

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
April 23, 2020

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nick Molnar called the April 23 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 Amanda Trzaska.

5 **Absent:**

6 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Lead by Mayor Nick Molnar

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8 **MINUTES** Ms. Tulley moved, Ms. Brandt seconded, and motion carried unanimously on a voice
9 vote to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of special meeting March 10, 2020 and Regular
10 meeting March 12, 2020.

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12 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

15 **RES. NO. 21- 2020**

16 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING 5.07 MILL TAX LEVY
17 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE
18 SECTIONS 5705.9(A) AND 5705.191, REQUESTING THE SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER
19 TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR
20 AMOUNT OR REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT LEVY, AND DECLARING
21 AN EMERGENCY was **offered by Mrs. Tulley for its second reading by title only**. A second is
22 not required.

23 Relative to Resolution NO. 21-2020. Mayor Molnar and Director Veres wanted to point out that
24 this is not a new levy and will not increase any taxes. This is an operating levy that has been
25 around since 1962.

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28 **ORD NO. 23 - 2020**

29 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO
30 PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2020
31 was **offered by Mr. Garvas** and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on
32 three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second
33 by Mrs. Tulley carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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35 Mr. Garvas moved, Mrs. Tulley seconded, and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**
36 **ORD. NO. 23-2020** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 23-2020 declared adopted**

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38 **ORD. NO. 24 -2020**

39 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR A MUNICIPAL
40 INCOME TAX REFUND DEADLINES TO OCTOBER 13, 2020 AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19
41 PANDEMIC (Amended to October 15,2020) was **offered by Mrs. Tulley** and moved Council waive the
42 requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for**
43 **all three readings**. Second by Ms. Brandt.

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45 Mrs. Tulley moved, Ms. Brandt seconded, and motion carried unanimously on voice vote to adopt **ORD.**
46 **NO. 24-2020** and post according to law. **ORD NO 24-2020 declared adopted**

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49 **ORD. NO. 25 -2020**

50 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM
51 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$3,450,000 TO REFUND BONDS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED
52 FOR THE PURPOSE OF: PAYING THE PROPERTY OWNERS' PORTION, IN ANTICIPATION OF
53 THE COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS HERETOFORE LEVIED, AND THE CITY'S
54 PORTION OF THE COST OF IMPROVING, IN COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF TWINSBURG,
55 SHEPARD ROAD BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY CONSTRUCTING SANITARY SEWERS AND
56 REPLACING, WHERE NECESSARY, PAVEMENT AND DRIVEWAY APRONS, ALL TOGETHER
57 WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; PAYING THE PROPERTY OWNERS'
58 PORTION, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS HERETOFORE
59 LEVIED, AND THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE COST OF IMPROVING SOUTH FREEWAY DRIVE
60 BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY GRADING, DRAINING, PAVING, CONSTRUCTING
61 DRIVEWAY APRONS, REPLACING GUARDRAILS WHERE NECESSARY, REHABILITATING
62 THE RELATED STORM SEWER SYSTEM BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY CONSTRUCTING
63 STORM SEWERS, CATCH BASINS, MANHOLES, JUNCTION CHAMBERS AND A CONCRETE
64 HEADWALL, AND ACQUIRING ANY NECESSARY REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS THEREIN,
65 ALL TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND PAYING COSTS
66 OF CERTAIN ROAD PROJECTS IN THE CITY PREVIOUSLY FINANCED THROUGH THE STATE
67 INFRASTRUCTURE BANK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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68 was **offered by Ms. Brandt** and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three
69 different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Finley.

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71 Ms. Brandt moved, Mr. Finley seconded, and motion carried unanimously on voice vote to adopt **ORD.**
72 **NO. 25-2020** and post according to law. **ORD. NO 25-2020 declared adopted**

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74 Relative to Ordinance NO. 25-2020, Director Veres wanted to point out that this would be allow the city
75 to shop for lower interest rates and save the city around \$300,000 or more by doing so.

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78 **ORD NO. 26 - 2020**

79 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER
80 INTO A CONTRACT WITH SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE REPAIR OF
81 VARIOUS STREETS OF THE 2020 ROAD PROGRAM, AND RATIFYING THE SAME was **offered**
82 **by Mr. Ventura** and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days,
83 instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Garvas.

