

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
January 25th, 2024

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the January 25th, 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 January**
12 **11, 2024 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
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14 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
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16 ~ **John Kundrat, 9136 Briarwood Rd.,** commented on the number of speeding vehicles along Shepard
17 Hills, sharing that he thinks it is dangerous for children playing and those walking their dogs. He
18 requested that patrol officers monitor the road more closely and be more of a presence to deter speeding.
19 The Mayor shared that speeding is the number 1 complaint he hears from residents and will add this
20 location to the Police Department detail. Chief Yakopovich explained the efforts thus far to deter
21 speeding in that area.
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23 ~ **John Simko, 1252 Shepard Hills Blvd.,** echoed the sentiments expressed by the previous speaker
24 regarding speeding along Shepard Hills Blvd.
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26 ~ **Ellen Bertel, 319 W Highland Rd, Northfield Center Township,** speaking on behalf of the Historical
27 Society of Olde Northfield, reported the organization finished 2023 in the black and is therefore eligible
28 to apply for some grants. Ms. Bertel is once again requesting that Macedonia consider a donation to the
29 Society to continue work on various projects, including renovation of the Palmer House basement and
30 display/peg boards. She further reported that all surrounding ‘Nordonia’ communities donated in 2023.
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32 **CORRESPONDENCE:**
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34 The Clerk of Council read a letter of thanks from the Emergency Assistance Center for the Police
35 Department’s \$450 donation resulting from the “No Shave” fundraising effort. Mr. Ventura shared that
36 the target date for TEAC to re-open after the move to a new building is February 5.

37 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**
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39 **ORDINANCE NO. 101-2023**

40 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHFIELD
41 CENTER TOWNSHIP-MACEDONIA JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
42 AGREEMENT REGARDING THE ADDITION OF 2.3087 ACRES OF LAND TO BE PLACED INTO
43 THE TERRITORY OF THE JEDD was offered by Mr. Garvas for its **third reading by title only.**
44 Seconded by Mr. Ventura.
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46 Mr. Garvas moved, seconded by Mr. Ventura to **adopt ORD.NO. 101-2023 and post the same**
47 **according to law.** The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 101-2023 declared and**
48 **adopted.**
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50 **ORDINANCE NO. 2-2024**

51 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A “TITAN PRO PLUS” LEAF VACUUM
52 LOADER AND TWO “SPARTAN-STYLE” LEAF CONTAINMENT BODIES FROM BELL
53 EQUIPMENT COMPANY THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

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54 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT was
55 offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Brandt.
56 The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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58 Dir. Wilson shared this is a similar purchase as was made in 2023 and will allow the department more
59 efficiency in leaf removal. These new units will replace the current units, which date back to the late
60 1990s/early 2000s.

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62 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 2-2024 and post the same according to**
63 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 2-2024 declared and adopted.**

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65 **RESOLUTION NO. 3-2024**
66 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY
67 THE CITY OF MACEDONIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY OF MACEDONIA CODIFIED
68 ORDINANCE § 121.05 AND OHIO REVISED CODE § 721.15 was offered by Mr. Finley for its **first,**
69 **second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by
70 a voice vote.

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72 Chief Ripley stated this legislation is to sell a 1999 pumper that was recently replaced. The value of the
73 1999 pumper is unknown.

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75 Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt RES.NO. 3-2024 and post the same according to**
76 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 3-2024 declared and adopted.**

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78 **RESOLUTION NO. 4-2024**
79 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES
80 BY THE CITY OF MACEDONIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY OF MACEDONIA CODIFIED
81 ORDINANCE § 121.05 AND OHIO REVISED CODE § 721.15 was offered by Mr. Ventura for its **first,**
82 **second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by
83 a voice vote.

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85 Chief Ripley stated the Fire Department is replacing its original hydraulic ‘Jaws of Life’ tools that dates
86 to 1981 with more efficient and user-friendly battery-powered tools.

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88 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt RES.NO. 4-2024 and post the same according to**
89 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 4-2024 declared and adopted.**

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91 **RESOLUTION NO. 5-2024**
92 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO COMPLETE AND EXECUTE CONSENT
93 LEGISLATION FOR ODOT’S MAINTENANCE OF THE BRIDGE CROSSING OVER INDIAN
94 CREEK IN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, ODOT PID NO. 113163 was offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first,**
95 **second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried
96 unanimously by a voice vote.

