

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
February 10th, 2022

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the February 10th, 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 27,
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. 10-2022**

23 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
24 HUNTINGTON PUBLIC CAPITAL CORPORATION TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF NEW
25 EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT was offered by Mr. Ventura for first, second and third
26 reading by title only. Seconded by Ms. Tulley.

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28 Dir. Veres explained this ordinance allows for the financing of a new fire truck over a ten-year period and
29 to take advantage of the pre-payment discount. Three bids were received, and this was the winning bid.

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31 Ms. Brandt asked the total amount borrowed for this purchase, to which Dir. Veres responded \$747,480.

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33 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to adopt **ORD.NO. 10-2022** and post the same according
34 to law. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 10-2022** declared and adopted.

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36 **ORDINANCE NO. 11-2022**

37 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TWO FULL-TIME POSITIONS OF "CUSTOMER SERVICE
38 SPECIALIST" WITHIN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT was offered by Ms. Brandt
39 for first, second and third reading by title only. Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried
40 unanimously by a voice vote.

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42 Brad Wisniewski (Recreation Supervisor, Sports & Programs for the Macedonia Family Recreation
43 Center) explained this ordinance makes a budget-neutral change to the front desk operations at the
44 Recreation Center and does not eliminate any positions by anyone currently working. Mr. Wisniewski
45 believes this change will build consistency, increase productivity and allow them to gain a more qualified
46 employee.

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48 Ms. Brandt applauded the team that included staff at the Recreation Center, Human Resources, and
49 Finance Departments to get this plan together and address the needs of those using the Recreation Center.

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51 The Mayor reiterated this was a budget-neutral move adapting to what is happening with employees in the
52 world and the difficulties everyone is experiencing.

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54 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to adopt **ORD.NO. 11-2022** and post the same according
55 to law. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 11-2022** declared and adopted.
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57 **ORDINANCE NO. 12-2022**

58 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF ORDINANCE 4-2021 WHICH
59 ESTABLISHED THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE NON-UNION CITY EMPLOYEES
60 OF MACEDONIA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 was offered by Mr. Garvas for first, second and
61 third reading by title only. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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63 The Mayor stated this piece of legislation puts the new positions created by Ord.No. 11-2022 into the pay
64 scale.
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66 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to adopt **ORD.NO. 12-2022** and post the same according to
67 law. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 12-2022** declared and adopted.
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69 **ORDINANCE NO. 13-2022**

70 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
71 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 4.06 AND 4.07 OF THE CITY'S
72 CHARTER RELATIVE TO MEETINGS OF COUNCIL was offered by Mr. Finley for first reading by
73 title only.
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75 Ms. Brandt explained that the State of Ohio has to approve whether or not the City can conduct meetings
76 virtually, which they have not allowed since July of 2021. The City does have the ability to change the
77 charter to allow Council to call a virtual meeting. Charter amendments have to be voted on by the
78 residents, and this ordinance is to put a ballot measure on the May 2, 2022 election. This version of the
79 ordinance is really a first draft, with future changes to be written in consultation with the Law Director to
80 also include the ability for Boards and Commissions to hold virtual meetings, and by a super-majority
81 vote rather than unanimous. If residents have questions, please contact her or the Law Director. The
82 hope is to have this worked out and voted on by the next Council meeting, in order to make the deadline
83 to appear on the May 2 ballot.
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85 Ms. Tulley asked Dir. Guidetti to speak to the issue of local versus State authority.
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87 Dir. Guidetti described how the State controls public meetings in Ohio through the Open Meetings Act.
88 The Ohio constitution has a home-rule provision that gives chartered municipalities home-rule powers
89 which are able to explicitly contradict certain Ohio revised code provisions. One of the provisions that a
90 Charter can contradict is the Open Meetings Act.
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93 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** None
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96 **MAYOR'S REPORT**
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98 -January 2022 Mayor's Court revenue was \$12,493

99 -Please keep snow clear around fire hydrants

100 -Garbage and recycling should be placed in the apron of your driveway, if the treelawn is
101 not accessible. Do not leave them in the streets.

102 -The planned Service Building in Longwood Park has essentially been abandoned at this
103 point, with "Plan B" coming into fruition through an existing structure that the City may
104 acquire. There will be more to come, but we have to consider all data points on that.

105 -Happy Valentine's Day!

