

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 11th, 2024

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the April 11th, 2024 regular Council meeting to order at  
2 7:30p.m.  
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4 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Jeff Garvas, Jan Tulley and Vini J. Ventura. Also  
5 present: Law Director Mark Guidetti and Clerk of Council Jon Hoover.

6 **Absent:** Council member Dave Finley  
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8 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
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10 **PROCLAMATION:** The Mayor read a proclamation naming April 11, 2024 as Nordonia High School  
11 Girls Swim Team Day. In attendance were Coach Glenn Yorkievitz and student-athletes Emily  
12 Yorkievitz, Payton Pelkowski and Hailey Kaminski who briefly spoke of their swimming experience and  
13 thanked the City for allowing them to use the Recreation Center for training.  
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15 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
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17 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14,**  
18 **2024 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.  
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20 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None  
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22 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None  
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24 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**  
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26 **ORDINANCE NO. 8-2024**

27 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY DDR  
28 HD & C, LLC IN THE CITY'S COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA, AND DETERMINING THE  
29 TIME PERIOD FOR SAID EXEMPTION **remained at second reading.**  
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31 **ORDINANCE NO. 22-2024**

32 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CURRENT COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE  
33 NON-UNION EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO was offered by Mr. Ventura for  
34 its **second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously  
35 by a voice vote.  
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37 The Mayor stated custodial work has recently been done by members of the Service Department, but this  
38 would add back an employee who exclusively performs custodial duties.  
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40 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 22-2024 and post the same according**  
41 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 22-2024 declared and adopted.**  
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43 **RESOLUTION NO. 23-2024**

44 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PREPARE  
45 PLANS, BIDS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
46 ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND  
47 RECYCLING SERVICES AND AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION was offered by Mr. Garvas for  
48 its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried  
49 unanimously by a voice vote.  
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51 The Mayor shared this legislation allows him to go out for bid for a new contract as the current one  
52 expires in November, and warns that rates are expected to increase.  
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54 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 23-2024 and post the same according to**  
55 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 23-2024 declared and adopted.**

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57 **RESOLUTION NO. 24-2024**

58 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE SUCH STEPS NECESSARY TO APPLY  
59 FOR FUNDING FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, DISTRICT EIGHT PUBLIC  
60 WORKS COMMITTEE, PROGRAM YEAR 39, FOR THE SHEPARD ROAD RESURFACING  
61 PROJECT was offered by Mr. Garvas for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded  
62 by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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64 Dir. Gigliotti stated this allows the City to apply for OPWC funding on the Shepard Road resurfacing  
65 project, which will go from Rt. 82 up to the I-480 bridge and is a joint application/project with  
66 Twinsburg.

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68 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 24-2024 and post the same according to**  
69 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 24-2024 declared and adopted.**

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71 **ORDINANCE NO. 25-2024**

72 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO  
73 PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2024 was offered by Ms.  
74 Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion  
75 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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77 Dir. Wilson shared this is housekeeping legislation Council does each year that allows the City to  
78 participate in the ODOT road salt contract.

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80 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 25-2024 and post the same according to**  
81 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 25-2024 declared and adopted.**

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84 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

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86 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Ms. Tulley to **cancel the June 27, July 11 and August 8, 2024 Council**  
87 **meeting.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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89 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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91 ~ Mayor's Court revenue for January 2024 was \$26,185.10, \$48,780.50 in February 2024 and  
92 \$42,281.42 in March 2024.

93 ~Nordstrom Rack grand opening was this morning. Those in the community that have  
94 commented on the lack of variety in shopping opportunities in the past are encouraged to  
95 patronize. When asking of the opening date for Sephora, which is TBD, Ms. Tulley commented  
96 that parking may be an issue in the future for that area. The Mayor added that the Planning  
97 Commission has a process for assessing such questions before they become an issue.

98 ~B&B tentatively planning for an August opening

99 ~There was a fire in Northfield Center Township that unfortunately resulted in a loss of life to the  
100 resident of the home. Chief Ripley invited the Mayor to a post-event assessment meeting and  
101 was impressed.

102 ~Dispatchers Week is April 14-20 and we should thank them for all they do

103 ~Please do not blow grass clippings into the street

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

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt stated the Commission met on March 20 and discussed upcoming projects and maintenance, along with reviewing the Parks & Recreation section of the Future Growth and Redevelopment Committee from 2015-16. Part of that review assessed what projects they'd like to remove and what projects they'd like to see move forward. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 17. The June meeting has been cancelled.

Ms. Tulley commented on the positive changes she has seen over the years when it comes to field usage.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Service Department:** Director Wilson – Thanks to Council for being supportive of the Service Department as they grow and change. On April 29, the Service Department will be changing from two shift to a regular Monday through Friday day shift. There will be updates made in Veterans Park adding a bulletin board in the pavilion along with power washing and repainting the gazebo. There is a wish to dedicate the park sometime in the Fall. Painting is being done upstairs in City Hall. In the process of hiring a mechanic, and soon a full-time custodian. The cooling towers will be replaced on Monday, April 15.

The Mayor added the City received \$2,000 in grant money from NOPEC, and he will give \$1,000 of it to the Veterans Memorial Park and \$1,000 to the Longwood Manor committee.

**Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – Thanks for passage of RES 24-2024. The City received preliminary results from last year's OPWC application that it will receive \$400,000 in funding to complete Ledge Road repaving.

**Parks and Recreation Department:** – Jim Clark, Supervisor of Aquatics & Fitness – Thanks for the Council support of the Parks & Recreation Department. The activity pool has been working consistently for three weeks after previous issues with parts and damage to it were rectified. HVAC installation at the Rec Center is scheduled for May 27-June 9, which will require the Center to be closed during that period. Mobilization by some contractors that can do work prior to the shutdown without hindering activities will take place. Reviewing bids for multipurpose fields and pool deck now. SpringFest will be Saturday, April 20.

**Finance Department:** Director Veres – Absent

**IT Department:** Director Collins – Absent

**Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – Absent

**HR Department:** Director Smith – HR is concentrating on development and training programs. Planning to have a short presentation at the next staff and Council meetings.

**Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – The recent fire was a very tragic event, and the dispatchers are to be commended for their job. Hydrant flushing has begun. The first electronic sign at the Commons is now working.

**Police Department:** Chief Yakopovich – National Telecommunicators Week starts April 14. Currently looking to hire dispatchers, and interested individuals can visit the City website for more information.

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

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Ms. Tulley inquired as to whether there has been any resolution to the issue brought forward by residents a few meetings ago about vehicles parked at a certain residence, to which Chief Yakopovich, Dir. Guidetti and the Mayor responded there is a legal due process for situations like this and pending cases should not be discussed in a Council setting.

Ms. Brandt shared that the City is sponsoring a clean up of all the parks from 9am-noon on April 20 to align with SpringFest. Interested individuals can sign up at macrec.com, along with yoga in the park. Ms. Brandt also reminded everyone that because residents voted to keep dispatch local, the City is able to retain the phenomenal dispatchers and provided the arrival time of three minutes after the initial call for the recent fire as illustration of their excellent performance. Congatulations to Dir. Collins, who is getting married this weekend.

Ms. Tulley expressed appreciation for Nixle keeping residents abreast of vital information. Ms. Tulley then turned towards the question of whether Ledge Road under the railroad will ever be widened, to which Dir. Guidetti and the Mayor responded the City has asked repeatedly and done all they can at this point.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

There being no further business, Ms. Brandt 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 8:05p.m.

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

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

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