

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 22nd, 2021

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the July 22nd, 2021 regular meeting to order at  
2 7:33p.m..  
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4 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Dave Finley, Jeff Garvas, Jan Tulley and Vini J.  
5 Ventura. Also present: Law Director Mark Guidetti and Clerk of Council Jon Hoover  
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7 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chaplain Tom O'Brien of Nordonia Hills American  
8 Legion 801  
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10 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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12 Ms. Tulley moved, and Mr. Finley seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of  
13 June 10, 2021 and the special meeting of June 24, 2021 as received from the Clerk of Council. The  
14 motion carried unanimously upon a voice vote.  
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16 **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**  
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18 ~Mayor Molnar read a proclamation for retired Macedonia Fire Department Lieutenant Chip Davis  
19 recognizing him for 39 years of public service. The Mayor proclaimed that Thursday, July 22, 2021 is  
20 Lieutenant Chip Davis Day. Chief Ripley described the myriad ways in which Lt. Davis was  
21 instrumental in providing service to the community and the Macedonia City Center building. Lt. Davis  
22 stated he considers those with whom he served to be family, and advised them to learn and listen.  
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24 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  
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26 ~ **Deb Mikulski, President of the Longwood Manor Historical Society (LMHS)** thanked the City for  
27 the monetary gift to the Manor house and expressed appreciation for being heard and recognized on their  
28 mission to preserve the home of Macedonia's first Mayor. Ms. Mikulski relayed plans and events in store  
29 on and near the property, and the intention to keep Council informed on how the funds are being utilized.  
30 She reports that the Mayor had asked the LMHS to give their consensus vote as to the existence of the  
31 barns on the property, to which they responded with the following letter:  
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33 "To the Honourable Mayor Nick Molnar and members of the Macedonia City Council,  
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35 The Longwood Manor Historical Society (LMHS) held a special meeting on July 20, 2021, to form a  
36 consensus of opinion concerning the barns on the property of Longwood Manor. The members have  
37 voted that we would like to see both barns remain due to their historical value and significance relating to  
38 the history of the city of Macedonia.  
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40 A sub committee of the LMHS for the barns is being organized. The goal of this committee was  
41 discussed. Tasks to be considered for the committee include but are not limited to:  
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- 43 • DEVELOP A 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE BARNs
- 44 • COST ANALYSIS OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO PRESERVE, RESTORE AND MAINTAIN THE BARNs
- 45 • DECIDE HOW TO AND OBTAIN NECESSARY FUNDING
- 46 • TO SECURE VOLUNTEERS/WORK FORCE
- 47 • TO SECURE/OBTAIN APPROPRIATE SKILLED/LICENSED CONTRACTORS AS NEEDED
- 48 • RECOMMEND FUTURE APPROPRIATE USE OF BUILDINGS  
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50 Macedonia resident and LMHS member John Cassmer was asked to chair this committee. He accepted  
51 the position and stated he will be recruiting volunteers to assist him.  
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53 The LMHS looks forward to working with the city to maintain this integral part of the legacy of Colonel  
54 William Few Long”

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56 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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58 None

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

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62 **ORDINANCE NO. 39-2021**

63 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF  
64 REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS  
65 TO BE MADE WHICH DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF  
66 THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF  
67 TAXES, & ESTABLISHING A “BIG CARROT” MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX  
68 INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS  
69 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE §§ 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43 was offered by Mr. Garvas  
70 for its **first reading by title only.**

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73 **ORDINANCE NO. 40-2021**

74 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE 4-2021 WHICH  
75 ESTABLISHED THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE NON-UNION CITY EMPLOYEES  
76 OF MACEDONIA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and**  
77 **third reading by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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79 Dir. Guidetti explained this ordinance would create a position and enable the City to pay a part-time new  
80 position within the City’s finance department for approximately three months out of the year.

