

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
April 28th, 2022

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the April 28th, 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 **PROCLAMATION:** The Mayor read a proclamation declaring April 28, 2022 as Nordonia High School
11 Wrestling Day. Nordonia wrestlers Jeremy Olszko and Israel Petite were in attendance along with Coach
12 Jason Lara.
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14 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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16 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24,
17 2022 and the special meeting of April 5, 2022 as received from the Clerk of Council. The motion carried
18 unanimously upon a voice vote.
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20 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
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22 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
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24 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

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26 **ORDINANCE NO. 25-2022**

27 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE
28 AGREEMENT FOR THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 33-11015
29 FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$625,000, AND APPROPRIATING THAT AMOUNT was offered by Mr.
30 Garvas for **second reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Ventura.
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32 **RESOLUTION NO. 27-2022**

33 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO PREPARE
34 PLANS, BIDS, AND DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
35 TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF MACEDONIA
36 RECREATION CENTER FLOORING REMODEL PROJECT was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first,**
37 **second and third reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a
38 voice vote.
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40 Dir. Chadock explained this resolution allows for the bidding on replacing the main flooring, along with
41 various other areas of the Recreation Center, to begin.
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43 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt RES.NO. 27-2022 and post the same according to**
44 **law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 27-2022 declared and adopted.**
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46 **RESOLUTION NO. 28-2022**

47 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE PLANS, BIDS
48 AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR
49 BIDS, FOR A REPLACEMENT FIRE ALARM/JAIL DOOR CONTROL SYSTEM WITHIN CITY
50 HALL was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first, second and third reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr.
51 Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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53 Chief Ripley explained this would allow for the replacement of the fire alarm system within the City
54 Center, which currently has false alarms on a monthly basis. It also controls all of the doors within the
55 jail, and when the alarm goes off an alert is given to dispatch workers' earpieces every 10-30 seconds
56 which is disturbing to their work. The current alarm system has been in place 26 years and this is a
57 necessary upgrade.

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59 Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 28-2022 and post the same according to**
60 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 28-2022 declared and adopted.**

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62 **RESOLUTION NO. 29-2022**

63 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE SUCH STEPS NECESSARY TO APPLY
64 FOR 2022 PROGRAM FUNDING FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
65 FOR THE "LONGWOOD PARK MULTI-USE TRAIL PROJECT" was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first,**
66 **second and third reading by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a
67 voice vote.

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69 Dir. Gigliotti stated this legislation authorizes the grant application only at this time, and if successful, the
70 City would move forward with the project.

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72 The Mayor added this grant would be for \$500,000 and referenced the map displayed in Council
73 Chambers of the park area.

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75 Ms. Brandt elaborated that these trails would be outside of the woods and go around the perimeter of the
76 north half of the park and the fishing pond, would be paved and wide enough for all.

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78 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt RES.NO. 29-2022 and post the same according to**
79 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 29-2022 declared and adopted.**

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81 **RESOLUTION NO. 30-2022**

82 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY
83 THE CITY OF MACEDONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY OF
84 MACEDONIA CODIFIED ORDINANCE § 121.05 AND OHIO REVISED CODE § 721.15 was offered
85 by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third reading by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion
86 carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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88 The Mayor stated this legislation allows for the auctioning of a high-mileage K-9 vehicle.

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90 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt RES.NO. 30-2022 and post the same according to**
91 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 30-2022 declared and adopted.**

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93 **RESOLUTION NO. 31-2022**

94 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DR. KENNETH D.
95 VARIAN AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA TO THE SUMMIT
96 COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH was offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and third reading by title**
97 **only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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99 The Mayor stated the previous representative for the City to the Summit County Board of Health
100 resigned, and Dr. Varian is a very impressive physician to take the role.

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102 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt RES.NO. 31-2022 and post the same according to**
103 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 31-2022 declared and adopted.**

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105 **ORDINANCE NO. 32-2022**

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106 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
107 WITH TIM LALLY CHEVROLET FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) CHEVROLET TAHOES
108 FOR THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$248,000.00
109 WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF ADVERTISEMENT AND FORMAL BIDDING was offered by Mr.
110 Ventura for **first, second and third reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried
111 unanimously by a voice vote.

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113 Chief Golden explained these would be new supervisory vehicles that are large enough to carry preferred
114 equipment. This legislation allows the Police Department to get in line for the vehicles, but it is unknown
115 at this time when the vehicles will be available.

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117 Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 32-2022 and post the same according**
118 **to law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 32-2022 declared and adopted.**

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120 **ORDINANCE NO. 33-2022**
121 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO COMPLETE AND
122 EXECUTE THE PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION AND AGREEMENTS AS MANDATED BY ODOT
123 FOR PROJECT SUM-HIGHLAND/VALLEY VIEW ROAD PID NO. 113161 was offered by Ms.
124 Tulley for **first, second and third reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried
125 unanimously by a voice vote.

