

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 13th, 2022

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the January 13th, 2022 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 **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. Brandt moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9,  
13 2021 as received from the Clerk of Council. The motion carried upon a majority voice vote. Councilors  
14 Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative. Councilor Finley abstained.

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16 **ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**

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18 **Council President**

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20 Mr. Ventura moved to nominate Ms. Brandt to the position of Council President.

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22 There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

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24 The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

25 **Ms. Brandt elected Council President for 2022**

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27 **Council Vice-President**

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29 Mr. Ventura moved to nominate Mr. Garvas to the position of Council Vice-President.

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31 Ms. Brandt moved to nominate Ms. Tulley to the position of Council Vice-President.

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33 There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

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35 Roll call on motion nominating Mr. Garvas to the position of Council Vice-President.

36 Ayes: Mr. Finley, Mr. Garvas, and Mr. Ventura

37 Nays: Ms. Brandt and Ms. Tulley

38 **Mr. Garvas elected Council Vice-President for 2022**

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40 **Council Representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission**

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42 Mr. Ventura moved to nominate Ms. Brandt to the position of Council Representative to the Parks &  
43 Recreation Commission.

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45 There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

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47 Roll call on the motion nominating Ms. Brandt to the position of Council Representative to the Parks &  
48 Recreation Commission

Ayes: Ms. Brandt, Mr. Finley, Mr. Garvas, Ms. Tulley and Mr. Ventura

Nays: None

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50 **Ms. Brandt elected Council Representative to the Parks &**  
51 **Recreation Commission for 2022**

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53 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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55 **CORRESPONDENCE:** A card was read from resident Dolores Jacobs (164 Marwyck Place Lane)  
56 addressed to Chief Ripley thanking Lt. Aberth and Firefighters Schwab and Tylicki for their interactions  
57 with her on 12/31/2021 and 1/4/2022.  
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60 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

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62 **ORDINANCE NO. 80-2021**

63 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1365.08(c) OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA CODIFIED  
64 ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE  
65 MAINTENANCE STANDARDS PORTION OF THE BUILDING CODE was offered by Mr. Ventura  
66 for second reading by title only. Seconded by Mr. Garvas.

67 **ORDINANCE NO. 1-2022**

68 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 189.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY  
69 OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO ADMISSION TAX REGULATIONS was offered by Mr. Garvas for  
70 first, second and third reading by title only. Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously  
71 by a voice vote.

72 Dir. Veres explained this ordinance applies only to new applications. Mr. Garvas asked to clarify whether  
73 those that have paid the application fee in the past are “grandfathered in” and no longer need to pay the  
74 annual fee moving forward, to which Dir. Veres responded in the affirmative.  
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76 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to adopt **ORD.NO. 1-2022 and post the same according to**  
77 **law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in  
78 the affirmative. Councilor Finley in the negative. **ORD.NO. 1-2022 declared and adopted.**  
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80 **ORDINANCE NO. 2-2022**

81 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS  
82 PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF  
83 MACEDONIA was offered by Mr. Finley for first, second and third reading by title only. Seconded by  
84 Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

85 Dir. Guidetti explained this is something Council traditionally receives annually, which is legislation that  
86 updates the City’s local codified ordinances to be compliant with changes made by the Ohio General  
87 Assembly to the Revised Code.  
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89 Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to adopt **ORD.NO. 2-2022 and post the same according to**  
90 **law.** Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in  
91 the affirmative. Councilor Finley voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 2-2022 declared and adopted.**  
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93 **ORDINANCE NO. 3-2022**

94 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
95 ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE ENGINE FOR THE  
96 CITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000.00 was offered by Ms. Tulley for first, second  
97 and third reading by title only. Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice  
98 vote.

99 Chief Ripley explained this legislation is to replace an engine from 1999, which was originally part of the  
100 5-year plan for 2023, but with supply chain issues being what they are it became necessary to put in the

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101 order as soon as possible with the hopes of receiving it in the summer of 2023. The legislation is written  
102 to be no more than \$800,000.00 because the specs for the truck are not finished, but it needs to be  
103 authorized now to get to the manufacturer by February. The truck is anticipated to last 20+ years.

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105 The Mayor thanked Chief Ripley for thinking ahead to having this truck in place for the continued safety  
106 of the residents and employees.

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108 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to adopt **ORD.NO. 3-2022** and post the same according to  
109 law. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 3-2022 declared and adopted.**

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111 Ms. Brandt thanked the residents and voters for passing the levy for the Service and Safety Fund, which is  
112 why the City was able to pay for the previous ladder truck and this future engine.