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82 Ms. Brandt moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, a motion to **adopt ORD.NO. 40-2021 and post the same**  
83 **according to law.** Councilors Brandt, Finley, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative.  
84 **ORD. NO. 40-2021 declared and adopted.**

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87 **ORDINANCE NO. 41-2021**

88 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A  
89 CONTRACT WITH NORTHEAST OHIO TRENCHING SERVICES, INC. FOR THE VALLEY VIEW  
90 ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and**  
91 **third reading by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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93 Director Gigliotti stated this is to enter into a contract with Northeast Ohio Trenching Services, Inc. to  
94 correct a long-standing drainage issue on Valley View Road, south of Twinsburg Road. A proper storm  
95 sewer system would be installed and would correct deep, dangerous ditches. The project is fully  
96 reimbursed from the NEORS D community cost-share account.

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98 Mr. Ventura moved, Mr. Finley seconded, a motion to **adopt ORD.NO. 41-2021 and post the same**  
99 **according to law.** Councilors Brandt, Finley, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative.  
100 **ORD.NO. 41-2021 declared and adopted.**

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106 **RESOLUTION NO. 42-2021**

107 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT D. WALLENHORST TO THE  
108 CITY OF MACEDONIA PLANNING COMMISSION was offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and**  
109 **third reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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111 The Mayor stated Mr. Wallenhorst is a very qualified architect with several years of experience.

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113 Mr. Finley moved, Mr. Garvas seconded, a motion to **adopt RES.NO. 42-2021 and post the same**  
114 **according to law**. Councilors Brandt, Finley, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative.  
115 **RES.NO. 42-2021 declared and adopted.**

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118 **ORDINANCE NO. 43-2021**

119 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF ROBERT RODIC TO  
120 THE POSITION OF CITY OF MACEDONIA BUILDING COMMISSIONER was offered by Ms.  
121 Tulley for **first, second and third reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried  
122 unanimously by a voice vote.

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124 The Mayor stated Mr. Rodic has filled in twice while former building commissioner Nino Monaco was  
125 away for personal reasons. The Mayor also described how difficult it is to find someone with the  
126 qualifications and certifications that Mr. Rodic possesses and that he would be a great fit for the position.

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128 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Finley seconded, a motion to **adopt ORD.NO. 43-2021 and post the same**  
129 **according to law**. Councilors Brandt, Finley, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative.  
130 **ORD.NO. 43-2021 declared and adopted.**

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133 **ORDINANCE NO. 44-2021**

134 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 74-2020 RELATIVE TO CURRENT EXPENSES  
135 AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY  
136 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021 was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third reading by**  
137 **title only**. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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139 Director Veres noted \$30,000 is being added to the technology advancement fund to improve the City  
140 website. \$26,300 of NOPEC grant money for the LED lighting project at the Family Rec Center. Adding  
141 \$70,000 to water M&E fund for first year of planned capital to purchase vac machine to help maintain  
142 ditches in city. \$30,000 for tractor with boom mower to do the same. Adding \$10,000 for community  
143 safety cameras. Adding \$80,000 to the \$20,000 already set aside for trail improvements as part of a  
144 comprehensive plan that the City Engineer will put together to be able to submit for grant money for trail  
145 improvements.

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147 Mr. Garvas moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, a motion to **adopt ORD.NO. 44-2021 and post the same**  
148 **according to law**. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative. Mr. Finley  
149 voting in the negative **ORD.NO. 44-2021 declared and adopted.**

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152 **ORDINANCE NO. 45-2021**

153 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING THE LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND  
154 (FUND NO. 266) TO BE USED TO TRACK RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES CONCERNING THE  
155 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ACT, & CONFIRMING THE EXPENDITURE OF ARP ACT  
156 FUNDS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ARP ACT was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and**  
157 **third reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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159 Director Veres explained this is a recommended, but not required fund created to track the \$628,506.36  
160 the City will be receiving from the ARP Act. This money will be set aside for a future service garage.  
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162 Ms. Brandt moved, Mr. Ventura seconded, a motion to **adopt ORD.NO. 45-2021 and post the same**  
163 **according to law.** Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative. Mr. Finley  
164 voting in the negative **ORD.NO. 45-2021 declared and adopted.**  
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167 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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169 None

