

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
October 28th, 2021

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the October 28th, 2021 regular meeting to order at
2 7:30p.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 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Led by Mayor Nicholas Molnar.
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9 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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11 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14,
12 2021 as received from the Clerk of Council. The motion carried unanimously upon a voice vote.
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15 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
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17 ~ **Lawrence Marek, 467 Mapleview Road**, stated he is a retired public servant and has lived at this
18 address for 43 years. For the last 40 years he has looked for remedies to the water issues faced at his
19 property and made several efforts which has remedied water flowing out of his yard, but the issue of
20 incoming water remains. He believes all the water draining off of North Bedford Road is emptying into
21 his and his neighbors' yards. Some help came about 20 years ago, but nothing since then despite repeated
22 attempts with the City. After reaching out to a few sitting Council members and the City Engineer, a
23 surveyor came out and determined there is nothing wrong with his yard, but the issue is not his yard but
24 the water draining into it. Mr. Marek questioned why should his yard be the reservoir for the water
25 draining off North Bedford Road.
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27 Mr. Marek stated a number of years ago a second pipe was installed at the intersection of Mapleview and
28 Indian Run with the intent of providing overflow control, but he believes it was improperly placed and
29 not doing its job until the overflow has already backed up into the surrounding yards. He is getting fed up
30 with waiting 40 years to have this issue addressed while other, newer projects are getting prioritized.
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32 The Mayor requested to talk more with Mr. Marek and to consult with the City Engineer as the Service
33 Department would not be the ones to address this situation. He also stated the biggest issue facing them
34 here is you can't put public dollars on private property. The Mayor will look at the issue and see if there
35 is anything he can do, but he cannot promise anything.
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37 **CORRESPONDENCE:**
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39 An e-mail from Debra Klimkowicz (8025 Swallow Dr.) was received and read, wherein she commended
40 the Fire Department for assistance in transporting her out of her house and to Cleveland Clinic Hospital
41 Emergency. She stated those attending (Lt. Joe Natali, FF/Medic Ed Manney and FF/EMT Mike Rego)
42 were wonderful, kind, caring, efficient, and wished to relay thanks to them.
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44 Ms. Brandt announced many on the dais are wearing green and white clothing for Nordonia as this is
45 Unity Week at Nordonia schools and their theme is "See Us All". Thursday, October 28 is Unity Rally
46 Day where students in all the schools were encouraged to wear Nordonia colors and they decided to join
47 in.
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49 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**
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51 **ORDINANCE NO. 66-2021**

52 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
53 BETWEEN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF

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54 TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 436, FOR THE YEARS 2020, 2021 AND 2022 was offered by Ms. Tulley for
55 **first, second and third reading by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously
56 by a voice vote.

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58 Mayor Molnar explained there are five unions in the City, and this agreement with the Service workers is
59 the last of the five agreements to be finalized.

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61 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 66-2021 and post the same according to**
62 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 66-2021 declared and adopted.**

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65 **ORDINANCE NO. 67-2021**
66 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF
67 MACEDONIA, OHIO was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first reading by title only.**

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69 Dir. Veres stated this ordinance is for the 2022 appropriations and thanked Mr. Garvas and the rest of
70 Council for participating in the Finance Committee meetings. He observed that these meetings are an
71 important tool in passing the appropriations before the start of the next year.

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74 Mr. Garvas **moved to add RES.NO. 68-2021 to the agenda and waive the 48-hour notice rule of**
75 **Council.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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77 **RESOLUTION NO. 68-2021**
78 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE
79 BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND
80 CERTIFYING THEM TO THE SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICE was offered by Mr. Garvas for
81 **first, second and third reading by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried
82 unanimously by a voice vote.

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84 Dir. Veres apologized for the immediacy of this ordinance. This ordinance sets the rates for the property
85 tax bill, which are exactly the same as last year (2.2 for the general fund, 0.3 for Police pension fund, 5.07
86 operating levy for the general fund, which is an effective rate of 1.29).

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88 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt RES.NO. 68-2021 and post the same according to**
89 **law.** Motion carried by a majority vote: Ms. Tulley, Mr. Ventura, Ms. Brandt and Mr. Garvas voting in
90 the affirmative; Mr. Finley voting in the negative. **RES.NO. 68-2021 declared and adopted.**

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94 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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96 Ms. Tulley **moved to cancel the November 25 and December 23 regular meetings of City Council.**
97 Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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99 Ms. Tulley reminded the public that Council will still hold the first meeting of the months of November
100 and December, as required by the City Charter.

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102 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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104 - Election Day is Tuesday, November 2 – please get out and vote!
105 - This is Nordonía Unity Week and a good opportunity to show support.

