

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 22nd, 2024

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the February 22nd, 2024 regular Council meeting to  
2 order at 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 Mr. Ventura, to **approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on January**  
13 **25, 2024 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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15 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of**  
16 **February 8, 2024 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried by a majority voice vote.  
17 Councilors Brandt, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative. Councilor Finley abstained.

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19 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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21 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None  
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23 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

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25 **ORDINANCE NO. 8-2024**

26 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY DDR  
27 HD & C, LLC IN THE CITY'S COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA, AND DETERMINING THE  
28 TIME PERIOD FOR SAID EXEMPTION was offered by Ms. Tulley for its **second reading by title**  
29 **only.**

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31 **ORDINANCE NO. 13-2024**

32 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR  
33 CONTRACT WITH "OHIO PLAN RISK MANAGEMENT, INC." FOR CERTAIN INSURANCE  
34 COVERAGE FOR THE CITY OF MACEDONIA BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2024 was offered by Ms.  
35 Brandt for its **first reading by title only.**

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37 The Mayor stated this ordinance is for insurance to cover the City and more details are being gathered for  
38 near future meetings.

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40 **ORDINANCE NO. 14-2024**

41 AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 903 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY  
42 OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO SIDEWALKS was offered by Mr. Finley for its **first, second and**  
43 **third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice  
44 vote.

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46 Dir. Guidetti shared this Chapter would create a permitting process for modifications, construction, or  
47 reconstruction of any sidewalks within the municipality. This ordinance would also create a sidewalk  
48 repair program, creating an alternative method for the City to handle nuisance conditions that exist on  
49 sidewalks.

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51 Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 14-2024 and post the same according to**  
52 **law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Tulley and Ventura voting in the  
53 affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 14-2024 declared and adopted.**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 15-2024**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 161.01(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS was offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

The Mayor stated this ordinance would allow exempt employees that do not miss work a “perfect attendance bonus” of four hours per quarter, similar to non-exempt employees.

Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 15-2024 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 15-2024 declared and adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-2024**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION, AND AMENDMENT, OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MACEDONIA was offered by Mr. Ventura for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Dir. Guidetti stated that in 2023 the Ohio legislature made changes to laws of a general nature of the Ohio Revised Code and this legislation updates the City’s code to match what the State legislature did.

Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 16-2024 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 16-2024 declared and adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO PREPARE PLANS, BIDS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, FOR THE “LONGWOOD PARK MULTIPURPOSE FIELD EXPANSION” PROJECT was offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Dir. Chadock explained this would be a sort of “Step 2” from what was done last year, adding two multipurpose field to Longwood Park south. This would allow work to be done on north side of Longwood Park soccer fields by converting them into multipurpose fields. The goal would be for the work to be completed by late Summer/early Fall. This was part of the capital plan from 2022 and was unanimously approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Ms. Tulley asked if permanent bathrooms could be considered at Longwood Park north, to which Dir. Chadock responded research has been done for options and would be willing to look into costs if Council would like.

Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt RES.NO. 17-2024 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 17-2024 declared and adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO PREPARE PLANS, BIDS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, FOR THE “POOL DECK REPLACEMENT PROJECT” was offered by Ms. Brandt for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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106 Dir. Chadock stated this project was also part of the capital plan and approved by the Parks and  
107 Recreation Commission. The current pool deck is 24-years old and beyond repair. The hope is to go out  
108 to bid immediately and align this project with the HVAC system replacement to be done in the Spring.  
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110 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 18-2024 and post the same according to**  
111 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 18-2024 declared and adopted.**  
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114 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** None  
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117 **MAYOR'S REPORT**  
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119 ~ Reminder on new and upcoming businesses: Sephora/Nordstrom Rack is coming in by  
120 Burlington. U Tea opened across from Speedway. Chase Bank is coming to Golden Link.  
121 ~Please don't drive distracted—put down your phones and drive the car!

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124 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
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126 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt reported the Commission met last night and welcome  
127 new member Dr. Kelly Joyce. The Commission also went over the planned capital budget and approved  
128 the two items that Council voted on tonight. Discussion was had on the idea of building a gym on to the  
129 Recreation Center. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20 at 6pm.  
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132 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**  
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133 **Service Department:** Director Wilson – Finishing up assembly on two emergency response trailers.  
134 Working on lights and general remodeling in the Fire Department and basement. Trying to keep up with  
135 litter on I-271 ramps. Mechanics inspecting mowers for the upcoming season.  
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137 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – Advertising period for bids open today for the 2024 road program, and if  
138 all goes well there will be a contractor recommendation next month.  
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140 **Parks and Recreation Department:** – Director Chadock – Several recent maintenance issues with the  
141 Recreation Center pool. Spring programming is now open, and the next MACTivity guide for Summer  
142 programming will come out in March. Working with Wadsworth Solutions to schedule a two-week  
143 shutdown schedule likely at the end of May/early June.  
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145 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – Working with Communications Specialist and Finance  
146 Department to put information out about the Macedonia resident refund program through RITA.  
147 Deadline to submit is July 15 unless you have an extension.  
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149 **IT Department:** Director Collins – 26 help desk tickets closed since the last meeting. Major projects  
150 include document import management for the Mayor's Court and technology upgrade in the Community  
151 Room.  
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153 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – Thanks for passage of ORD 14-2024. The sole intent of  
154 the new chapter is to promote pedestrian safety.  
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156 **HR Department:** Director Smith – With the help of Lt. Costello, fillable forms have been created for  
157 incident reporting through iSolved. An agreement was reached with Ahola to host a learning  
158 management system.

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**Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – The City is planning for the April eclipse. The State is predicting that our population will double on that day. Summit County is suggesting people stay home. Ohio is within one day’s drive for 70% of the United States population. Thanks to the Service Department for painting in the Fire Department.

**Police Department:** Chief Yakopovich – Thanks to Chief Ripley and the Fire Department for training provided to dispatchers for CPR and EMD updates. The plan is to provide cross-training for patrol officers as well as some Fire work including, hooking up hydrants and moving things on the truck.

The Mayor commended the collaboration between the Police and Fire Departments.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Tulley reminded residents there is a school levy on the March 19 ballot.

Ms. Brandt stated the Nordonia School Board had a presentation recently and that residents can go to the Nordonia website for more detailed information. Voters can request absentee ballots now.

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 7:50p.m.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

**Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Nicholas Molnar