

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 27th, 2022

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the January 27th, 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 Mr. Garvas, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13,  
13 2022 as received from the Clerk of Council. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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15 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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17 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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

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22 **ORDINANCE NO. 80-2021**

23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1365.08(c) OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA CODIFIED  
24 ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE  
25 MAINTENANCE STANDARDS PORTION OF THE BUILDING CODE was offered by Mr. Ventura  
26 for third reading by title only. Seconded by Mr. Garvas.

27 The Mayor explained the origination of this legislation was due to residents complaining about some  
28 dilapidated vehicles in driveways that had not moved, in some cases, years. Upon personal inspection, he  
29 found an instance where the unlicensed, dilapidated vehicle had been sitting so long that moss had grown  
30 on it.

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32 Commissioner Rodic stated he had Chris Hall from the Building Department canvas the City after the last  
33 meeting to get a feel for how many vehicles and properties that would be affected by this legislation. It  
34 was discovered that 25-30% of these properties had also been cited for other offenses in the past (tall  
35 grass, debris in yard, etc.). The hope is this legislation will help motivate residents to bring these issues  
36 into compliance.

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38 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to adopt **ORD.NO. 80-2021** and post the same according  
39 to law. Councilors Brandt, Garvas, Tulley and Ventura voting in the affirmative. Councilor Finley  
40 voting in the negative. **ORD.NO. 80-2021** declared and adopted.

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42 **ORDINANCE NO. 4-2022**

43 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE  
44 PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING ON FIELD 3 AT LONGWOOD PARK FOR THE  
45 CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Ms. Brandt for first, second and third reading by title only.  
46 Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

47 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to amend **ORD.NO. 4-2022** by replacing the incidence of  
48 "Field 3" with the words "Field C" wherever it is noted. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried  
49 unanimously by a voice vote.

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51 Dir. Chadock explained this is a planned capital project for 2022 which allow lights to be installed at  
52 Field C. The City will work with Graybar, who has joined with Omnia Partners on a government  
53 cooperative. Anticipated delivery and installation will take some time, and this agreement will allow  
54 roughly a May/June timeframe, subject to change based on delivery times. Evening programming has  
55 opportunity to double.

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57 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to adopt **ORD.NO. 4-2022** and post the same according to  
58 law. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 4-2022** declared and adopted.

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60 **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2022**

61 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
62 NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL IN ORDER TO ACCEPT ENERGIZED  
63 COMMUNITY GRANTS was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third reading by title only.**  
64 Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

65 The Mayor explained this legislation allows the City to receive \$29,606 to apply towards the lights at  
66 Field C. NOPEC does a lot to give back and this is a nice benefit from being part of NOPEC.

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68 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Finley, to adopt **ORD.NO. 5-2022** and post the same according to  
69 law. Motion carried by a majority voice vote. Councilors Brandt, Finley, Garvas and Ventura voting in  
70 the affirmative. Councilor Tulley abstained. **ORD.NO. 5-2022** declared and adopted.

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72 **RESOLUTION NO. 6-2022**

73 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, BIDS AND  
74 SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS,  
75 FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENT  
76 PROGRAM was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first, second and third reading by title only.** Seconded by  
77 Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

78 Dir. Gigliotti read the list of roads to be completely repaved in 2022: Capital Boulevard, Prairie Crossing,  
79 Brook Circle, Shoshone Trail, Mimosa Drive, Whispering Woods Drive and Blue Jay Trail. The City has  
80 received a grant from AMATS for the paving of Valley View Road between Twinsburg Road and the  
81 border with Hudson city limits, which will happen in either 2023 or 2024.

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83 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to adopt **RES.NO. 6-2022** and post the same according to  
84 law. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 6-2022** declared and adopted.

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86 **RESOLUTION NO. 7-2022**

87 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, BIDS AND  
88 SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS,  
89 TO RESURFACE THE CITY-OWNED PARKING AREA ADJACENT TO CURRENT GOLF  
90 FACILITIES was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third reading by title only.** Seconded by  
91 Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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93 Dir. Gigliotti explained this ordinance is to resurface the asphalt parking lot at the Windmill Golf Center  
94 and incidental work to replace the concrete walk adjacent to the building so that it is ADA-compliant.

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96 Ms. Brandt asked for explanation on what the relationship is between the City and the golf facilities, to  
97 which the Mayor responded the City owns this property and the golf facility is leasing the property. Part  
98 of the agreement is for the City to maintain the parking lot.

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100 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to adopt **RES.NO. 7-2022** and post the same according to  
101 law. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 7-2022** declared and adopted.

