

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
March 14th, 2024

1 Presiding Officer, Council President Jessica Brandt called the March 14th, 2024 regular Council meeting
2 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. Finley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February**
13 **22, 2024 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried by a majority voice vote.
14 Councilors Brandt, Finley, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative. Councilor Garvas abstained.
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16 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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18 ~ **Ted Nestor, 1020 Brookpoint Dr.** voiced displeasure at what he believes to be a mess on the property
19 located at 1051 Brookpoint Dr. Mr. Nestor cited box trucks parking on the property for excessive lengths
20 of time and various detritus on the lawn and driveway. He further stated it is his understanding that the
21 property owner has been cited for various infractions but has thus far not appeared in court and now has a
22 bench warrant issued. Mr. Nestor implored that something needs to be done about the matter.
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24 Ms. Tulley shared that she intends to speak with Zoning Inspector Chris Hall about the matter. Ms.
25 Tulley also inquired whether the City can tow items from the property to which Dir. Guidetti responded
26 there are rather intricate sections of the Revised Code on the matter that he would need to investigate
27 further to answer that question.
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29 Ms. Brandt asked Dir. Guidetti about the process once a warrant has been issued, to which he responded it
30 is a matter of time as to when the individual gets picked up for a warrant and it is the primary
31 enforcement method for this type of situation. Ms. Brandt further asked what the remedy is to the issue
32 and Dir. Guidetti stated without having all the facts of the matter he could not comment.
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34 ~ **Marilyn Tirabassi, 1001 Brookpoint Dr.** inquired whether residents should call the Police Department
35 if they see the property owner alluded to by the previous resident, to which Lt. Costello responded if an
36 officer is available to come before she enters her home they will.
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38 ~ **Gene Finley, 1010 Brookpoint Dr.** stated that she does not understand the apparent inaction by
39 authorities to pursue and resolve the matter discussed by the previous two residents. Dir. Guidetti stated
40 he does not recommend discussing active prosecution in the context of a Council meeting, as not
41 everyone is aware of the specific facts and charges. Ms. Finley further stated that she simply wants the
42 box truck moved and the yard cleaned, finding the current situation unacceptable.
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44 Mr. Ventura thanked the residents for attending the Council meeting and voicing their concerns.
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46 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
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48 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

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50 **ORDINANCE NO. 8-2024**

51 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY DDR
52 HD & C, LLC IN THE CITY'S COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA, AND DETERMINING THE
53 TIME PERIOD FOR SAID EXEMPTION **remained at second reading.**

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ORDINANCE NO. 13-2024

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH “OHIO PLAN RISK MANAGEMENT, INC.” FOR CERTAIN INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE CITY OF MACEDONIA BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2024 was offered by Mr. Garvas for its **second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ms. Brandt stated the City’s previous insurance pool no longer exists and Ohio Plan Risk Management was the recommended pool.

Dir. Veres added over 800 municipalities in the State are part of this pool.

Ms. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 13-2024 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 13-2024 declared and adopted.**

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER’S COMMISSION FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF THE INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Mr. Finley for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ms. Brandt shared this is an agreement the City participates in each year that allows those that come into the jail to be represented by a public defender through the County.

Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 19-2024 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 19-2024 declared and adopted.**

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2024

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CURRENT COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE NON-UNION EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO 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.

Lieutenant Costello stated this would allow the Police Department to hire part-time police officers, some of whom may not currently be able to work full-time.

Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 20-2024 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 20-2024 declared and adopted.**

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INC. FOR THE 2024 ROAD PROGRAM was offered by Mr. Garvas for its **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Dir. Gigliotti shared the roads that would be repaved this year are Apache, Blackhawk, Cessna, Bendleton, Censori, Deepwood, Riverview and Lawton North/South.

Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 21-2024 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 21-2024 declared and adopted.**

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MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **authorize the City Engineer to prepare plans, bids and specifications, and further authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids, to demolish the building located at 9150 Valley View Road, Macedonia, Ohio. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

Dir. Guidetti stated this is part of a long-term project to adapt the 9150 Valley View property and convert the location to a potential new Service Department building.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- ~ Ms. Brandt shared the Mayor is absent and attending the Nordonia Winter Sports Awards. Congrats to those athletes as well as the band and choir for receiving superior ratings at their competitions. Boys and girls bowling did quite well too.
- ~Please don’t drive distracted—put down your phones and drive the car!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Recreation Commission: Ms. Brandt stated there was no report.

JEDD: Mr. Garvas asked Dir. Guidetti if the JEDD Board needs to meet again, to which Dir. Guidetti responded it will but not until Northfield Center Township passes their resolution for the planned addendum.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department: Director Wilson – No report.

Engineer: Director Gigliotti – Thanks for the passage of ORD 21-2024. Once scheduling on this year’s road program is set, he will report back.

Parks and Recreation Department: – Director Chadock – The bid posting has been opened for both the pool deck and multipurpose field projects. The activity pool continues to have issues and a new firewall part for the heater has been ordered. An attempt will be made to drain and possibly resurface the pool while the heater is malfunctioning, as opposed to waiting until the planned facility shutdown later this year.

Mr. Garvas referenced discussion on social media regarding the pool and floated the idea of posting the pool temperature on various social media and electronic signs throughout the City.

Finance Department: Director Veres – Resident refund program for RITA is underway, with a deadline of July 15 unless you have an extension from RITA.

IT Department: Director Collins – 21 help desk tickets closed since the last Council meeting. Major projects of concern have been security, both physical and digital.

Building Department: Commissioner Rodic – Nordstrom Rack planning an April 11 opening. Sephora is planning to open in late April; both have sign packages coming before the Planning Commission next week. The Ohio Board of Building Standards recently made the most significant update to codes since 2017.

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160 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Absent

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162 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – The Fire Department recently underwent training on lithium-ion
163 battery fires. Information on lithium-ion battery safety has been posted to the City website. The City is
164 planning for the eclipse on April 8 and is prepared. With the recent time change, it's a good idea to
165 change the batteries on your smoke detectors.

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167 **Police Department:** Lieutenant Costello – Congratulations to Karen Nelson, who retired after 13 years as
168 a dispatcher for the City. SRO Amy Dailey spoke to K-4th grade students at the YMCA afterschool
169 program about cyber-bullying, safe searching, online stranger-danger, and personal information
170 protection.

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172 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – The City has moved forward in having a study performed on
173 recent carwash, tire and mattress store moratoriums. A report and recommendation from the firm is
174 expected in approximately 6-8 weeks, and Council will be updated as that proceeds.

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176 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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178 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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180 Ms. Tulley asked whether plans have been made for the eclipse and if that can be shared with the public.
181 Chief Ripley responded there will be extra staff and law enforcement in the parks to facilitate this. The
182 more people that can be put in the parking lots means less people on the roads.

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184 There being no further business, Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adjourn the meeting**.
185 The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at
186 approximately 8:03p.m.

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188 **Date:** _____

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Attest: _____
Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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195 **Mayor:** _____

196 Nicholas Molnar

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