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171 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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- 173 - Welcome Mr. Rodic to the position of Building Commissioner
- 174 - In regards to the conditional approval of IHOP to move into the old Pizza Hut building: the City  
175 does not choose who comes into buildings. The Mayor hears residents comments about wanting  
176 diverse dining options, and he has been trying to get those.
- 177 - The Mayor visited Peak Nano and believes this will be a huge success in town.
- 178 - The Senior Center is back open
- 179 - Please do not drive distracted

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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182 **Parks & Recreation Committee** Ms. Brandt stated the committee was off during July and next meeting  
183 will take place on August 18 upstairs in the conference room at the Recreation Center.

184 **Cemetery Board** Ms. Tulley stated the board is applying for funding on the cemetery road project.  
185 Looking at repairs for the existing water taps as well as adding more. Help was requested from the City  
186 arborist to put together a plan for which trees stay or go, and which trees to plant for the future. Ms.  
187 Tulley asked that overgrown bushes be trimmed by the owners of affected plots. Erosion on the ravine  
188 behind the cemetery is an issue that is being looked at currently. The maintenance superintendent will be  
189 renovating the bathroom. Ms. Tulley encouraged the public to visit the cemetery website as well as the  
190 memorial for war veterans.

191 **Finance Committee** No report

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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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197 **Service Department:** Director Karas- Thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to serve  
198 the people of Macedonia. The stormwater culvert ditching project on Ledge Road has been completed.  
199 Nine driveway culverts have been replaced. Mowing continues along very stretches of road throughout  
200 the City. The Mayor commended the Service Department on doing a good job on a daunting stretch of  
201 Ledge Road.

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203 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti- The City was awarded a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission  
204 (OPWC) for the repaving of Highland Road between Valley View and Chamberlain Roads. The grant  
205 was for \$415,000, which represents 53% of the total cost needed for the project. Scheduled for 2022.

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207 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – LED lighting project completed. Thanked  
208 Director Karas and Supervisor Dzurnak for helping conduct a building maintenance review and putting  
209 together a five year plan for various projects. The Rec Center will be shutdown completely the week of  
210 August 16 for building maintenance and repaving of the parking lot, and partially open with modified

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211 entrance during the week of August 23. A new Recreation Supervisor of Facilities and Membership has  
212 been hired as part of the restructuring project that began earlier this summer. Junior Browns flag football  
213 will be part of Fall programming, along with soccer, swim team, swim lessons and the City's first softball  
214 program. A walkthrough of the trails in Longwood Park took place in order to learn about improvements  
215 that could be made. Upcoming events include "Touch a Truck" on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm, and Fall Fest  
216 on September 18<sup>th</sup>, which is a craft beer and food truck festival.

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218 **Finance Department:** Director Veres- Reminded residents that the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for Macedonia  
219 income tax refund has been extended this year to August 16<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the income tax filing  
220 deadline having been extended by a month previously.

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222 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley- Provided figures for service calls to the Fire Department since the last  
223 in-person Council meeting on March 12, 2020. Reminded residents that Highland Road between Route 8  
224 and Olde 8 is closed for 120 days. Twinsburg Road will be closed in two weeks for two weeks between  
225 Walters and Olde 8 roads for a culvert replacement. Hydrants have been flushed and data turned over to  
226 Cleveland Water. Mr. Ventura asked about, and Chief Ripley confirmed, the fundraiser for the Fire  
227 Department on October 16. More information to come.