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- 106 - Recognized the Nordonia girls soccer team that went to the district semi-finals. The boys soccer
107 team won the playoff opener, but unfortunately lost to Hudson. Great seasons! Nordonia's
108 football team is playing Cleveland John Hay in the playoffs and wished them good luck.
109 - The Mayor attended a ribbon-cutting at Innovative Global Vision commemorating 20 years.
110 They do website and digital marketing, and it's great to see them thriving.
111 - Halloween is Sunday, October 31 with trick or treating that evening from 6-8pm. No change if
112 inclement weather. The Fire and Police Departments will be out patrolling, so please drive
113 safely.
114 - Please don't drive distracted! Put the phones down and drive the vehicle.
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116 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
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118 **Parks & Recreation Commission** Ms. Brandt stated the Parks & Recreation Commission had their
119 recent meeting on Tuesday, October 19 wherein discussion was had on the capital improvements budget,
120 along with HVAC changes and updates that are sorely needed in the building. Dollars will be put towards
121 updating these 20-year-old systems that desperately need it rather than a family changing room at this
122 time. The final meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, November 17 at 6pm in the activity room of
123 the Recreation Center.
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125 **Cemetery Board** Ms. Tulley reported the painting of the fences around the cemetery is ongoing, and
126 they hope to finish before the weather worsens. The Board is unable to use State funds for the road
127 through the cemetery. This past year Macedonia was a representative to the community cemetery, but
128 next year Macedonia will cycle off (each municipality is three years on, then one year off). However, any
129 questions about the cemetery can still be directed to Ms. Tulley or the Cemetery Board administrator, Jeff
130 Snell.
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134 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
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136 **Service Department:** Director Karas was excused from the meeting due to illness. The Mayor
137 summarized the report on his behalf. Leaf collection has begun, and only leaves can be in the piles.
138 Branches and other debris can cause the machines to break down. The leaves must be in your yard and
139 cannot be in the roadway. The Building Department will pay you a visit if you are placing leaves in the
140 roadway. The Service Department is caught up on culvert repairs.
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142 Ms. Tulley asked when First Energy will be finished putting up new poles along Shepard Road, to which
143 the Mayor replied they are moving along quickly.
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145 Dir. Gigliotti observed that from appearances, it would seem First Energy is about halfway done replacing
146 the poles along Shepard Road.
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148 Ms. Tulley voiced concern about the poles not yet installed near Ledgeview Elementary School, and the
149 timing of installing them with school buses and parents dropping off or picking up students.
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151 Dir. Gigliotti replied that the Building Department has made First Energy aware of the scheduling
152 concerns.
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154 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti- Striping is complete on a number of roads around the City. The grant
155 applications to AMATS have been submitted for the repaving of Valley View Road at the south end of
156 town, North Bedford Road between Rt. 82 and Ledge Road, and future Highland and Valley View Road

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157 intersection improvement project. It is hoped that the results of those applications will be known before
158 the end of this year.

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160 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – The Kurinsky Family at 8794 Smokerise Dr.
161 were the winners of the Haunted Yard contest. The Haunted Manor that took place on October 16 was a
162 great day with between 475-525 kids walking through the event. Roughly 1000-1200 people in total
163 walked through the Manor House, which is more than have passed through in the last decade. Recreation
164 software solutions are being evaluated. Maintenance projects are taking place, including the installation
165 of industrial fans in the fitness rooms.

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167 Ms. Tulley remarked the Manor House was nicely decorated, and suggested that if the event is held again
168 that something should be done to keep children from climbing up the large gravel hill near the Manor.

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170 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – The \$75,000 grant that the Fire Department received for the
171 Senior Center has been received. One more amendment to the 2021 appropriations will need to be
172 created in order to track the proper spending of the grant.

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174 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley- Twinsburg Road is open once again and asked Dir. Gigliotti when
175 Highland Road would be re-opened, to which Dir. Gigliotti responded the last update on the County
176 Engineer’s website was November 30. Chief Ripley, Assistant Chief Celinski, Lieutenant Aberth,
177 Councilors Brandt & Garvas, Dir. Guidetti, along with Dir. Karas went to a program at the Wayne County
178 Regional Training Facility called “Feel the Heat”. Everyone put on gear and went inside two burns
179 within the building. It is a worthwhile program. Please do not approach fire trucks on Halloween as they
180 will not be handing out candy and may need to depart quickly. Daylight Savings Time ends on
181 November 7, which is a good time to replace batteries on smoke detectors.

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183 **Police Department:** Chief Golden - There was a break-in at the one of the businesses at the Commons a
184 few weeks ago, and the Flock camera system helped the Police Department catch the suspects. One of the
185 suspects then admitted to at least 25-30 other break-ins. This is one of the reasons the Flock cameras
186 were installed.

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188 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Biometric testing will take place on November 4 from 7-10:30am

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190 **IT Department:** Director Collins was excused from the meeting due to illness.

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192 **Law Department:** Dir. Guidetti – No report.

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195 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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199 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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203 There being no further business, Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adjourn the meeting**. The
204 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately
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208 **Date:** _____

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Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

Mayor: _____
Nicholas Molnar