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85 Mr. Ventura moved, Mr. Garvas seconded, and motion carried unanimously on voice vote to adopt **ORD.**
86 **NO. 26-2020** and post according to law. **ORD. NO 26-2020 declared adopted**

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88 **ORD NO. 27 - 2020**

89 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT
90 WITH THE OHIO MUNICIPAL JOINT SELF INSURANCE POOL FOR LIABILITY COVERAGE
91 FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2020, AND
92 RATIFYING THE SAME was **offered by Mr. Finley** and moved Council waive the requirement that it
93 be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**.
94 Second by Mr. Ventura.

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96 Mr. Finley moved, Mr. Ventura seconded, and motion carried unanimously on voice vote to adopt **ORD.**
97 **NO. 27-2020** and post according to law. **ORD. NO 27-2020 declared adopted**

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99 **ORD NO. 28 - 2020**

100 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SUSPENDING CITY EMS BILLING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
101 FIRE AWARENESS INSTRUCTION AND RESPECT (F.A.I.R.) PROGRAM FOR THE REMAINDER
102 OF CALENDAR YEAR 2020 was **offered by Mr. Garvas** and moved Council waive the requirement
103 that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three**
104 **readings**. Second by Mrs. Tulley.

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106 Mr. Garvis moved, Mrs. Tulley seconded, and motion carried unanimously on voice vote to adopt **ORD.**
107 **NO. 28-2020** and post according to law. **ORD. NO 28-2020 declared adopted**

108 Relative to Ordinance 28-2020 Chief Ripley stated that this would be reinstated as of January 1,2021

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110 Relative to all Ordinances- Ms. Brandt asked the Mayor to explain why each ordinance was labeled as an
111 **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE** that way residents who are not familiar with the city's process will
112 understand, the mayor asked that our law director Mr. Guidetti explain. Mr. Guidetti explains that posting
113 the legislation as an emergency is to remove the potential 30-day referendum period. That makes these
114 pieces of legislation active immediately.

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116 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION** None

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119 **CORRESPONDENCE** None

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121 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

122 ~Mayor has been doing Facebook live promoting that here has been no loss of First Responders.
123 Emergency services will be provided if needed.

124 ~ Mayor stated that going over finances it is projected that the city will be at a loss of 3.5 million this
125 year. While doing budget cuts and layoffs have started, this is still what is projected. He and Director
126 Veres will be sending out something to council next week on the matter.

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127 ~ The Resignation of the Director of the Recreation Center Angela Manley effective June 15,2020. Job
128 will be posted April 24,2020. Applicants can start applying; however, it is not sure when interviews will
129 start taking place.

130 ~ Improvement of communications. Here is a list of how we currently communicate with our residents:

- 131 - Facebook
- 132 - Instagram
- 133 - Twitter
- 134 - Nixle (emergency contact system) type in number to text 888-777 text 44056
135 to number
- 136 - YouTube
- 137 - Live Council Meetings
- 138 - Community Focus
- 139 - News Leader
- 140 - E-Messenger
- 141 - My Macedonia App (in your app store)
- 142 - Our website www.macedonia.oh.us
- 143 - Scph.org (summit county public health website)

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145 ~ Railroad on Twinsburg Rd was closed on April 20, 2020. This project has been started and shut down
146 many times, now it is said that it is to be completed in 10 days, so on April 30th it is to be finished and
147 reopen.

148 ~ Bulk trash pickup was suspended. The city had put large dumpsters at 9683 Valley View Rd for
149 Macedonia Residents to use at their convenience. Mayor Molnar was on a conference call today and it
150 was said that Bulk trash pickup is to resume on Monday April 27. More details about this are on the city
151 website.

152 ~ Free mulch! Every year the city gets a grant to go around and get the debris and branches and make
153 some nice mulch for Macedonia Residents for **Free**. This is not for landscapers and you must be able to
154 load it yourself. This is also located at 9683 Valley View Rd.

155 ~ Light Up Macedonia! Mayor Molnar has been promoting this on Facebook. You turn on your front
156 porch lights on April 27th starting at 8pm in honor of our First Responders. This was also done the
157 Monday prior.

