

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 23rd, 2021

1 Presiding Officer, Council President Jan Tulley, Mayor Pro Tempore, called the September 23rd, 2021  
2 regular meeting to order at 7:34p.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.

6 **Absent:** Mayor Nicholas Molnar  
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8 Ms. Tulley noted the Mayor is absent due to a death in the family, and asked everyone to take a moment  
9 and keep him and his family in their thoughts.  
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11 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chaplain Tom O'Brien of Nordonia Hills American  
12 Legion 801.  
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14 Ms. Tulley welcomed back Councilor Ventura to the dais.  
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16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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18 Ms. Brandt moved, and Mr. Finley seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of  
19 September 9, 2021 as received from the Clerk of Council. The motion carried unanimously upon a voice  
20 vote.  
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22 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  
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24 ~ **Vini J. Ventura, 1479 Bruce Road**, thanked the Police Department, the 911 dispatchers and the Fire  
25 Department for all they did for his family and himself. He could not have asked for any better care up  
26 and down the line. The Fire Department did their job and that's why he is here today. The residents  
27 around 1479 Bruce Road observed that the holiday lighting display put on annually by Councilor Garvas  
28 had nothing on the array of lights from the emergency vehicles present at his residence during this  
29 incident. He thanked those who gave well wishes and hopes to be a part of the "vertical club" for some  
30 time.  
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32 ~ **Barbara Luczywo, 561 Ledge Road (Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Commission)**, gave  
33 the Commission's recommendation to the Council and Mayor regarding the barns at Longwood Manor:  
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35 "PRC believes there is no community value for the barns once the city no longer inhabits the  
36 space for Parks and Service that is greater than what the land could be used for in building  
37 programmable space. The barns should be removed upon completion of new Service Center."  
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39 Going forward, the Commission doesn't believe the barns should stay in the condition that they're at,  
40 when the land could be used for something else.  
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42 Mr. Ventura thanked Mrs. Luczywo and the Parks & Recreation Commission for studying all matters  
43 thoroughly and taking everything into consideration before making a decision and bringing it back to the  
44 Mayor and Council.  
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46 **CORRESPONDENCE:**  
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50 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 56-2021**

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE WHICH DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A PEAK NANO MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was offered by Mr. Garvas for **second reading by title only**.

**ORDINANCE NO. 57-2021**

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE WHICH DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING AN OHIO STATE WATERPROOFING MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was offered by Mr. Finley for **second reading by title only**.

**ORDINANCE NO. 58-2021**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 153 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and third reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Chief Ripley explained this ordinance provides additional command staff to the Fire Department, putting two supervisors on each shift. It is a budget neutral move for the City, with the cost included in the Fire & EMS contracts with Sagamore Hills and Northfield Center Townships.

Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 58-2021 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 58-2021 declared and adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 59-2021**

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTHFIELD CENTER TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FIRE AND MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE TOWNSHIP was offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and third reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Chief Ripley stated this finishes up contract negotiations to continue providing emergency services to Northfield Center Township, similar to the recent agreement with Sagamore Hills Township.

Ms. Tulley stated it is nice to see the communities work together, and a lot of that is due to the Chief and his department's expertise.

Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 59-2021 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 59-2021 declared and adopted.**

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107 Mr. Garvas asked whether a roll call vote was necessary on any of the preceding legislation, to which Ms.  
108 Tulley answered that it was not necessary.

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110 **ORDINANCE NO. 60-2021**

111 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO COMPLETE AND  
112 EXECUTE THE PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION AS MANDATED BY ODOT FOR PROJECT  
113 POR/SUM MCRO FY2022 (B) – PID NO. 105120 was offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and third**  
114 **reading by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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116 Dir. Gigliotti explained this is standard consent legislation as required by ODOT, who will be performing  
117 preventative maintenance microsurfacing on State Route 8. The work is scheduled for next year, 2022.

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119 Ms. Brandt asked if there will be a cost to the City, and Dir. Gigliotti confirmed the total cost to the City  
120 will be \$10,000, which is 20% of the total estimated cost of the project.

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122 Ms. Tulley stated this will take place in 2022, and while there will be construction, it will not be like the  
123 construction work currently taking place on State Route 8 southbound.

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125 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 60-2021 and post the same according to**  
126 **law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 60-2021 declared and adopted**.

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129 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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134 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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136 - While the Mayor is absent for this meeting, Ms. Brandt wished to echo one of the Mayor's  
137 evergreen statements, which is "don't drive distracted; put down the phones"

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139 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

140 **Finance Committee** Mr. Garvas reminded the public that the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet  
141 on Thursday, September 30 and Tuesday, October 12, both at 6pm to discuss the budget for 2022. Ms.  
142 Tulley reiterated that the meeting is open to the public, however it is not an interactive meeting.

