

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
October 14th, 2021

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the October 14th, 2021 regular meeting to order at
2 7:32p.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, second by Mr. Garvas, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 23,
13 2021 as received from the Clerk of Council. The motion carried unanimously upon a voice vote.
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15 **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

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17 The Mayor invited Macedonia Parks and Recreation employee John Doyle to stand in front of the dais as
18 he read the citation issued by the American Red Cross Lifesaving Awards for his selfless and humane
19 action using lifesaving skills during the Summerfest 5k on June 5, 2021. Mr. Doyle stated he was
20 thankful to have had the training and knowledge to take the steps he did, and expressed gratitude to the
21 Macedonia Police and Fire Departments, declaring it was a truly a team effort in providing critical care to
22 the individual.
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24 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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26 None
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28 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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30 An e-mail from Joe and Sally Lance (1462 Newport Dr.) was received and read, commenting on the poor
31 condition of Newport Drive. They stated the situation with this road has been brought to the attention of
32 the City several times over the years, but to this point nothing has been done. It is their belief the entire
33 street needs to be repaved, yet some roads even newer than Newport have already been improved.
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35 Ms. Tulley stated that after this e-mail was received, she discussed the situation with the Service Director,
36 and while Newport Drive does still have problems, the Service Department was able to go out and repair
37 the driveway apron at the address in question. She thanked the Service Department for swift action.
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39 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

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41 **ORDINANCE NO. 56-2021**

42 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY
43 TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE
44 WHICH DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE
45 IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES,
46 ESTABLISHING A PEAK NANO MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT
47 EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO
48 REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
49 was offered by Mr. Garvas for **third reading by title only**.
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51 Dir. Veres stated this ordinance helps redirect property taxes to the City in the form of service payments.
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53 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 56-2021 and post the same according to**
54 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 56-2021 declared and adopted.**

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57 **ORDINANCE NO. 57-2021**

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

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67 Dir. Veres stated this ordinance performs in the same way as Ord.No. 56-2021.

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69 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt ORD.NO. 57-2021 and post the same according to**
70 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 57-2021 declared and adopted.**

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73 **RESOLUTION NO. 61-2021**

74 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, BIDS AND
75 SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO
76 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE HIGHLAND ROAD PAVING PROJECT PHASE II was
77 offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and third reading by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The
78 motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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80 Dir. Gigliotti stated this is standard legislation to prepare for public bids over the winter for road work to
81 be done on Highland Road between Valley View and Chamberlin Roads.

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83 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 61-2021 and post the same according to**
84 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 61-2021 declared and adopted.**

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87 **RESOLUTION NO. 62-2021**

88 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL SURFACE
89 TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) PROGRAM FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE
90 AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) FOR IMPROVEMENTS
91 AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHLAND AND VALLEY VIEW ROADS was offered by Ms. Tulley
92 for **first, second and third reading by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried
93 unanimously by a voice vote.

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95 Dir. Gigliotti stated this allows the Mayor to apply for grants to help fund road improvements at the
96 intersection of Highland and Valley View Roads.

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98 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt RES.NO. 62-2021 and post the same according to**
99 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 62-2021 declared and adopted.**

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102 **RESOLUTION NO. 63-2021**

103 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL SURFACE
104 TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) PROGRAM RESURFACING FUNDS

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105 PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
106 (AMATS) TO RESURFACE CERTAIN ROADS was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third**
107 **reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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109 Dir. Gigliotti explained this legislation allows the Mayor to apply for grants to assist in funding
110 resurfacing projects on Valley View Road, between Twinsburg Road and the southern border with
111 Hudson, as well as North Bedford Road, between Rt. 82 and Ledge Road.
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113 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt RES.NO. 63-2021 and post the same according to**
114 **law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 63-2021 declared and adopted.**
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117 **ORDINANCE NO. 64-2021**

118 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A NEW AMBULANCE FROM
119 HORTON EMERGENCY VEHICLES FOR THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT was
120 offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and third reading by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The
121 motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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123 Chief Ripley stated this new ambulance would replace the 2003 model, which has equipment that will
124 soon no longer be serviceable. The older ambulance would be refitted and transferred to the Service
125 Department for their use. Supply chain issues have made it such that placing this order well in advance is
126 necessary, and that the new ambulance should arrive in approximately 12-14 months.
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128 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 64-2021 and post the same according to**
129 **law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 64-2021 declared and adopted.**
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132 **ORD.NO. 65-2021**

