

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
July 25th, 2024

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the July 25th, 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 celebrating the 100th birthday of Macedonia
11 resident Anne Pustai. Ms. Pustai recalled notable moments from her life and had several family members
12 in attendance.

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14 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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16 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13,**
17 **2024 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
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19 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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21 ~ **Aaron Marcovy, 31360 Solon Rd. No. 33, Solon**, speaking on behalf of NOPEC stated he was present
22 to answer any questions Council may have regarding the PACE transaction on the agenda tonight. He
23 shared that economic development is one of the best ways to be able to help foster the communities that
24 are part of their council. Mr. Marcovy further shared that Ohio is second only to California in terms of
25 PACE financing, and it is not just large skyscraper and stadium-type projects, but smaller communities
26 and their projects.
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28 ~ **Jose Delgado, 31360 Solon Rd. No. 33, Solon**, also from NOPEC, echoed the thoughts shared by Mr.
29 Marcovy and reiterated that NOPEC is a resource for Macedonia.
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31 ~ **Hannah Kelling, 2189 Riverside Dr., Lakewood**, speaking on behalf of the Western Reserve Land
32 Conservancy as the Southwest Field Director, provided context on RES 57-2024. The land in question is
33 115 acres just east of SR 8 and south of Highland Rd. The project has been worked on for the last five
34 years to protect this space. Part of the process is coming to various public bodies asking for resolutions of
35 support.
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37 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
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39 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

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41 **ORDINANCE NO. 43-2024**

42 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 505 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY
43 OF MACEDONIA REGARDING CATS was offered by Mr. Ventura for its **first reading by title only.**
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45 Dir. Guidetti stated this piece of legislation adds cats into the animals at large and prohibition against
46 feeding ordinances in the City's Code.
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48 **ORDINANCE NO. 44-2024**

49 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
50 KIMBLE FOR AUTOMATED RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND
51 RECYCLING SERVICES FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2024 was
52 offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt.
53 The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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55 Dir. Wilson shared that two companies submitted bids and that Kimble was the best and lowest bid, with
56 minimal price increases.

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58 The Mayor added that the City was required to go out to bid for a new contract and price increases were
59 fully expected, but fairly reasonable. No services are changing, and if approved, the contract will begin
60 on December 1, 2024.

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62 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 44-2024 and post the same according to**
63 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 44-2024 declared and adopted.**

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65 **ORDINANCE NO. 45-2024**
66 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
67 CONTRACT WITH OHIO PAVING & CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE “LONGWOOD PARK
68 DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENTS” PROJECT IN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Ms.
69 Brandt for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion
70 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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72 Dir. Gigliotti stated this awards the contract to pave the driveway at Longwood Park and the driveways to
73 the Recreation Center, work scheduled to take place in the Fall.

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75 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 45-2024 and post the same according to**
76 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 45-2024 declared and adopted.**

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78 **ORDINANCE NO. 46-2024**
79 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A NEW AMBULANCE FROM
80 HORTON EMERGENCY VEHICLES FOR THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT was
81 offered by Mr. Garvas for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura.
82 The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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84 Lt. Natali shared this new ambulance would replace an older vehicle, with the anticipated receipt in 2027.

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86 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 46-2024 and post the same according**
87 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 46-2024 declared and adopted.**

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89 **ORDINANCE NO. 47-2024**
90 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
91 CONTRACT WITH SIGNARAMA, INC. FOR PHASE II OF THE CITY-WIDE SIGNAGE PROJECT
92 was offered by Mr. Ventura for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr.
93 Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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95 The Mayor explained the City is replacing all the entrance/exit signs throughout the community. These
96 signs will be brick, follow the Western Reserve style and be around longer than any of us.

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98 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 47-2024 and post the same according**
99 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 47-2024 declared and adopted.**

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101 **ORDINANCE NO. 48-2024**
102 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
103 CONTRACT WITH SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE WALTERS ROAD
104 RESURFACING PROJECT was offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title**
105 **only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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107 Dir. Gigliotti shared this legislation awards the contract to repave Walters Road south of Twinsburg
108 Road, is a joint project with Northfield Center Township, and is funded 50% by OPWC. Work scheduled
109 to take place later in the Summer.

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111 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 48-2024 and post the same according to**
112 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 48-2024 declared and adopted.**

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114 **RESOLUTION NO. 49-2024**
115 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE KROGER
116 SETTLEMENT AS PART OF THE NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS,
117 PURSUANT TO THE “ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING” AND CONSISTENT
118 WITH THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 PROPOSED NATIONAL OPIOID
119 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT was offered by Ms. Brandt for its **first, second and third readings by**
120 **title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

121
122 Dir. Guidetti stated this legislation is similar to previous opioid settlements, and over the course of ten
123 years the City will receive a relatively small amount of the proceeds to be used in combating the ongoing
124 opioid epidemic.

