

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 22nd, 2024

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the August 22nd, 2024 regular Council meeting to order  
2 at 7:32p.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 **SWEARING-IN:** Scott Ferrell was sworn in as a Sergeant with the Macedonia Police Department. In  
11 attendance were several family members and colleagues, to which Sgt. Ferrell expressed thanks for their  
12 support and patience throughout his career thus far.  
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14 **PROCLAMATION:** The Mayor read a proclamation in memory of former Macedonia Council member  
15 Rosalie Koren, detailing the impact she made on those around her and her love of the community. In  
16 attendance were two sons, Bob & Joe Koren, who shared remembrances of their mother and thanked the  
17 City for their show of support.  
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19 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
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21 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 25,**  
22 **2024 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.  
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24 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None  
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26 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None  
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28 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**  
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30 **ORDINANCE NO. 43-2024**

31 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 505 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY  
32 OF MACEDONIA REGARDING CATS was offered by Mr. Ventura for its **second reading by title**  
33 **only.**  
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35 Mr. Ventura shared this legislation came about after complaints from residents about loose cats causing a  
36 nuisance and up to this point there has been nothing in the code to address the issue. In Mr. Ventura's  
37 opinion "there's nothing we can do" is never an acceptable answer to resident concerns. The Police  
38 Department is not going to be searching for infractions but would serve as a tool to address concerns as  
39 they arise.  
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41 Ms. Brandt and Dir. Guidetti clarified that there is an existing ordinance which details how one needs to  
42 control owned dogs on their property, and cats would be added. In addition, there is a new subsection in  
43 505.08 which prohibits feeding certain nuisance animals. Residents can call with input before this piece  
44 of legislation is up for a third reading at the next Council meeting.  
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46 **ORDINANCE NO. 58-2024**

47 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 153 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY  
48 OF MACEDONIA TO CREATE AN AUXILIARY FIRE UNIT was offered by Mr. Garvas for its **first,**  
49 **second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by  
50 a voice vote.  
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52 Chief Ripley stated this creates a unit of individuals with special skills who will not have any fire or EMS  
53 responsibilities. Two interested individuals would serve as a chaplain addressing mental health and a

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54 drone instructor. These are unpaid volunteers and would not affect the status of the Fire Department  
55 whatsoever.

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57 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 58-2024 and post the same according to**  
58 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 58-2024 declared and adopted.**

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60 **ORDINANCE NO. 59-2024**

61 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND AUTHORIZING A REFUSE COLLECTION SUBSIDY  
62 FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THAT SUBSIDY was offered by  
63 Mr. Garvas for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion  
64 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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66 The Mayor shared that this is an annual program the City provides for seniors under a certain income  
67 level to help subsidize the cost of trash pickup.

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69 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 59-2024 and post the same according to**  
70 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 59-2024 declared and adopted.**

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72 **ORDINANCE NO. 60-2024**

73 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH  
74 VALLEY VIEW PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, L.L.C. FOR A SENIOR GUTTER CLEANING  
75 PROGRAM FOR THE 2024 FALL SEASON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE SAME was  
76 offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt.  
77 The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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79 The Mayor stated this is along the same lines as the previous ordinance, but for gutter cleaning.

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81 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 60-2024 and post the same according to**  
82 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 60-2024 declared and adopted.**

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84 **ORDINANCE NO. 61-2024**

85 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-  
86 2025 WINTER SEASON was offered by Ms. Brandt for its **first, second and third readings by title**  
87 **only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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89 The Mayor once again stated this is similar to the previous two ordinances, but for snow plowing.

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91 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 61-2024 and post the same according**  
92 **to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 61-2024 declared and adopted.**

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94 **RESOLUTION NO. 62-2024**

95 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY  
96 THE CITY OF MACEDONIA SERVICE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY OF  
97 MACEDONIA CODIFIED ORDINANCE § 121.05 AND OHIO REVISED CODE § 721.15 was offered  
98 by Mr. Ventura for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The  
99 motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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101 Dir. Wilson stated this resolution would allow for the sale of three aging vehicles that are in the process of  
102 being replaced.

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104 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt RES.NO. 62-2024 and post the same according to**  
105 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 62-2024 declared and adopted.**

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**MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **accept the following donations to the City of Macedonia:**

- **\$156 from James and Judith Flauto;**
- **\$20 from Judith Johnson; and**
- **\$5,000 from an anonymous donor to be used for the lease of Flock cameras**

**Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

~Thanks to Council for passing the three senior services ordinances. Proud to be serving as a model for other communities in that regard

~A new ice cream location will be coming into the Spectrum locations at the Commons

~Two healthier food option restaurants are also in the works at the Commons but cannot reveal more details at this time.

