven Bosso who thanked Lieutenant Tim Best for his help responding to a fire on
43 November 11th. The second e-mail was from Beverly Glass (275 Brookfield Pl) who commended Captain
44 Dave Chesnik and fire/medics Jack Pitzen and Matt Harman for their excellent customer service in
45 helping her understand and assuage concerns she had with her smoke detectors and CO monitor.
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47 The Clerk of Council also read an e-mail received from Brad Roseberry from the Coalition Against
48 Bigger Trucks with an update on recent news as it pertains to truck size and weight in Congress.
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50 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**
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54 **ORDINANCE NO. 95-2023**

55 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF
56 MACEDONIA, OHIO was offered by Mr. Ventura for its **third reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr.
57 Garvas

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59 Dir. Veres stated this legislation is the 2024 annual budget and a culmination of Finance Committee and
60 Departmental head meetings.

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62 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 95-2023 and post the same according**
63 **to law**. Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting
64 in the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 95-2023 declared and adopted.**

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66 **ORDINANCE NO. 100-2023**

67 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE THE REAL PROPERTY
68 LOCATED AT 8481 PARK AVENUE IN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Ms. Brandt for
69 its **second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried by a
70 majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Finley, Garvas and Ventura voting in the affirmative. Councilor
71 Tulley voting in the negative.

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73 The Mayor stated that acquisition of this property is part of the Future Growth Committee vision, with the
74 intent that it and the property of the old school purchased last year would eventually be part of a new
75 town square.

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77 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 100-2023 and post the same according**
78 **to law**. Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas and Ventura voting in the
79 affirmative. Councilors Finley and Tulley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 100-2023 declared and**
80 **adopted.**

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82 **ORDINANCE NO. 101-2023**

83 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHFIELD
84 CENTER TOWNSHIP-MACEDONIA JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
85 AGREEMENT REGARDING THE ADDITION OF 2.3087 ACRES OF LAND TO BE PLACED INTO
86 THE TERRITORY OF THE JEDD was offered by Mr. Garvas for its **first reading by title only**.

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88 Mr. Garvas moved, seconded by Mr. Ventura to **modify Section 2 of the ordinance to amend the date**
89 **of the public hearing to occur on January 25th at 7:15pm**. The motion carried by a unanimous voice
90 vote.

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92 **ORDINANCE NO. 102-2023**

93 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 67-2022 RELATIVE TO CURRENT EXPENSES
94 AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY
95 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 was offered by Mr. Ventura for its **first, second and third readings**
96 **by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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98 Dir. Veres stated this is the 5th and final amendment to the 2023 appropriations ordinance.

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100 The Mayor shared this speaks to Dir. Veres' talent as there was a time years ago when the City had 63
101 amendments to the annual appropriations.

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103 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 102-2023 and post the same according**
104 **to law**. Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting
105 in the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 102-2023 declared and adopted.**

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107 **ORDINANCE NO. 103-2023**

108 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE
109 PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A REPLACEMENT INFRARED TUBE HEATING SYSTEM
110 FROM WADSWORTH SOLUTIONS THROUGH THE OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE
111 PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FIRE STATION APPARATUS BAY
112 was offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr.
113 Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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115 Dir. Wilson shared the current heaters are as old as the building and there is a crack in one of the heat
116 exchanges, and by going through Omnia the City is receiving the lowest and best bid.

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118 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 103-2023 and post the same according to**
119 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 103-2023 declared and adopted.**

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121 **ORDINANCE NO. 104-2023**

122 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS
123 PROHIBITING ADULT USE RECREATIONAL CANNABIS OPERATORS WITHIN THE CITY OF
124 MACEDONIA IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE CITY TO REVIEW APPLICABLE STATE AND
125 LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO SUCH USE was offered by Ms. Brandt for its
126 **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried
127 unanimously by a voice vote.

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129 Ms. Brandt stated this ordinance is to protect the City while the State of Ohio establishes the rules and
130 guidelines for recreational marijuana sales and operations. The City can decide whether to allow such
131 establishments within the corporation, and will have a conversation with the public and various
132 departments within the City in the future. This moratorium only addresses the recreational sale of
133 marijuana, and not the other components that accompanied the passage of Issue 2.

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135 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 104-2023 and post the same according**
136 **to law**. Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting
137 in the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 104-2023 declared and adopted.**

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139 **ORDINANCE NO. 105-2023**

140 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA AND
141 CHAGRIN VALLEY ENGINEERING, LTD. RELATIVE TO COMPENSATION FOR
142 ENGINEERING SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CITY BY THE CITY ENGINEER was offered by
143 Mr. Finley for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion
144 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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146 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 105-2023 and post the same according to**
147 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 105-2023 declared and adopted.**

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149 **ORDINANCE NO. 106-2023**

150 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING USE OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA UPDATED PLANNED
151 CAPITAL PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN PLANNED CAPITAL PURCHASES was offered
152 by Mr. Ventura for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The
153 motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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155 Dir. Veres stated he had created this program in conjunction with the State Auditor's Office, and an
156 annual approval by Council is necessary as part of this program.

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158 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 106-2023 and post the same according**
159 **to law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting
160 in the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 106-2023 declared and adopted.**
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162 **ORDINANCE NO. 107-2023**

163 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
164 OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING UNPAID FINES AND
165 COSTS FOR THE MACEDONIA MAYOR’S COURT was offered by Mr. Garvas for its **first, second**
166 **and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice
167 vote.