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126 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt RES.NO. 49-2024 and post the same according to**
127 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 49-2024 declared and adopted.**

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129 **RESOLUTION NO. 50-2024**
130 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO COMPLETE THE FORM PRELIMINARY
131 PARTICIPATION LEGISLATION AS REQUIRED BY ODOT GIVING CONSENT FOR ODOT’S
132 CERTAIN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR PROJECT SUM HIGHLAND/VALLEY VIEW
133 RD – PID NO. 113161 was offered by Mr. Garvas for its **first, second and third readings by title only.**
134 Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

135
136 Dir. Gigliotti explained this legislation is housekeeping to allow the project to go forward. ODOT is
137 administering construction, not Macedonia.

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139 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 50-2024 and post the same according to**
140 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 50-2024 declared and adopted.**

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142 **RESOLUTION NO. 51-2024**
143 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 SUMMIT COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD
144 MITIGATION PLAN was offered by Mr. Ventura for its **first, second and third readings by title only.**
145 Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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147 The Mayor stated this comes to Council after reviewing and updating the County’s hazard plan.

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149 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt RES.NO. 51-2024 and post the same according to**
150 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 51-2024 declared and adopted.**

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152 **RESOLUTION NO. 52-2024**
153 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO PREPARE
154 PLANS, BIDS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
155 ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, FOR THE “RECREATION CENTER RENOVATION AND
156 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT” was offered by Ms. Brandt for its **first, second and third readings by**
157 **title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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159 Dir. Chadock shared this legislation is part of the pre-planned capital program and includes converting the
160 old women's locker room to a family changing room, removing the front desk on the second floor and
161 installing three new offices in its place.

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163 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt RES.NO. 52-2024 and post the same according to**
164 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 52-2024 declared and adopted.**

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166 **RESOLUTION NO. 53-2024**

167 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY AND INTENTION TO
168 APPROPRIATE FOR STREET PURPOSES CERTAIN FEE SIMPLE INTERESTS IN AND TO
169 VARIOUS PREMISES ALONG VALLEY VIEW ROAD AND HIGHLAND ROAD TO FACILITATE
170 ITS WIDENING, AND RESTRUCTURING, INCLUDING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS,
171 ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC CONTROL LANES, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT THE
172 INTERSECTION THEREOF, FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS P.I.D. NO. 113161 WITH THE
173 COUNTY/ROUTE/SECTION NO. SUM-HIGHLAND/VALLEY VIEW ROAD was offered by Ms.
174 Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion
175 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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177 Dir. Gigliotti stated that to widen the roads at the Highland/Valley View intersection to accommodate
178 new turn lanes, it is necessary to acquire strips of property along the front of all the properties along this
179 intersection. To date, the City has not reached an agreement with four of the properties. This allows the
180 City to go to the appropriation process, which means the project can move forward and settlement with
181 the property owners will happen later.

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183 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt RES.NO. 53-2024 and post the same according to**
184 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 53-2024 declared and adopted.**

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186 **RESOLUTION NO. 54-2024**

187 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PETITION FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
188 FOR SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER
189 1710 AND APPROVING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING, INSTALLING, EQUIPPING, AND
190 IMPROVING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO IN
191 COOPERATION WITH THE AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT
192 DISTRICT was offered by Mr. Garvas for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded
193 by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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195 Dir. Guidetti stated this, and the following two pieces of legislation are all related to NOPEC and the
196 PACE program that Mr. Marcovy spoke to during public comments. The City is acting to secure a loan
197 for economic development. Ms. Brandt asked what property this is for, to which the Mayor responded the
198 B&B Theater.

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200 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 54-2024 and post the same according to**
201 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 54-2024 declared and adopted.**

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203 **ORDINANCE NO. 55-2024**

204 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION,
205 INSTALLATION, EQUIPMENT, AND IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
206 IN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO IN COOPERATION WITH THE AKRON-SUMMIT
207 COUNTY ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT was offered by Mr. Ventura for its **first,**
208 **second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by
209 a voice vote.

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211 Dir. Guidetti explained RES 54-2024 was approving the petition, ORD 55-2024 determines to proceed
212 with the actual improvements that are the basis for the loan, and ORD 56-2024 implements the
213 assessment.

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215 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 55-2024 and post the same according**
216 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 55-2024 declared and adopted.**

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218 **ORDINANCE NO. 56-2024**
219 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
220 ACQUIRING, INSTALLING, EQUIPPING, AND IMPROVING CERTAIN PUBLIC
221 IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO IN COOPERATION WITH THE
222 AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND APPROVING
223 AN ENERGY PROJECT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
224 AGREEMENT, AND A SUPPLEMENT TO A STANDING PAYMENT AGREEMENT IN
225 CONNECTION WITH SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS was offered by Ms.
226 Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion
227 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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229 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 56-2024 and post the same according to**
230 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 56-2024 declared and adopted.**

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232 **RESOLUTION NO. 57-2024**
233 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NATURAL AREAS LAND CONSERVANCY'S
234 APPLICATION EFFORTS TO SECURE GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION FUNDING THROUGH
235 THE CLEAN OHIO FUND TO PURCHASE AND PERMANENTLY PROTECT THE BRANDYWINE
236 MARSH PRESERVE PROPERTY LOCATED IN MACEDONIA, OHIO was offered by Mr. Garvas for
237 its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried
238 unanimously by a voice vote.