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144 **Parks & Recreation Commission** Ms. Brandt stated the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting  
145 has been moved to Tuesday, October 19 at 6pm at the Activity Room in the Rec Center. Last meeting  
146 was productive, with discussion of the barns near Longwood Manor. Thanks to the Parks Department for  
147 helping put on a great Fallfest, and looking forward to what will be done for Halloween and Winterfest.  
148 There will be two more Parks & Recreation Commission meetings for 2021 (one in October and  
149 November).

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151 **Cemetery Board** The Board has not been blessed by ODOT to be able to take care of the road within  
152 the cemetery—there is question as to whether it is truly a public roadway. The Board will be looking at  
153 other ways to address the issue. Still work being done on repainting and taking care of the fence.  
154 Discussion taking place regarding headstones and placement of them.

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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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**Service Department:** Director Karas- Service Department assisted the Parks Department in setting up for the Fallfest; thanks to all involved. The Nordonia mural project underneath I-271 is complete and the Service Department helped coordinate traffic control and work zones, as well as providing the scissor lift for the students to use. Leaf collection will begin at the end of October. Please make sure your mailbox and newspaper boxes are sturdy and secure for upcoming winter season.

**Engineer:** Director Gigliotti- Crack/seal work has been completed on Route 82. Repainting of the lines has been taking place over many streets in the City. Reiterated the mural is complete on Route 82 under I-271, looks great and is a great thing for our community.

Ms. Tulley mentioned there was an article in the Akron Beacon Journal regarding the mural, and also mentioned how nice it looks.

**Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – Thanked the community for coming out to the Fallfest, as well as the Service Department in helping set up and breakdown, along with taking care of trash and other items. Appreciation for the Recreation staff—Sam Edgar, the new marketing and special events coordinator, had her one month anniversary on the day of Fallfest. Brad, John, Cindy and Kelly as well in getting things prepared over the last month. All Fall programs are up and running. Three new seated ellipticals have been ordered that will replace older ones. Procuring a new activity pool boiler that will get us up to code. Haunted Manor will be taking place on Saturday, October 16 from 2-5pm. The Longwood Manor Historical Society will be helping out.

Ms. Tulley commented that the new parking lot at the Recreation Center is gorgeous. She also thanked the sponsors at Fallfest, including Home Depot for the favors handed out to children.

**Finance Department:** Director Veres – Met with Police, Fire and Service directors to discuss manpower needs. Overall debt will be discussed at the September 30 finance committee meeting.

**Fire Department:** Chief Ripley- Thanked Council for passage of Ordinances 58 & 59. Reminder that October 6th at 6pm there will be a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Station 1. Tumbler glasses with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary image (donated by Spitzer Chevrolet) were provided to the members of Council. There will be local food trucks and activities for the kids. Twenty or so retirees will be in attendance. Welcomed back Councilor Ventura and thanked him for the kind words.

Ms. Tulley questioned whether the old siren might be used during the celebration, and thanked the Fire Department for all their hard work.

**Police Department:** Chief Golden- Seasons are changing and with it comes challenges on the roads—pay attention!

Ms. Tulley noted the complaints about speeding in town and asked what can be done.

Chief Golden stated Macedonia has as much speeding as any other community. If residents have specific details they can provide, then the Police Department can focus their attention on problem areas.

Ms. Brandt shared that now is a good time to get new windshield wipers and that Autozone, along with similar stores will help fit and install new wipers for free that you purchase from them.

Mr. Ventura asked about the question of trucks on Macedonia Commons and whether the signs currently posted are still accurate and/or relevant. Discussion was had on how truck drivers are directed through this area, as well as questioning what steps might need to be taken to address the issues.

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212 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Working with Chief Ripley on the evacuation policies and maps at  
213 the City Center. A taskforce meeting will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm with members of all unions and  
214 Council President Tulley to discuss how the benefit year has been going and what might be looked at for  
215 next year. Biometric testing for November. Working with Rite-Aid to schedule flu shots towards the end  
216 of October and early November.

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218 **IT Department:** Director Collins- Welcomed back Councilor Ventura. Reiterated the need to make sure  
219 your cars are in good working order like Ms. Tulley suggested, as a long winter is predicted.

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221 **Law Department:** No report.

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225 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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229 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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231 Ms. Brandt welcomed students back to school and thanked educators for the job they do. She also  
232 reminded everyone to register to vote at the November 2 election. Registration deadline is October 3,  
233 with early voting beginning October 4.

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235 Ms. Tulley wished everyone a Happy Fall, and clocks don't change until November.

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237 There being no further business, Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adjourn the meeting**. The  
238 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately  
239 8:17p.m.

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242 **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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245 **Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
246 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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249 **Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
250 Nicholas Molnar

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