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229 **Police Department:** Chief Golden- Presented a news story video from Mentor about cameras to be  
230 installed by Flock Safety that will capture license plates of vehicles coming into town. Five have been  
231 installed, with a sixth imminent. These are not cameras that will run your license plate, but will be run  
232 through NCIC to tell if it is a stolen vehicle, if the registered owner is a wanted felon, or a repeat theft  
233 offender. The Chief gave examples of the uses for the technology in assisting the department.

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235 The Mayor clarified that this system is not monitoring your speed and sending tickets, but to assist in  
236 finding specific vehicles to keep the community safe. This system could also help during Amber Alerts.

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238 Chief Golden mentioned that the system will cost \$2,500 per year for each camera, and pointed out that  
239 anyone that has this system shares the information gathered with anyone else that has the system.

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241 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Working on several projects, including safety policy and procedure  
242 manual update. Also working with the IT department to create 2021 training videos for both safety and  
243 drug-free workplace, as it has proven difficult to find trainers to conduct in-person sessions.

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245 **Building Commission:** Commissioner Rodic – Thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to  
246 work and serve the community where he lives. Spoke of the project wherein areas that need sidewalk  
247 repair are identified, with a concentration on Aurora Road to Shepard Hills Blvd. and Shepard Road to  
248 North Bedford Road. Affected properties will be notified that it is voluntary to take part, and will be  
249 provided with a list of vetted contractors.

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251 Ms. Tulley asked whether the resident is responsible for the sidewalk repairs due to sewer deterioration,  
252 to which Commissioner Rodic replied that would need to be discussed should the resident actually want  
253 the repair work done. Ms. Tulley relayed some issues that the residents might raise regarding the  
254 responsibilities of repair, and Commissioner Rodic stated he is prepared to answer those questions.

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256 Mr. Garvas asked for clarification as to whether this project limits the opportunity for residents to take  
257 advantage of negotiated rates that were discussed in previous Council meetings to only those areas the  
258 Commissioner is presently highlighting. Commissioner Rodic replied that those opportunities are still  
259 available for those residents that contact the Building Department.

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261 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti- No report, other than to note that the obligation for sidewalk repair  
262 has historically remained on the homeowner per codified ordinance.

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264 **IT Department:** Director Collins- The IT Department closed 42 tickets. Working on setting up a new  
265 OSHA training system with HR. Transferred the Recreation Center’s Sportsman system to a cloud-based  
266 system to allow for expanded services in the park. Moving forward with selecting a vendor for the new  
267 City website. City Council meetings are now live-streamed.  
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270 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
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272 Ms. Tulley mentioned that residents have asked how the decisions are made as to what roads are repaired  
273 and when. Director Gigliotti explained the reasoning behind the order of the list, but several factors can  
274 alter the list (geography, funding, coordinating work with other projects).  
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276 **NEW BUSINESS:**  
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278 Ms. Tulley reminded everyone that the next Council meeting is August 12, but the August 26 meeting is  
279 cancelled. Starting on September 23, Council “Office Hour” will resume and Councilors will be chosen  
280 via alphabetical order where residents can come in and discuss topics one-on-one. She welcomed the  
281 Clerk of Council to his first in-person Council meeting. Ms. Tulley thanked former Parks & Recreation  
282 Director John Houser, with whom she worked to create the Macedonia Rec soccer league, the Sleyzaks  
283 who took over the league and helped keep it going, along with all the coaches and referees throughout the  
284 years. Macedonia soccer has celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and she encouraged residents to sign up for  
285 the soccer program that the Recreation Center offers.  
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287 Ms. Brandt thanked Mr. Wallenhorst for volunteering his time to the Planning Commission, and  
288 welcomed the Clerk of Council and Directors for whom this was their first in-person Council meeting.  
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290 There being no further business, Mr. Ventura, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adjourn the meeting**. The  
291 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately  
292 8:43p.m.  
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295 **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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298 **Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
299 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council  
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302 **Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
303 Nicholas Molnar  
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