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240 The Mayor stated this is for conservancy of the area near Empire Parkway.

241
242 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 57-2024 and post the same according to**
243 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 57-2024 declared and adopted.**

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

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248 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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250 ~Please contact the City directly if you have problems or questions as we are here to serve you
251 ~Service Building update: going out to bid for demolition on the old Aerosol building (9150
252 Valley View). Potentially awarding contract in September, and goal is to have the building down
253 by the end of the year
254 ~Fallfest is being "unpaused" after several conversations and safety considerations
255 ~Happy Birthday to Dir. Veres
256 ~Please don't drive distracted—put the phones down and drive the car

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259 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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261 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt stated the Commission met last Wednesday and shored
262 up the list of future projects they'd like to see happen. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August
263 21 at 6pm in the Recreation Center upstairs meeting room.

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265 **Finance Committee:** Mr. Ventura stated the Finance Committee will meet prior to the Council work
266 session on September 12 to go over eight months of financial reporting and the continuing five-year
267 capital plan.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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272 **Service Department:** Director Wilson – Thanks for approval of the trash contract. Interviews taking
273 place to fill positions. Meetings with Samsara to provide GPS tracking and forward-facing cameras in
274 snow trucks. Working to hold CDL training in-house.

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276 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – Road paving work complete on Deepwood, Bendleton and Sensori. Work
277 currently taking place on Riverview, Lawton, Cessna, Apache and Blackhawk.

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279 **Parks and Recreation Department:** – Director Chadock – About 183 cars showed up to this evening’s
280 car show. August 8 is the Touch a Truck event. Fallfest will take place on Saturday, September 21 in
281 Longwood Park. Concluding HVAC project, along with minor touchups to the pool deck. Summer
282 programming will conclude August 16 and Fall programming will begin August 12.

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284 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – July 15 has passed, so unless you have an extension with RITA
285 you may no longer submit a resident refund form. A new accounts receivable administrator will start on
286 August 2.

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288 **IT Department:** Director Collins – 48 help desk tickets closed since the last Council meeting. Major
289 projects include LEADS updates for the Police Department and new credit card machines at the
290 Recreation Center.

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292 **Building Department:** Commissioner Monaco – B&B Theaters tentatively scheduled to open the
293 weekend of August 15-17. The structure at 1250 Twinsburg Road is being demolished. Some clarity was
294 reached at the former BP location as the City had previously been citing the renters, but now will cite the
295 property owners. Assistant Building Commissioner interviews will begin soon.

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

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299 **Fire Department:** Lieutenant Joe Natali – 2575 EMS and Fire calls to date in 2024. The City has been
300 reimbursed by the insurance company for the diesel tanker that crashed on January 27. Lt. Natali shared
301 details on recent fires in the City and the importance of working smoke detectors.

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303 **Police Department:** Chief Yakopovich – Richard Quintrell was recently hired as a new patrol officer,
304 and Kara Koch as a new dispatcher. Looking to hire more patrol officers and dispatchers, with the
305 application and testing window for dispatchers set to open on August 1.

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307 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – At the request of the Mayor, Dir. Guidetti explained the right of
308 way as it pertains to the area of land between the sidewalk and street. Many residents have
309 misconceptions that these pieces of property are owned and maintained by the City, where in fact most of
310 these areas are the obligation of the property owners to maintain.

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312 The Mayor asked who is responsible for maintenance of trees, regardless of who they were planted by and
313 when, to which Dir. Guidetti responded it is the responsibility of the property owner. If property owners
314 have questions, they can contact the City, or if they live in an HOA, contact your HOA as the City does
315 not get involved in the covenants of an HOA.

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317 Ms. Tulley asked whether developments that do not have sidewalks, what part of the property is the
318 City's right of way, to which Dir. Guidetti responded it could be none and depends on what the dedication
319 plat, if there was one, indicates as a right of way—it is a fact-specific question.

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321 The Mayor added that you cannot put public dollars on private property.

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323 Mr. Ventura suggested the City have some way to inform residents that come in for a permit how much
324 room they have to work with.

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326 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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328 **NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. Tulley thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their aggressiveness and
329 ability to obtain new employees.

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331 There being no further business, Ms. Brandt moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adjourn the meeting**. The
332 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately
333 8:40p.m.

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335 **Date:** _____

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338 **Attest:** _____
339 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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341 **Mayor:** _____
342 Nicholas Molnar