133 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 74-2020 RELATIVE TO CURRENT EXPENSES
134 AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY
135 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021 was offered by Mr. Garvas for first, second and third reading by title
136 only. Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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138 Dir. Veres referenced the supplemental material attached to this legislation, with highlights on the
139 revenue side being the creation of the local fiscal recovery fund to receive this year's portion of the
140 American Recovery Plan Act (ARP), which is \$628,500. Another payment in that amount will come next
141 year from ARP. Some appropriation changes were from retirements, website improvements, parking lot
142 at Windmill Golf Center, and beginning the process for the new Service Department building (studies and
143 design plans).
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145 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 65-2021 and post the same according**
146 **to law**. Motion carried by a majority voice vote: Ms. Tulley, Mr. Ventura, Ms. Brandt and Mr. Garvas
147 voting in the affirmative; Mr. Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 65-2021 declared and adopted.**
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150 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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155 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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157 - September revenue from Mayor's Court was \$18,004.79.

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- 158 - The new mural done by Nordonia students on Rt. 82 under I-271 looks great and is something to
159 be proud of.
- 160 - The Fire Department had their 100th Anniversary celebration last week (10/6), which was a
161 beautiful tribute to the Department.
- 162 - The City received a \$75,000 grant for the Senior Center thanks to the work of Cheri Kuczma.
163 The intention is to use those funds to help get transportation for seniors. There are many details
164 to work out, but that is the goal in the near future.
- 165 - Aladdin's Eatery is back at the table. No guarantee, but the restaurant is back and talking to the
166 City again.
- 167 - Please don't drive distracted! Put the phones down and drive the vehicle.
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169 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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171 **Parks & Recreation Commission** Ms. Brandt stated the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting
172 will be Tuesday, October 19 at 6pm in the activity room at the Recreation Center as opposed to the
173 regular Wednesday meeting time to accommodate various schedules.