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103 Mr. Finley moved to add **ORD.NO. 8-2022** to the agenda and waive the 48-hour notice rule of  
104 Council. Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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106 **ORDINANCE NO. 8-2022**

107 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT  
108 WITH FALLS MOTOR CITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 DODGE RAM 3500 TRUCK FOR  
109 THE CITY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF  
110 ADVERTISEMENT AND FORMAL BIDDING was offered by Mr. Finley for first, second and third  
111 reading by title only. Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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113 The Mayor spoke to both Ord.No. 8 & 9-2022 by saying the City needs these trucks and they are  
114 budgeted for, but given the relative scarcity of supply Interim Dir. Dzurnak searched and was able to find  
115 these two trucks for purchase.

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117 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to adopt **ORD.NO. 8-2022** and post the same according to  
118 law. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 8-2022** declared and adopted.

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120 Mr. Garvas moved to add **ORD.NO. 9-2022** to the agenda and waive the 48-hour notice rule of  
121 Council. Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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123 **ORDINANCE NO. 9-2022**

124 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT  
125 WITH FALLS MOTOR CITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 DODGE RAM 3500 TRUCK FOR  
126 THE CITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF ADVERTISEMENT AND  
127 FORMAL BIDDING was offered by Mr. Garvas for first, second and third reading by title only.  
128 Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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130 The Mayor reiterated the explicit need for these trucks to keep operations flowing in an efficient manner.

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132 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to adopt **ORD.NO. 9-2022** and post the same according to  
133 law. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 9-2022** declared and adopted.

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

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138 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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140 - Snow is plowed towards the tree lawns throughout the City. Despite the hazards and stresses of  
141 snow removal, City workers have done an excellent job. Ms. Tulley requested residents to shovel  
142 snow from around fire hydrants. Ms. Brandt requested private snowplows to not pile snow in  
143 front of fire hydrants. The Mayor explained that snowplow drivers will not lift their plow at  
144 every driveway.
- 145 - Please don't drive distracted! Put the phones down and drive the vehicle.
- 146 - Dir. Gigliotti gave a Power Point presentation on Pavement Condition Ratings (PCR) and how it  
147 is determined which roads are addressed and when.

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150 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

151 **Parks & Recreation Commission** Ms. Brandt stated the Parks & Recreation Commission had their first  
152 meeting of 2022 on Wednesday, January 19. Discussion was had on plans for 2022, which includes

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153 events scheduled up to Winter and installing AEDs. Ms. Brandt analyzed water billing from before  
154 repairs were made on the hot tub and found that in 2019 the bills were over \$42,000, and in 2021 they  
155 were \$25,000. While not completely a result of the hot tub repair, it was a large contributor and remains  
156 popular with the members. Thanks to Dir. Chadock for making it one of his first priorities. Electricity  
157 savings were also had, due in part to the new LED lights (2019 costs were just under \$92,000, while 2021  
158 was \$78,000). Gas costs have been about the same, but a large HVAC update could reduce energy costs.  
159 A member of the Nordonia Hills Athletic Association (NHAA) proposed a reduction of fees since some  
160 players on teams are members, and when the idea was put to a Commission vote, it was unanimously  
161 agreed that no fee reduction would take place. Rental fees are not to make money, but recoup the cost of  
162 maintaining the fields. Next meeting will be the third Wednesday in February (2/16) at 6pm in the  
163 Recreation Center.

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165 **JEDD** Mr. Ventura reported the first JEDD meeting of the year that was scheduled for January 26 had to  
166 be cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The next rescheduled meeting will be on Thursday, March 3.

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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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171 **Service Department:** Interim Director Steve Dzurnak – The salt sheds are full after a 600 ton delivery of  
172 salt. About two tons of asphalt has been used thus far for cold patching, over 80 mailboxes have been  
173 fixed, and removed snow from cul-de-sacs in Gardens at Highland.

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175 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti- Thanks to Council for passage of Resolutions 6&7-2022. Highland Road  
176 will be repaved this year between Valley View and Chamberlain Roads, and there will be traffic delays  
177 while the work is being done. News was received that the City will receive a second grant from AMATS  
178 for the Highland and Valley View Road intersection project in the amount of \$302,000, which will be on  
179 top of the grant received in 2021 for \$1.8 million.

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181 Mr. Garvas asked whether it is known at this point how long construction at the Highland/Valley View  
182 intersection will take, to which Dir. Gigliotti responded they will know more once it gets closer to the  
183 start of construction, and will make sure information is shared with residents once it is known.

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185 Mr. Finley asked whether the intention is to have the Highland/Valley View intersection closed off and  
186 detoured, or keep it driveable during construction? Dir. Gigliotti responded the intersection will remain  
187 driveable, as there are no good detour options and work cannot be done at night due to there being  
188 residential properties in the area.

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190 The Mayor explained the competitive bidding process for road projects.

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192 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – Thanks to Interim Dir. Dzurnak and his crew  
193 for the excellent job of snow removal at the Recreation Center. There are no leaks at the Recreation  
194 Center, rather snow melting from the roof is getting into some of the HVAC ventilation and causing drips  
195 in certain spots. Pavilion rentals are now live for residents, with non-residents following in a few weeks.  
196 Ball field rentals will be live in a couple weeks. Electric savings from between 2019 and 2021 was  
197 \$13,668. December 2021 holiday membership sale made \$18,552. 61% of Recreation Center members  
198 are non-residents. Over 9000 registrants for aquatics in 2021.