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114 Dir. Veres added that the City is financing it with a lease-to-buy over a ten year period.

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116 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** None

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119 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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- 121 - December 2021 Mayor's Court revenue was \$9,666.50. 2021 total revenue was \$171, 957.09.
  - 122 - The City Center has had to be closed to non-employees due to a bit of a Covid outbreak inside the  
123 building, and there is a mask policy in place. The safety of the City's employees is paramount  
124 and we want to be able to continue serving the residents. Over 1000 manpower hours were lost in  
125 December for the Fire Department alone because of Covid.
  - 126 - The new Service Building is on pause due to the cost per square foot having doubled. There is a  
127 Plan B and perhaps a Plan C in the works and hopefully more information will be available at the  
128 next Council meeting.
  - 129 - Winter shifts have begun in the Service Department with 24-hour coverage at this point.
  - 130 - Congratulations to Ms. Brandt and Mr. Garvas for their election to Council President and Vice-  
131 President, respectively.
  - 132 - Please don't drive distracted! Put the phones down and drive the vehicle.
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135 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

136 **Parks & Recreation Commission** Ms. Brandt stated the Parks & Recreation Commission will have their  
137 first meeting of 2022 in person on Wednesday, January 19 at 6:00pm in the Recreation Center.

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139 **JEDD** Mr. Ventura reported the first JEDD meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday, January  
140 26 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers.

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143 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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145 **Service Department:** Interim Director Steve Dzurnak – The Service Department has been busy picking  
146 up litter and patching holes. Please give Service trucks space on the roads. Three new boilers have been  
147 installed in the City Center. Several street lights have been repaired or replaced. Hopefully ground will  
148 be broken on the restrooms at Veteran's Park.

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150 The Mayor added that he received a complaint about "excessive" salt on the roads. The City never puts  
151 down excessive salt, only the appropriate amount.

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152 Mr. Ventura thanked Interim Dir. Dzumak for the extra round of leaf collection and that the Service  
153 Department did a wonderful job on a nasty day.

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155 The Mayor noted that the City is still searching for a permanent Service Director.  
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157 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti- Since the last Council meeting the new monument sign at Golden Link is  
158 up. The contractor has a little bit of work with the electrical hookup for the sign, but otherwise it is  
159 finished. The timing lines up nicely with the Optima Dermatology site that should begin construction  
160 very soon.

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162 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – Congratulations to Ms. Brandt and Mr. Garvas  
163 for their new roles on Council, and for Ms. Brandt joining the Parks & Recreation Commission again this  
164 year. Supervisor interviews are concluding next week. For the first time in about 12 years, a “MACTivity  
165 Guide” will be produced and include all programming from the end of Spring and all throughout Summer.  
166 Thanks to Sam Edgar and Brad Wisniewski for all their work on this. AED’s were delivered last week  
167 and will be installed in the parks in the Spring. A number of projects getting ready to be worked on now  
168 include trail projects, sound system being put in fitness room two, new office flooring and HVAC system.  
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170 The Mayor thanked Dir. Chadock and Sam Edgar for having the forethought to think of Christmas lights  
171 for this year already, with the plan to include lighting at Veteran’s Park as well.

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173 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – The Finance Department sent out the reports and closed the year  
174 (2021). The City is in good fiscal shape and look forward to keeping that momentum going.

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176 Ms. Brandt asked if he has the general fund balance, to which Dir. Veres responded that off the top of his  
177 head he believes it to be around \$4.3 million, but to keep in mind for the audit that more funds are  
178 considered.

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180 The Mayor pointed out that a good practice in government is to have a 20% unencumbered carryover, and  
181 that he believes the City is there for the first time ever.

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183 Ms. Brandt stated how impressive the work that everyone has done to get the City where it is now, and  
184 thanked the voters again for passing the two levies. She also commended the Directors for continuing to  
185 spend wisely.

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187 Mr. Ventura thanked Dir. Veres and the Finance Department for their excellent handling of finances.  
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189 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley- December 2021 was the busiest month for calls (446) district-wide. In  
190 Macedonia, there were 230 calls. Initial estimates for how many calls there might be in a year district-  
191 wide was 3600, but there were 4,269 in 2021. In Macedonia alone, there were 1700 calls in 2017 and  
192 2,140 in 2021. Many of the calls this year were Covid-related. As the Mayor stated earlier, over 1000  
193 manpower hours were lost in December, with the most happening the week before Christmas. Please do  
194 not bury the fire hydrants when snow comes.