158 ~ The Spirit of Macedonia. Sadly because of the current circumstances, this festival is going to be
159 cancelled. It is in the best interest of everyone that this takes place, not knowing what the future holds. If
160 something is possible in the future, things will be determined then, as information is changing by the
161 hour.

162 ~ 2020 Census is available at www.macedonia.oh.us this is very important to the city. Those reports and
163 tax dollars help the city and there are great statistics and resources on there as well.

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166 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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168 **Parks & Recreation Commission** Ms. Brandt April and May meetings are cancelled. No meeting was
169 scheduled in June. Ms. Brandt thinks that they will be taking it month by month.

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171 **Cemetery Committee** Mrs. Tulley stated that there has been one meeting, there has been some
172 purchases made and some upgrades. Annual meeting will be held at the next council meeting on May 14th

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174 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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176 **Fire Department** Chief Ripley Recognizes the community. Received many donations from the
177 community of PPE. Food donations from Mayor Molnar. The dedication of the staff who are coming to
178 work everyday and not complaining when they are the ones on the front line. Chief Ripley said he is
179 proud to be their leader. Ms. Brandt was the one helping Mayor Molnar and they raised over \$2000 in
180 food donations for the City's First Responders. Some of the Local Restaurants were Casa Di Angelo, The
181 Blue Willow & Dave's Cosmic Subs.

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183 **Police Department** Chief Golden stated that police activity has slowed. Calls have dropped drastically.
184 Overall, activity has slowed down.

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186 **Law Department** Mr. Guidetti Congratulates the new Clerk of Council, Amanda Trzaska, on her new
187 position, especially under the unusual circumstances. States that Engineer Gigliotti is working on the bid
188 specs for the Right-in-Right-out access road. Working with a design architect for the sign that will go
189 along with it. Received correspondence from the Diocese of Cleveland regarding the Our lady of
190 Guadalupe property, the Diocese is signing off on the purchase of the rear portion of the property for the
191 retention-based project.

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193 **Finance Department** Director Veres wanted to just reiterate what was on tonight's agenda. The
194 refunding where we are hoping to save over \$300,000 by refunding some bonds from 2010. Our insurance
195 renewal that is a three-year contract where we are part of a joint municipal pool to limit our risk.
196 Extending our tax refund deadline to October 15 to coincide with the one that RITA put in place.

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IT Department Director Collins wanted to thank all the Safety Forces for all they are doing. Mr. Collins also thanked Council members, Department Heads, and the Mayor for being so flexible and learning new technology during these unusual times.

Service Department Director Hnottavange was not present

Building Commissioner Commissioner Monoco was not present.

Engineer Mr. Gigliotti was not present

Recreation Department Ms. Manley was not present.

Unfinished business None.

New business

- Ms. Brandt wanted to thank the Nordonia Highschool students, especially Louis Hover, he organized the clean up of all the school grounds in the Nordonia school system. He was able to get over 100 people to sign up and volunteer to do by assigning time slots and different sections so that everyone was a safe distance apart abiding by the governors 6ft apart social distancing rules on Earth Day. The city usually puts together a city wide clean up event for Earth Day and Arbor day but was unable to do so due to circumstances. Ms. Brandt encourages families to go outside and help clean up when you can. She pointed out how she even went out on Earth Day with friends, the DeCamp family, to help clean up the neighborhood. The Mayor added in stating that the same young man, Mr. Hover, had reached out to him regarding trash clean up. Mayor Molnar said that once things calm down and get somewhat back to normal, they can explore some options. Mayor Molnar gives him a lot of Props for what his is doing and thinks it is great, that he should get a lot of credit for it.

- Mrs. Tulley also welcomed Amanda Trzaska on behalf of Council. Stating that it has been an interesting time to start a new job. Mrs. Tulley also said that it was not the way they thought they would be saying goodbye to Josephine, who had been with the city for over 30 years. Mrs. Tulley thanked Kyle, who is the Director of our IT department, for being patient with everyone. Lastly there was a resident who reached out to Mrs. Tulley who regarding the lights at the rec center, seeing if those could be turned off to save money.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned unanimously on voice vote at 8:12PM