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169 Dir. Guidetti stated this ordinance turns over the responsibility for Court cost collections from the
170 Macedonia Mayor’s Court to the Ohio Attorney General’s Office for a relatively small collection fee.
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172 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 107-2023 and post the same according**
173 **to law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting
174 in the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 107-2023 declared and adopted.**
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176 **RESOLUTION NO. 108-2023**

177 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF KEVIN
178 WESTBROOKS TO THE CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION was offered by Mr. Finley
179 for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried
180 unanimously by a voice vote.

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182 The Mayor stated the next several pieces of legislation, Resolutions 108-114, are confirming his re-
183 appointments to commissions. He has spoken with all these qualified individuals and thanked them for
184 their time volunteering in these positions.

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186 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt RES.NO. 108-2023 and post the same according to**
187 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 108-2023 declared and adopted.**
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189 **RESOLUTION NO. 109-2023**

190 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF CHRISTINE
191 MESKE TO THE CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION was offered by Mr. Ventura for its
192 **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried
193 unanimously by a voice vote.

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195 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt RES.NO. 109-2023 and post the same according**
196 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 109-2023 declared and adopted.**
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198 **RESOLUTION NO. 110-2023**

199 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF ANTHONY COX
200 TO THE CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION was offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first,**
201 **second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by
202 a voice vote.

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204 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt RES.NO. 110-2023 and post the same according to**
205 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 110-2023 declared and adopted.**
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207 **RESOLUTION NO. 111-2023**

208 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF SCOTT
209 WALLEHORST TO THE CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION was offered by Mr.

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210 Garvas for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion
211 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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214 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt RES.NO. 111-2023 and post the same according to**
215 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 111-2023 declared and adopted.**

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217 **RESOLUTION NO. 112-2023**

218 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JASON ROBERTS
219 TO THE CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION was offered by Mr. Finley for its **first,**
220 **second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by
221 a voice vote.

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223 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt RES.NO. 112-2023 and post the same according to**
224 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 112-2023 declared and adopted.**

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226 **RESOLUTION NO. 113-2023**

227 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KAREN BARTOLOZZI
228 TO THE CITY OF MACEDONIA PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION was offered by Ms.
229 Brandt for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion
230 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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232 The Mayor recognized Ms. Bartolozzi, who was in attendance, and commended her for always being fair
233 and reasonable.

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235 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 113-2023 and post the same according**
236 **to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 113-2023 declared and adopted.**

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238 **RESOLUTION NO. 114-2023**

239 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JASON HACK TO THE
240 CITY OF MACEDONIA PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION was offered by Ms. Tulley for its
241 **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried
242 unanimously by a voice vote.

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244 Ms. Tulley noted Mr. Hack has been involved somehow with the City since high school.

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246 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt RES.NO. 114-2023 and post the same according to**
247 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 114-2023 declared and adopted.**

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249 **ORDINANCE NO. 115-2023**

250 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 182 OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA'S CODIFIED
251 ORDINANCES, THE CITY'S INCOME TAX ORDINANCE was offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first,**
252 **second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by
253 a voice vote.

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255 Dir. Guidetti stated this is a housekeeping measure to bring the City's local code up to compliance with
256 the State code that was passed pursuant to HB 33.

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258 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 115-2023 and post the same according**
259 **to law**. Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting
260 in the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 115-2023 declared and adopted.**

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

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265 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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267 ~Happy Holidays from my family to yours!

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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272 **JEDD:** Mr. Ventura reported the JEDD Committee met on Thursday, November 30 and passed the
273 request for admission into the JEDD by Nordonia Hills Dental, which brought it to the floor today in
274 Ordinance No. 101-2023

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276 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt stated the commission did not meet in December, as
277 planned, and will resume meeting on January 17 at 6pm in the upstairs of the Recreation Center.
278 Congratulations once again to the Parks & Recreation Department for their award and a great year!

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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283 **Service Department:** Director Wilson – Happy Holidays! Leaf collection season was a success. If
284 anyone still has a leaf pile, they can call the Service Department for them to come out and collect.

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286 Mr. Ventura thanked the Service Department for their handling and cleanup of a gravel spill made by a
287 truck on Route 82 from Freeway Drive all the way up to the I-271 entrance ramp.

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289 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – Congratulations to the Parks & Recreation Department on their award.

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291 **Parks and Recreation Department:** – Director Chadock – No report (Dir. Chadock had exited the
292 meeting by this time)

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294 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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296 **IT Department:** Director Collins – Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!

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298 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – No report but wishes to echo the sentiment of fellow
299 Directors.

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301 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

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303 The Mayor recognized Dir. Smith for her help filling in as his assistant.

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305 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – Santa delivery is wrapping up and was once again a success. Thanks
306 to Mr. Garvas for helping create the Santa tracker. Christmas tree fires are real, so if it is dry take it
307 down. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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309 **Police Department:** Chief Yakopovich – Thanks to all who donated to Shop with a Cop this year.
310 Happy Holidays to everyone!

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312 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – Thanks to Council for setting the public hearing for the land
313 addendum to the JEDD. The next step is for Council to consider passing the resolution, with efforts being
314 mirrored by Northfield Center Township. If both are passed, the JEDD Board will meet one more time to
315 finalize the process.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Garvas mentioned the light show at his house that will be lit from 5-11pm each night until December 31, and invited the public to observe from the street.

Ms. Tulley warned of scammers during the holiday season, citing information that NOPEC shared of individuals coming to homes posing as representatives and asking for your account information. NOPEC does not send anyone door to door, and even if they did, they would have to register with the City for a permit. Ms. Tulley also shared that people are receiving text messages claiming to be from the US Postal Service, and that you should just delete it and not reply or click any links. Finally, Ms. Tulley thanked residents for showing their holiday spirit with light displays throughout the City.

There being no further business, Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:17p.m.

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

Mayor: _____
Nicholas Molnar