

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
February 13, 2020

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the February 13 regular meeting to order at 7:30PM.

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3 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Dave Finley, Jeff Garvas, Jan Tulley and Vini J.
4 Ventura; Law Director Mark Guidetti and Council Clerk Josephine Arceci.

5 **Absent:**

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7 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION** by City Chaplin Tom O'Brien of Nordonia Hills
8 American Legion #801

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10 **MINUTES** Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Ventura seconded and motion carried unanimously on a
11 voice vote to approve the minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting of January 9, 2020.

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13 **SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE**

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15 ~Recognition was given to Linda Skrbn on her 20th Year Anniversary as an employee/fitness
16 instructor of the Macedonia Family Recreation Center. Ms. Skrbn Director Manley stated has a huge fan
17 base and is well-respected not only by the patrons but the employees as well.

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19 Recognition was given in memory of Chuck Loparo, aka "The Watch Dog" who passed away
20 earlier in the month. Mr. Loparo who considered it his personal mission to monitor the functions of the
21 City was a spirited and assertive personality. Mr. Loparo's actions sometimes offended but for the most
22 part many felt his actions were done with good intentions. A nameplate has been placed on the chair in
23 the front row in Council Chamber where Mr. Loparo sat each meeting without exception.

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25 Council President Tulley mentioned that Mr. Loparo was an original charter member of the Fun Fest
26 Committee who cared about Macedonia and its residents with relentless zeal. In addition to the
27 nameplate for Mr. Loparo, a nameplate has also been placed on another chair in the front row in memory
28 of Mike Kronjak, who also zealous in his love and concern for Macedonia. Messer's Loparo and
29 Kronjak sat next to one another at every meeting were likened to the Muppet characters Statler and
30 Waldorf.

31 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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33 ~ **Mike Johnson, Akron resident and conservation biologist asked on behalf Citizens for Metro**
34 **Parks** that Macedonia residents support Issue 11 on March 17 for Summit Metro Parks. Mr. Johnson
35 explained that Issue 11 renews 1.46 mills and adds 0.54 mills, that is, an additional \$1.58 a month per
36 \$100,000 home valuation. Since 2006 Mr. Johnson stated the Metro Parks has increased its trails by 25%,
37 meaning now there hundreds of miles of a variety of trails, some paved and some off road for mountain
38 biking. The park system has added 5,000 acres which now represents 14,000 acres areas in their natural
39 state of flora and fauna and over that last 12 years has had 1,000,000 more visitors. An example of local
40 Metro Park property in this area Mr. Johnson stated is the Hike and Bike Trail and Liberty Park in
41 Twinsburg.

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

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45 **RES. NO. 11-2020**

46 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A FINAL
47 DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS SPRUCE HILL
48 CROSSING PHASE III FOR WHICH A CONDITIONAL ZONING CERTIFICATE WAS

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49 PREVIOUSLY ISSUED BY THE PLANNING AND APPROVED BY COUNCIL was **offered** by Mr.
50 Finley for its **second and third reading by title only**. Second by Mr. Ventura carried unanimously on a
51 voice vote

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53 Mr. Finley moved, Ms. Brandt seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to
54 **amend Exhibit A of RES. NO. 11-2020 to conform to Exhibit A presented to Council by the**
55 **law director.**

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57 Mr. Finley moved, Mr. Ventura seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**
58 **RES. NO. 11-2020 as amended** and post according to law. **RES. NO. 11-2020 declared adopted as**
59 **amended**

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61 Relative to RES. NO. 11-2020, Law Director Guidetti explained new Exhibit A illustrates the new
62 terminus of the sidewalk at the side yard of Lot 17.

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69 **ORD. NO. 15-2020**

70 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 161.041 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE
71 CITY OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO THE USE AND ENFORCEMENT OF TIME CLOCKS was
72 **offered** by Mr. Ventura and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three
73 different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Ms. Tulley
74 carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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76 Mr. Ventura moved, Ms. Brandt seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**
77 **ORD. NO. 15-2020** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 15-2020 declared adopted**

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79 **ORD. NO.16-2020**

80 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
81 CONTRACT WITH FIORITTO CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE LEDGEVIEW ROAD WATER
82 MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT was **offered** by Ms. Brandt and moved Council waive the
83 requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for**
84 **all three readings**. Second by Ms. Tulley carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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86 Ms. Brandt moved, Ms. Tulley seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**
87 **ORD. NO. 16-2020** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 16-2020 declared adopted**

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89 **ORD. NO. 17-2020**

90 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
91 NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL IN ORDER TO ACCEPT COMMUNITY was
92 **offered** by Mr. Garvas and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different
93 days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Ms. Brandt carried
94 unanimously on a voice vote.