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98 Dir. Gigliotti explained that ODOT will be cleaning out the bridge underneath Route 82 near Dunkin’
99 Donuts. The work is scheduled for later this summer at no cost to the City.

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101 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt RES.NO. 5-2024 and post the same according to**
102 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 5-2024 declared and adopted.**

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107 **ORDINANCE NO. 6-2024**

108 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH B&B
109 THEATERS REGARDING ADMISSION TAX COLLECTION & DISTRIBUTION was offered by Ms.
110 Brandt for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion
111 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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113 The Mayor shared that Cinemark will be leaving Macedonia and replaced by B&B Theaters, a more
114 robust movie theater-going experience. B&B is looking to make a \$6-7 million investment in the
115 property. Currently, the City receives approximately \$75,000 annually in admission taxes and this
116 ordinance makes it so the City continues to receive the first \$75,000, with the rate changing to 50% of
117 admissions taxes after that amount, capping at 10 years.

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119 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 6-2024 and post the same according to**
120 **law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 6-2024 declared and adopted.**

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123 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

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125 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **accept the following donations to the Macedonia Police**
126 **Department: \$50 in gas gift cards from Sherri Bevan Walsh; \$40 from Judith Johnson; and \$200**
127 **from the Zhu family. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

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129 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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- 131 ~ A new business named U-Tea opened last week. They serve bubble teas among other items.
- 132 ~ The new Service Department building is progressing with a recent rendering. Currently, the
- 133 Service Department operates out of 5 defunct buildings and the goal is to consolidate operations
- 134 into 1 and a half buildings to focus on safety and efficiency. More to come.
- 135 ~ Executive assistant Diana Augustine retired, and we wish her well!
- 136 ~ Please don't drive distracted—put the phones down and drive your car!

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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140 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt stated the Commission had its first 2024 meeting and
141 elected Karen Bartolozzi as the Chair and Staci Szugye as Vice Chair. Discussion was had regarding the
142 Parks & Recreation Department working towards CAPRA standards as well as reviewing the
143 accomplishments from 2023. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21 at 6pm in the upstairs
144 of the Recreation Center. The Mayor shared that there is still an opening on the Commission and any
145 interested resident should reach out to his office.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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149 **Service Department:** Director Wilson – The Service Department did a great job with the recent snow.
150 Drivers have a tough judgement call between main roads and neighborhoods. Soliciting mowing and
151 fertilization quotes, as well as finishing up the new sign by the Commons.

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153 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – Local government is a team sport and Diana Augustine was a great
154 teammate.

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156 **Parks and Recreation Department:** – Director Chadock – Spring pavilion and ball field rental
157 applications being sent out, and Spring programming will be released to the public soon. Recently, a
158 filter broke in the pump room of the activity pool, forcing the Recreation Center to close the activity pool
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Finance Department: Director Veres – Regarding the activity pool, the City’s insurance company was contacted, and they’ve determined it is insurable, so a decision will have to be made whether the City wishes to file a claim. Kudos to Diana Augustine on her retirement. Resident RITA refund packages are available on the City website.

IT Department: Director Collins – 36 help desk tickets closed since the last Council meeting. Major projects include updating security and changing rights in the Police Department. Document management project for the Mayor’s Court is gaining traction.

Building Department: Commissioner Rodic – The house on Shepard road was demolished last week, with the house on Twinsburg Road likely to be demolished by mid-February. Working on year-end reports for the Ohio Board of Building Standards and Summit County Auditor’s Office.

HR Department: Director Smith – Absent

Fire Department: Chief Ripley – Diana Augustine was an integral part of our team. While she will be replaced, she is irreplaceable. The Service Department did a great job removing snow, but private contractors did not do a good job of not covering fire hydrants. It is the residents’ responsibility to clear access to fire hydrants.

Police Department: Chief Yakopovich – Congratulations to Diana Augustine on her retirement. Thanks for the recent donations. Residents should not be pushing snow from their driveway into the road. Motorists should not pull up beyond stop bars at intersections. If a motorist has a green light and wishes to turn left, they can move beyond the stop bar and continue having the right of way to complete their turn when the traffic light turns red.

Law Department: Director Guidetti – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Brandt congratulated Diana Augustine on her retirement and shared a memory of her from a holiday lighting event years ago.

The Mayor shared that he recently was given a collection of fascinating letters sent to Macedonia residents from former Mayor Long in the 1960s and 70s and may post them to the City website.

There being no further business, Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08p.m.

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

Mayor: _____
Nicholas Molnar