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196 Mr. Ventura asked if there are any inoperable fire hydrants, to which Chief Ripley responded there are  
197 very few and that Cleveland Water has been doing a very good job.

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199 Ms. Brandt thanked the families of the firefighters who were working over Christmas for putting their  
200 lives on hold for the people and safety of Macedonia.

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202 Chief Ripley reported that Fire Inspector Don Bell retired on January 12. He was with the City full-time  
203 for almost 16 years, and will continue to come in on a part-time basis to help out when needed.  
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205 **Police Department:** Chief Golden - Please refrain from parking on the street when it snows to allow the  
206 snowplows to do their job. The Civil Service Commission will meet next Wednesday to certify the  
207 sergeant's promotional exam, as well as the dispatch exam to fill two open positions.  
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209 **HR Department:** Director Smith – HR is finalizing the first of the year updates, adding vacation comp  
210 time, getting medical deductions up to speed and trying to close out the end of the year items. The first  
211 half of January is very busy for the HR department as a whole. Given the difficulty in locating at-home  
212 Covid tests, the City was able to purchase a number of them for symptomatic employees that are unable  
213 to locate them. Effective this Saturday (1/15) health insurance companies must reimburse for the cost of  
214 8 at-home Covid tests per 30 days for every member of the City's insurance plan.  
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216 Mr. Ventura passed on information that if one wanted to purchase an at-home Covid test, pharmacies tend  
217 to receive their deliveries on Fridays.  
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219 **IT Department:** Director Collins – Closed 33 tickets since the last Council meeting. Major projects have  
220 been held up waiting for hardware.  
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222 Ms. Tulley asked about the state of the wi-fi signal at the Recreation Center, to which Dir. Collins  
223 responded it's not the wi-fi that is the issue, but the leased fiber connection from the City Center to the  
224 Recreation Center that is the issue. Data is bottlenecked and no longer uncapped since Spectrum-Charter  
225 Communications did their hub "upgrade". Despite upgrading the connection speed, it does not appear to  
226 be doing the job, so other options are being looked into.  
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228 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – The Optima Dermatology project construction to begin  
229 next week. In Macedonia Market Place, the Wayback Burgers project has resumed construction, with the  
230 hopes to be completed within the next 90 days. Construction documents have been approved for the  
231 Burlington buildout at Gateway Plaza. Peak Nano has begun phase two of the research and development  
232 on their plant.  
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234 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – No report  
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237 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None  
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239 **NEW BUSINESS:**  
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241 Ms. Tulley asked Dir. Gigliotti about a new pole with antennas installed on Ledge and South Freeway and  
242 who put that up.  
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244 Dir. Guidetti could not recall off the top of his head who put it up, but has a schematic that he could  
245 forward.  
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247 Ms. Tulley reported that the Macedonia Best Buy location was closed temporarily due to staffing issues.  
248 Chief Golden mentioned he spoke with management and the location was to be opened the following day,  
249 but staffing issues might cause this to be an intermittent issue. Ms. Tulley then asked the Mayor who  
250 maintains the information left in the lobby area of the City Center because much of the information is  
251 outdated. Congratulations to the Nordonia High School bowling team that won the Buckeye Classic.  
252 Also congratulations to Nordonia Lady Knight golfer Christina Nagy, who was nominated for Golfer of  
253 the Year by the Greater Akron High School Sports Awards.  
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255 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Finley seconded to enter into executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to  
256 discuss the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee or official.  
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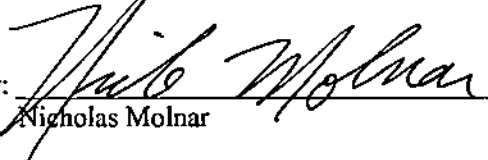
258 Roll call: Ayes: Ms. Brandt, Mr. Finley, Mr. Garvas, Ms. Tulley, Mr. Ventura  
259 Nays: None  
260 The motion carried unanimously, with Mr. Ventura stating for the record that he  
261 objects to the Law Director not being invited to the executive session and would like a roll call on that.  
262 Dir. Guidetti advised Mr. Ventura that he could make a motion to include anyone he would like, if he  
263 wants that voted on. Otherwise, there would not be a vote.

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265 At 8:22p.m. Council reconvened into its regular meeting

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267 There being no further business, Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to adjourn the meeting. The  
268 motion passed unanimously pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately  
269 8:22p.m.

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272 Date: January 27, 2022

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275 Attest:   
276 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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279 Mayor:   
280 Nicholas Molnar  
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