106 -Please don't drive distracted; put down the phones

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Recreation Commission Ms. Brandt reported the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting will be Wednesday, February 16 at 6pm in the activity room of the Recreation Center. The meetings begin with public comments if anyone wants to give any.

JEDD Mr. Ventura reported the JEDD Board will be meeting on Thursday, March 3 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Cemetery Ms. Tulley thanked Sagamore Hills and Northfield Center for coming over to plow snow on the cemetery road as the cemetery's plow was inoperable. Ring cameras have been installed. Several headstones have been received recently, but they can not be placed on the grounds until the weather permits.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department: Interim Director Dzurnak – About three tons of coal patch have been used this year. Mailbox repair is taking a little longer than expected due to the need for digging the snow out from around them. Approximately 130 mailboxes have been repaired since the snow started, and salt barns are full.

Ms. Brandt commended the Service Department on the outstanding job they've done with both leaf and snow removal.

Engineer: Director Gigliotti- Bidding on various road projects that were approved by Council at the January 27, 2022 meeting will begin on March 11. Soon after that date there will be contract recommendations. When Highland Road is being resurfaced this coming summer, there will be traffic delays for approximately two weeks.

Parks and Recreation Department: Recreation Supervisor Wisniewski – Thanks to Council for approving the creation of the new roles in the Parks & Recreation Department. Also thanks to the Service Department for helping keep the Recreation Center open during the recent weather events. 410 memberships were sold in the month of January. New tables have arrived which will help with various programs. A new Mactivity guide will be arriving March 21, with a mailer going out March 1 to every house informing them of the guide. Field rental requests are coming in, and the allocation process will begin next week.

Finance Department: Director Veres – Reminder to residents that the RITA refund forms are online and due by July 15, 2022.

Fire Department: Assistant Chief Celinski- Thanks to the Mayor and Council for approving the purchase of a new fire engine. Also thanks to the Summit County deputies that were on duty February 8 for assisting with a housefire call.

The Mayor reiterated the importance of keeping the area around a fire hydrant clear for easy access.

Police Department: Chief Golden – Cold weather has slowed down calls for Police response. There was a short pursuit in the Commons. Active shooter training has been taking place at the high school.

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158 **HR Department:** Director Smith – 2021 has been closed out. Progress is being made on recruitment
159 efforts. Training and HR management are among larger projects that will be worked on for a
160 considerable time heading into the future.

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162 **IT Department:** Director Collins – 24 help desk tickets have been closed since the last Council meeting.
163 Major projects include cleaning up extraneous billing for ISP and phone lines and getting everything
164 under one umbrella. New technology (5G full duplex) has been secured to fix issues at the Recreation
165 Center. The City will own it and the equipment will pay for itself in roughly 16 months.

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167 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – Thanks Council for input on the potential charter amendment. A
168 charter review is due to take place in 2023, and encourages the administration and Council to take a look
169 at any proposals they would like the Charter Commission to consider.

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172 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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175 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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177 Mr. Ventura shared that former Council member Shane Barker had been hospitalized since December 31,
178 but is doing better now. Mr. Barker told Mr. Ventura to thank anyone that tried to reach out to him and
179 appreciates their concern. Mr. Ventura further relayed that Mr. Barker will be an at-large candidate for
180 Summit County Council if his petition signatures are accepted.

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182 Ms. Tulley congratulated the Nordonia High School girls bowling team for winning the Suburban League
183 tournament in Norton. Happy Birthday to Mr. Ventura! Congratulations on the retirement of Laura
184 Sparano from the executive director role at the Nordonia Hills Chamber of Commerce and thanks for her
185 service to the community.

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187 There being no further business, Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adjourn the meeting**. The
188 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately
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Date: February 24, 2022

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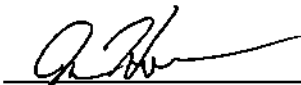
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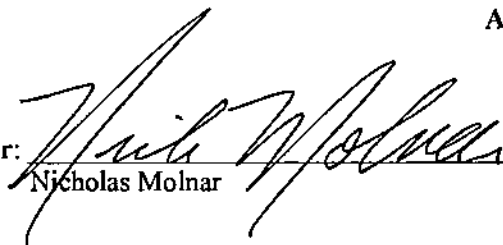
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Attest: 
Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

Mayor: 
Nicholas Molnar