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200 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – The Finance Department is gathering data for the audit and  
201 working on implementation of the electronic invoice approval.

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203 Ms. Brandt asked when residents can anticipate access to 2021 income tax refund forms on the City  
204 website, to which Dir. Collins responded they were posted the morning of this meeting.

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206 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley- Please do not cover fire hydrants with snow. There was a major house  
207 fire last evening on Shepard Road, and thankfully that nearby hydrant was accessible and operational.  
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209 **Police Department:** Chief Golden – The Police Department has slowed down during this current weather  
210 as people tend to stay inside when it is this cold, but unfortunately more drivers tend to end up in ditches  
211 when they go out in this weather. If you must go out, please slow down and take your time. Please help  
212 the Service Department out by not parking in the streets when snow is expected.  
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214 The Mayor reminded everyone there is a parking ban in effect throughout the City after 2am. He also had  
215 the pleasure of swearing in a part-time dispatcher, Lindsey Szczesniak and new police sergeant Brandon  
216 Heisler before the Council meeting.  
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218 Ms. Tulley pointed out that no garbage or recycling containers should be in the street, but instead in the  
219 apron at the end of your driveway when snow prevents placement on the tree lawn.  
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221 **HR Department:** Director Smith – HR is in the middle of recruitment for the new Service Director and  
222 has expanded the marketing reach. Final numbers for benefits were 75% claims to premiums, with the  
223 average being 83%, so HR is asking to look at numbers on a monthly basis for a clearer outlook on where  
224 they may want to go for next year. Work is taking place revising employee handbook to reflect current  
225 policies and procedures and any employment law updates. Training was evaluated last year to  
226 specifically tailor it to departments instead of a “one size fits all” version. Currently working on a  
227 document library that are PDF-fillable where people can retrieve forms.  
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229 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – The Planning Commission agenda for their February 14<sup>th</sup>  
230 meeting will include consideration of two signs: wall sign for Wayback Burgers and a ground sign for  
231 Bindtech. Target is proposing site improvements that include re-stripping the parking lot, improving  
232 lighting and installing signs for order pickup. Don Basch Jewelers will come back for a preliminary plan  
233 approval on their Fairlane Drive project. Over 1,100 permits were issued in 2021, with just over 800  
234 being residential, which generated almost \$350,000 in revenue. Among home inspections, a significant  
235 amount were for generator installs, and residential solar panels are becoming more common. Private  
236 snowplow contractors are required to be registered with the City.  
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238 **IT Department:** Director Collins – Closed 26 tickets since the last Council meeting. 1099-Gs were sent  
239 to the printer today for those that received a refund. New options for point-to-point data to explore ways  
240 for dealing with issues like what have been experienced at the Recreation Center, and not be reliant on  
241 Spectrum’s fiber. Work on developing the new City website continues.  
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243 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – No report  
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246 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
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248 Ms. Tulley asked Dir. Guidetti a follow-up question about new pole antennas that have been installed in  
249 areas throughout the City and to explain to the residents what those are, whether they need a permit, and  
250 if there is a limit to how many can be installed.  
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252 Dir. Guidetti stated from a layman’s perspective, they are basically communications equipment First  
253 Energy has installed to monitor their equipment. The City traditionally has not required a permit for the  
254 right-of-way, and there is no limit that he is aware of at the moment as long as they are not substantially  
255 interfering with some other right.  
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257 Ms. Tulley asked if the City is informed beforehand of when and where these poles are going to be  
258 installed, to which Dir. Guidetti recommended residents call First Energy to have a more detailed  
259 conversation, not the City.

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261 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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263 Ms. Brandt thanked the residents for passing prior levies that allow the road program to be done. \$13  
264 million have been spent since 2015, and every year the City has been able to continue this program is  
265 because the residents and their voting 'yes' on the road levy.

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267 Ms. Tulley congratulated the Nordonía High School wrestling team for finishing third at the tournament.  
268 There was a recent article about the development of the Nordonía swim team. Discussion ensued  
269 regarding the Nordonía boys and girls basketball teams having the opportunity to play at Rocket  
270 Mortgage Fieldhouse.

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272 There being no further business, Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adjourn the meeting**.  
273 The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at  
274 approximately 8:22p.m.

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277 Date: February 10, 2022

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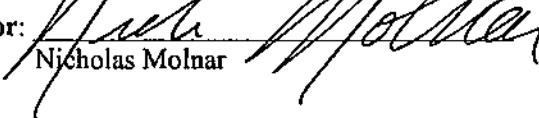
Attest:   
Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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Mayor:   
Nicholas Molnar

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