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175 **Finance Committee** Mr. Garvas reported the Finance Committee has been meeting to discuss the 2022
176 budget and the next meeting will be on Monday, October 25 at 6pm in the Council Caucus room.
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178 **Cemetery Board** Ms. Tulley noted that paint primer is on all of the fence surrounding the cemetery as
179 well as the gates, but supply chain issues are preventing the completion due to difficulty in securing paint.
180 They are not giving up, but the goal was to have the painting finished by the end of this year.
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185 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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187 **Service Department:** Director Karas- Service Department has installed Fall decorations throughout the
188 City and in the park, with plenty of positive comments. The Department assisted with the Fire
189 Department's 100th anniversary celebration. Leaf collection will begin Monday, October 25 with four
190 crews out on a regular basis. Final week of leaf pickup will be the week of November 26. Leaves should
191 be piled in rows not to exceed 10 feet from the road and placed 10 feet from all roadside obstructions
192 (mailboxes, trees, hydrants, etc.). Keep piles out of the roadways and ditches as to not impede water
193 flow. Leaves only! The Service Department also completed six driveway culvert installations since the
194 last Council meeting, with three more to do before and during leaf collection. Over sixteen tons of
195 asphalt were used for road patching.
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197 Ms. Tulley asked whether the two positions the Service Department had posted were filled, to which Dir.
198 Karas responded "no" and asked interested individuals to apply.
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200 The Mayor re-emphasized that leaves cannot be left in the roadway, and that the Building Department
201 will pay you a visit and potentially cite you if you are doing so because of the clogging that can happen in
202 waterways and sewers. The leaf collection will begin the week of October 25, and the Service
203 Department generally does two passes to collect. Collection schedule will be forthcoming on the City
204 website.
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206 Ms. Tulley mentioned that leaves should not be left on the sidewalks, and reiterated that only leaves
207 should be in these piles—no branches, twigs, black walnuts, etc.
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209 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti- Thanked Council for passage of Resolutions 61-63 and went over the
210 process of how roads are rated for future projects. Pavement condition ratings are updated annually and
211 provide a general guide as to how to select roads for resurfacing. Other factors apply such as timing of
212 outside grant funding, underground utility construction work and geography.
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214 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – Thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing
215 John Doyle to be brought in and acknowledged for the rescue that took place during the Summerfest 5k.
216 Thanked the Service Department for the decorations around the Recreation Center—guests have supplied
217 positive feedback. The Haunted Manor will take place on Saturday, October 16 from 2-5pm at the
218 Longwood Manor and nearby Home Days field area. HVAC units are being evaluated at the Recreation
219 Center, along with new fire exit signs being installed as they become available. Three new seated
220 elliptical machines were purchased and should be in place within the next 4-6 weeks. Plans are being
221 made with the Service Department to schedule maintenance plans for night work in November when there
222 is no inclement weather.
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224 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – Thanked Council for passage of Ordinance 65. The Accounts
225 Receivable and Payable employees will be attending VIP system training next Wednesday through Friday
226 (10/20-22).
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228 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley- Support shown by the community, Fire Department retirees that
229 attended, the majority of Council and a lot of City employees at the 100th Anniversary celebration was
230 phenomenal. The Chief reminded everyone that Highland Road, west of Route 8, to Olde 8 is closed for
231 bridge replacement, as well as Twinsburg Road, west of Walter Road, for a culvert replacement. The
232 Twinsburg Road project should be completed by the end of next week (10/24). Thanked the Service
233 Department for their help at the 100th Anniversary open house.
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235 The Mayor pointed out that Chief Ripley has been with the Fire Department for nearly half of their 100
236 year existence.
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238 **Police Department:** Lieutenant Yakopovich - Halloween Trick-or-Treating is coming up on Sunday,
239 October 31 from 6-8pm and the Police Department asks for drivers to be extra cautious. The Police
240 Department will again be participating in ‘Trunk or Treat’ at the Professional Building (8536 Crow Dr.)
241 on Sunday, October 17 from 1-2:30pm. Extra patrols will be out enforcing speed limits due to resident
242 complaints around the City.
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244 The Mayor noted speeding complaints are common to his office as well as Council, and these extra
245 patrols are to show that they are listening. Traffic data will be used to drive where patrol officers are
246 sitting.
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248 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Flu shots will be available in Council Chambers on October 20 from
249 7-10am. Biometric testing will also take place in Council Chambers on November 4, time TBD. The
250 taskforce meeting on November 18 has been cancelled due to the fact that HR is not yet in possession of
251 renewal numbers.
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253 **IT Department:** Director Collins- 33 help desk tickets closed in the last two weeks. Refresh of the
254 machines in the Fire Department that staff use for reports. Agreement with web vendor has been signed,
255 and the meeting to begin the process of web redesign will begin next week. Dir. Collins congratulated the
256 Fire Department on their 100th Anniversary celebration last week.
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258 Ms. Brandt asked whether the videos from the Fire Department’s 100th Anniversary celebration were sent
259 to the IT Department, to which Dir. Collins responded in the affirmative and stated the videos can be
260 found linked on the front page of the City web site, as well as on the Community Focus web site and app.
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262 **Law Department:** Dir. Guidetti – Informed Council that the Administration is in the process of
263 negotiating an extension of the cell tower lease agreement for the cell tower that the City owns. Once
264 complete the Law Department will have legislation. There will also hopefully be legislation for the last
265 CBA that the Mayor was able to get finalized for a tentative agreement. Kudos to Dir. Veres for only six
266 amendments to the appropriation measure this year.

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268 Ms. Tulley asked who is using the cell tower and whether it was 5G, to which Dir. Guidetti responded
269 Verizon (through American Tower administrating) and it is not 5G.

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272 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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276 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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278 Ms. Brandt thanked the Service Department for the decorations at both the City Center and the Recreation
279 Center. She also stated that she and Ms. Tulley were wearing pink t-shirts to recognize October as Breast
280 Cancer Awareness Month. Ms. Brandt noted Macedonia has a fantastic facility next to Hobby Lobby,
281 and encouraged women over 40 and those with a family history of breast cancer to get their yearly
282 mammogram. Early detection is key.

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284 The Mayor shared that he recently lost his aunt to breast cancer and appreciated everyone's kind words.

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286 There being no further business, Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adjourn the meeting**.
287 The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at
288 approximately 8:11p.m.

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291 **Date:** _____

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294 **Attest:** _____
295 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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298 **Mayor:** _____
299 Nicholas Molnar

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