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96 Mr. Garvas moved, Mr. Ventura seconded and motion carried by majority on a voice vote **to adopt**

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97 **ORD. NO. 17-2020** and post according to law. Ms. Tulley abstained. **ORD. NO. 17-2020 declared**
98 **adopted**
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100 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION** None

101 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

102 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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104 ~Mayor Molnar recognized Starbucks as Macedonia's business of the month.
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106 ~Mayor Molnar happily announced that the renovation of the men and women's bathrooms is
107 finally complete. The Mayor thanked the community for its patience during the lengthy remodel and
108 upgrade. The Mayor announced that upgrade of family changing room is on hold; the city is taking a
109 'breather' from construction for awhile. In the meantime the women's former locker room is being used
110 as the space for families to change.
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112 ~ The Mayor announced that the Swenson Fast Food Restaurant will not be coming to the city
113 and locating in the spot of former Steak and Shake as everyone had hoped. The Mayor is perplexed why
114 not as the company acquired the permit for demolition of the current building for construction of the new.
115 However there are three new restaurants committed to Macedonia to look forward to: Aladdin's, Five
116 Guys and McAllister's.
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118 ~ For Mayor Molnar Engineer Gigliotti and Law Director reported that the SR 8 RI/RO access
119 road will precede once variances relative to the Kutlick property adjacent to the north of Culvers has been
120 approved by the BZA. The physical appraisal of the OLG property for the retention basin has been
121 completed. The written report should be forthcoming. Once both parties agree to the results of the
122 appraisal, i.e., Macedonia and the Catholic Diocese then construction of the basin will begin.
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124 ~The Mayor reminded motorist as he continues to do; that they please do not drive distracted, that
125 they keep their phones down, that they do not text and drive.
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127 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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129 **Parks & Recreation Commission** Ms. Brandt announced the next meeting of the P&RC is February 19th
130 at 6PM at the Recreation Center.

131 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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133 **Service Department** Director Hnottavange reminded Macedonia's senior residents eligible to receive
134 free snow removal that the service provides for only one push within 24-hours with a measurement of
135 freshly fallen snow at 3 inches.
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137 **Building Commissioner** Commissioner Monoco was not present.
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139 **Engineer** Mr. Gigliotti reported the only topic to mention since the RI/RO access road and retention
140 basin at OLG have been discussed is the Summit County's project of realigning and straightening sanitary
141 sewer lines in the wooded area in the vicinity of Crow and Bedford Road. The project is being done to
142 promote better flow and reduce the infiltration of creek water into the sewer lines. This is meant to also
143 alleviate the back flow residences on Berkshire experience during heavy rain fall.
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145 **Recreation Department** Ms. Manley announced that the Recreation Center is hosting a President's Day
146 Pool Party on February 17 (no school day) from 1-3PM. Preregistration is required as is a \$5.00 fee. Ms.
147 Manley reminded the public of the all-day Open House at the Rec Center on Sunday, February 23 from
148 9AM-5PM in recognition of the 20th Year Anniversary of the Macedonia Recreation Center. The entire
149 day is free to everyone and everyone is invited to participate in all activities being offered that day;
150 swimming, fitness classes, games and give-aways.

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152 **Finance Department** Director Veres reported that the 2019 City Income Tax Refund Request Form can
153 be obtained on the City's website. The request for the refund is due July 15, 2020, unless that taxpayer
154 has filed an extension relative to their RITA taxes.

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156 **Fire Department** Chief Ripley announced that Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Miller has been
157 promoted to the position of fire lieutenant following civil service promotional testing. Lt. Miller has been
158 a member of Macedonia's fire department for 10-years and both the lieutenant and his wife are Nordonia
159 grads. Lt. Miller fills the vacancy in the position of lieutenant created by the promotion of Paul Celinski
160 to the position of assistant fire chief.

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162 **Police Department** Chief Golden announced that three of the four perpetrators involved in the rash of
163 recent smash and grab break-ins of vehicles have been identified. These culprits are from Florida and
164 have caused problems all throughout Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Their intent is not to harm but
165 get cash, credit cards and checkbooks quick and easily. In a very short window of time of any of these
166 items being stolen, thousands of dollars have been stolen. This group of thieves dubbed the Felony Lane
167 Gang is from Florida. They are crafty, swift and professional. They typically use the far teller drive
168 window during their scam, often using a prostitute wearing a wig to resemble the look of the card holder
169 whose documents have been stolen. The police chief showed a video of a recent smash and grab of a
170 vehicle during less than a minute when a mother left her car to drop off her child at a local daycare. A
171 similar incident occurred at the Recreation Center the Chief added. It is imperative Chief Golden urged
172 to keep handbags, purses, briefcases from public view in vehicles

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174 **Law Department** Mr. Guidetti had no report.

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176 **Unfinished business** None.

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178 **New business** Council President Tulley congratulated Nordonia's newly formed hockey team. Ms.
179 Tulley commended also the Gardner Family of Macedonia, who for years pushed for a team at Nordonia
180 because of their own personal enthusiasm for the sport. Ms. Tulley congratulated Nordonia's
181 bowling team for their 11/0. Congratulations were also extended to the girls league.

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183 **Executive Session**
184 **At 8:10PM, Ms. Tulley moved and Mr. Ventura seconded to adjourn into Executive Session**
185 **pursuant to RC 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment of a public employee or**
186 **official.**

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188 **Roll call: Ayes: Brandt, Finley, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura**
189 **Nays: None.**
190 **The motion carried**

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192 At 8:20PM Council reconvened into its regular meeting and there being no further business, the meeting
193 was adjourned unanimously on voice vote at 8:21PM.