~B&B Theaters opening within a month

~Mayor’s Court receipts were \$53,514.65 in May, \$41, 593 in June and \$32,912.59 in July

~There is a strong focus on safety at the FallFest (September 21, 4:30 in Longwood Park) and making sure what happened during SummerFest does not happen again

~Please don’t drive distracted—put down the phone and drive! (An article from the April 2024 Summit County Prosecutor’s Office newsletter was read)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt stated the Commission met on August 14. Thanks to Dir. Gigliotti for the good news on paved trails and that the project should be completed sooner and less expensive than was expected. Discussion continued regarding upcoming long-term projects the Commission is interested in getting Council to approve and appear on the 5-year capital plan. The next meeting will be on September 18 at 6pm.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Ventura stated the Finance Committee will meet prior to the Council work session on September 12 and begin to lockdown 2024 and open 2025 discussion of finances. There will be no “Office Hours” on days where there is a Finance Committee meeting (September 12, 26 and October 24).

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Service Department:** Director Wilson – Thanks for the senior services legislation and Administrative Assistant Laura Butto for putting it altogether. The salt bid for Summit County was awarded to Morton. A new full-time maintenance worker, Larry Kalal has been hired. Renovation work being done in dispatch. Slowly rolling out a new work order system with the help of Dir. Gigliotti’s team.

**Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – Longwood Park is currently under construction repaving all of the driveways at the Park and Rec Center. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of next week.

**Parks and Recreation Department:** – Director Chadock – Longwood North being renovated and should be planted in the next two weeks, with play resuming in the Fall of 2025. Soccer fields are currently set up in Longwood South and conversations have been had with residents on Park Ridge Lane and soccer participants to respect the neighbors and stay out of yards. Thanks to Cindy Funk for

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159 rescheduling the Touch-a-Truck event following the prior week's postponement due to weather. Fall  
160 sports season is kicking off the week after Labor Day.

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162 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – Still processing RITA resident refunds for those that have  
163 extensions. A new employee, Lexi Hall, has started and is helping in Mayor's Court. Check from the  
164 Royal Chemical incident for \$32,355 has been received to reimburse the City.

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166 The Mayor thanked Finance and HR for their versatility in assisting where needed.

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168 **IT Department:** Director Collins – 53 help desk tickets closed since last meeting. Major projects include  
169 update on LEADS compliance.

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171 **Building Department:** Commissioner Monaco – Sidewalk program progressing with Sherwood Drive  
172 almost completed and working on Hampton Drive. If anyone receives complaints, please let the Building  
173 Department know so they can address them. The house on 1250 E Twinsburg has been demolished and a  
174 search warrant is being obtained for the adjacent property at 1264 E Twinsburg. In the process of  
175 interviewing companies for new building software. Still in search of Assistant Building Commissioner.

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177 Dir. Veres added that he is working on special assessments on the demolition of the two properties, alarm  
178 drops, water M&E and noxious weeds. The total for this year has been approximately \$40,000.

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180 The Mayor added the legislation regarding noxious weeds is working and the City is moving in a positive  
181 direction.

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183 Ms. Tulley commended the administration for working well with the owner of the demolished property.  
184 She further asked if anyone is living at the house on Valley View Road that recently had a fire, to which  
185 the Mayor responded it is uninhabitable and nobody is living there. Chief Ripley added the insurance  
186 company is working through the process of their investigation and paying out the claim.

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188 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Offer has been extended to a new Clerk of Court. Creation of iSolved  
189 safety training is complete. Health Fair is scheduled for October 5.

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191 The Mayor added the most recent Clerk of Court resigned and took another position for personal reasons  
192 and of her own accord.

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194 Mr. Ventura stated the previous Health Fair was fantastic and asked how the next will be structured, to  
195 which Dir. Smith replied it will be inside this year.

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197 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – Senior report included a summary of recent trips, classes offered, and  
198 meal delivery services.

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200 All floors in the Fire Department have been resurfaced as part of the planned capital program.

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202 **Police Department:** Chief Yakopovich – Thanks to resident donations. Two Civil Service examination  
203 windows are still open, one for patrol officer and one for full-time dispatcher. The deadline to submit  
204 application materials is September 3 and more info can be found on the City's website.

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206 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – Expressed appreciation for Council addressing budget issues in  
207 advance of the next year.

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209 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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211 **NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas to **enter into executive session to discuss**  
212 **pending or imminent litigation pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) and to discuss**  
213 **the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a**  
214 **public employee or official pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1).**

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216 Roll call: Ayes: Ms. Brandt, Mr. Garvas, Ms. Tulley, Mr. Ventura  
217 Nays: None  
218 The motion carried unanimously and Council entered into  
219 executive session at 8:19pm. Council returned from executive  
220 session at 8:48pm.

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222 There being no further business, Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adjourn the meeting.**  
223 The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at  
224 approximately 8:48p.m.

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

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

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232 **Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
233 Nicholas Molnar