

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
September 12th, 2024

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the September 12th, 2024 regular Council meeting to
2 order at 7:30p.m.

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4 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Dave Finley, Jeff Garvas, and Jan Tulley. Also present:
5 Law Director Mark Guidetti and Clerk of Council Jon Hoover.

6 **Absent:** Council member Vini J. Ventura
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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. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August**
13 **22, 2024 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried by a majority voice vote.
14 Councilors Brandt, Garvas and Tulley voting in the affirmative. Councilor Finley abstained.

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16 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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18 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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20 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

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22 **ORDINANCE NO. 43-2024**

23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 505 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY
24 OF MACEDONIA REGARDING CATS was offered by Mr. Garvas for its **third reading by title only.**

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26 Ms. Brandt stated this ordinance puts the same onus on cat owners as it does on dog owners, along with
27 adding penalties to those that feed wild animals. This would not apply to feeding birds.

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29 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 43-2024 and post the same according to**
30 **law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Ms. Brandt, Mr. Finley and Mr. Garvas voting in the
31 affirmative. Ms. Tulley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 43-2024 declared and adopted.**

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33 **ORDINANCE NO. 63-2024**

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

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39 Dir. Guidetti explained the City has both a hard copy and online version of the Code, which has
40 traditionally been updated once a year. With technological advances, more people are accessing this
41 information online and this change would allow the City to update the online code every three months.

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

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46 **ORDINANCE NO. 64-2024**

47 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
48 CONTRACT WITH EAGLE ABATEMENT, LLC FOR THE 9150 VALLEY VIEW ROAD
49 DEMOLITION PROJECT was offered by Mr. Garvas for its **first, second and third readings by title**
50 **only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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52 The Mayor stated this would be one of the largest steps towards getting the new Service Department
53 building moving in a positive direction. 15 bids were received, and the architect's estimate came around
54 \$800,000, while the lowest and best bid was \$245,000.

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56 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 64-2024 and post the same according to**
57 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 64-2024 declared and adopted.**

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59 **RESOLUTION NO. 65-2024**
60 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE
61 COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES &
62 CERTIFYING THE SAME TO THE SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO FISCAL OFFICE was offered by Ms.
63 Tulley for its **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion
64 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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66 Dir. Veres stated this is an annual housekeeping ordinance that sets the rates that the County uses to set
67 the property tax bills that will come out next year.

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69 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt RES.NO. 65-2024 and post the same according to**
70 **law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas and Tulley voting in the
71 affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **RES.NO. 65-2024 declared and adopted.**

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73 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **cancel**
74 **the November 28 and December 26, 2024 regular Council meetings.** Motion carried by a unanimous
75 voice vote.

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77 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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79 ~A moment of silence was held in remembrance of the 23rd anniversary of the events on 9/11
80 ~B&B Theatres have opened, and the residents can look forward to an amazing experience
81 ~Thanks to Council for passage of the bid award to demolish the building at 9150 Valley View
82 ~FallFest is next weekend (9/21). Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or
83 guardian
84 ~Please don't drive distracted—put down the phone and drive!

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86 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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88 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt stated the Commission will meet next week on
89 Wednesday, September 18 at 6pm in the Recreation Center.

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91 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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93 **Service Department:** Director Wilson – Brian Gregg, a new full-time employee, has been hired and has
94 experience with various trade skills. Met with Samsar representative regarding the installation of GPS
95 and cameras on snowplows. Leaf season kickoff is tentatively set for October 15, but new machines that
96 were ordered have not been received yet, so will continue to use current machines. Streetlight
97 maintenance is taking place with a push before Halloween.

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99 Ms. Brandt noted that residents can report streetlight outages on the City website, and Dir. Wilson noted a
100 full evaluation of streetlights recently took place so the City knows the scope of the project.

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102 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – The 2024 road program is substantially complete. Walters Road is a
103 separate, standalone contract that only has guardrail installation and painting of lines left.

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105 **Parks and Recreation Department:** – Director Chadock – FallFest is September 21 from 4:30-9:30 in
106 Longwood Park; check social media for all guidelines. New fields at Longwood South are in use and the
107 drainage is working properly. Longwood North fields just completed this week but won't be used until
108 next Fall. The tree project at Sugarbush Park was completed last week.

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110 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – The Finance Committee met prior to Council this evening and
111 went over capital items for the Police, Fire and Service Departments as well as City Hall. There will be
112 additional Finance Committee meetings a half hour prior to the Council work sessions on September 26
113 and October 24. The first reading of the 2025 budget will be held at the October 24 Council meeting to
114 allow for a third reading prior to the end of 2024.

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116 **IT Department:** Director Collins – 43 help desk tickets closed since the last Council meeting. Major
117 products include updating and meeting new LEADS requirements for the Police Department

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119 **Building Department:** Commissioner Monaco – The sidewalk project is winding down and should be
120 completed in a couple weeks. Agenda items for upcoming Planning Commission and BZA meetings
121 were shared, along with various small businesses moving in. Trying to get the illuminating company to
122 turn on the streetlights within the Spruce Hill development.

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124 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Drug-free workplace and safety training is winding down. Preparing
125 for the annual health fair, with informational flyers going out today. Will be recognizing October as
126 Breast Cancer Awareness Month and raising money throughout the month to donate.

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128 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – EMS collections are up, with the amount collected through August
129 being what was estimated to be the total amount for the year. PUCO grants were received to pay for Fire
130 Department and dispatch training classes. Cleveland Water inspected fire hydrants and will be replacing
131 many of them. If residents have landscaped around the hydrants, be aware that in the process of replacing
132 the hydrants, landscaping could be damaged. Fire hydrants are in the right-of-way and residents are
133 encouraged to move any landscaping/plants when hydrants are marked for replacement.

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135 **Police Department:** Chief Yakopovich – 9-1-1 upgrade was performed today. The Civil Service
136 Commission will be meeting on Monday, September 16 to certify the new patrol officer and dispatch
137 lists. Sgt. Plesz applied for and received a grant just shy of \$31,000 from the Ohio Traffic Safety office to
138 cover saturation of patrols around the holidays to prevent crashes, distracted and impaired driving.

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

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142 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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144 **NEW BUSINESS:** None

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146 There being no further business, Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adjourn the meeting.** The
147 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately
148 7:54p.m.

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150 **Date:** _____

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153 **Attest:** _____
154 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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156 **Mayor:** _____
157 Nicholas Molnar