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127 Dir. Gigliotti stated this gets the process started on the project at the intersection of Highland and Valley
128 View Roads. The project would create left and right turn lanes in all four directions and new high-tech
129 traffic signals to aid in flow through the intersection. Construction is scheduled for 2025.

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

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134 **RESOLUTION NO. 34-2022**
135 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 30-2021 RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION
136 FOR THE POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third**
137 **reading by title only**. Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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139 Ms. Brandt stated Mr. Hoover has passed the probationary period of one year and hopes this resolution
140 shows Council's appreciation of his work.

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142 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adopt RES.NO. 34-2022 and post the same according to**
143 **law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 34-2022 declared and adopted.**

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145 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

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147 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Ms. Brandt to **cancel the June 23, July 14 and August 11, 2022 regular**
148 **Council meetings for summer recess**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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150 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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152 ~Welcome to Daniel Wilson, the new Service Director. Two new, versatile plow trucks have
153 arrived after waiting two years. Mr. Ventura commended Service Supervisor Dzurnak and the
154 Mayor for their work in getting these vehicles in service as quickly as they did.
155 ~ The Mayor thanked Mr. Dzurnak on the tremendous job he's done in the Interim Director role.
156 ~Happy Birthday to Council President Jessica Brandt!
157 ~Welcome to the Junior City Council. The wish is for more youth and student involvement in
158 local government. Many residents of all ages are not aware of how important local government is

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159 to their daily lives. In attendance were Vice President Taylor Root, Nolah Walton and Vincent
160 Milianta, who were invited to say a few words and provided the following mission statement:
161 “Our objective is to provide a greater understanding of the Macedonia City Council’s
162 responsibilities and role in our community, to our peers and other adolescents. Currently there is
163 a noticeable disconnect between the public’s knowledge and collaboration, more so in the
164 younger generations, when it relates to our City Council and political representation in our City.
165 We believe that by increasing adolescent participation it will allow for stronger government
166 relations and the beginning of a more powerful political future.”
167 . Ms. Tulley stated she would like the Junior City Council to work with and provide input for the
168 Future Growth Committee.
169 ~Mayor’s Court revenue for March 2022 was \$38,504.80
170 ~Don’t drive distracted—put the phones down and drive the car. Ms Tulley requested that
171 drivers of vehicles properly utilize their turn signals.

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173 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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175 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt reported the last Commission meeting was on
176 Wednesday, April 20 at the Recreation Center and discussion was had over the floor remodeling and park
177 trails. Ms. Brandt reminded residents that they can become lifeguards at the Recreation Center at the age
178 of 15. The next meeting will be on May 18, 2022 at 6pm in the Recreation Center.

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180 **Cemetery Board:** Ms. Tulley reported the next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 12 in Council
181 chambers.

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183 **JEDD** Mr. Garvas reported the JEDD Board met on April 5 and discussed, among other things, the
184 property behind the Great Escape, the new build on the former Golden Corral site, drainage on the
185 property behind Tacos Mexicanos, and entrance/exit locations for a potential new Meijer store on Route
186 82 behind the Spitzer business. Mr. Garvas further explained what the JEDD is to the Junior Council.

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189 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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191 **Service Department:** Service Supervisor Dzurnak – The Service Department has been doing restorations,
192 finishing up mailbox repairs, patching, and mowing. Please give Service vehicles and personnel space
193 while performing work on or near the roads. Dir. Wilson has started in his position this week. Mr. Finley
194 asked about free mulch for the residents as has been done in the past and whether there will be any this
195 year, to which the Mayor responded the company that was used in the past for this no longer does it. Mr.
196 Dzurnak stated they are looking into other options to continue this program, but it is proving difficult.

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198 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti- The Highland Road resurfacing project is tentatively scheduled to begin on
199 May 23. Traffic delays are expected during the work period, and affected properties will be alerted in
200 advance of the work.

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202 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – Welcomed Dir. Wilson and thanked Mr.
203 Dzurnak for his work over the last several months. Springfest took place the previous weekend, and
204 spring sports are in full swing. The Parks and Recreation Department are in summer staff hiring mode
205 and soon plan to visit Nordonia High School during lunch to find seasonal help. Starting lifeguard pay
206 has been increased to \$12/hour and training is provided in the hopes of filling open positions.
207 Summerfest planning is underway, and will take place on June 10-11.

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209 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – Reminder to residents that the RITA refund deadline is Friday,
210 July 15. Thanked Mr. Dzurnak for the work he has done in the interim director role the last few months.

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212 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – Welcomed Dir. Wilson, and thanked Mr. Dzurnak for the work he has
213 done. A Civil Service test will be administered on May 18 for the position of full-time
214 firefighter/paramedic. The Department is always accepting part-time applications for
215 firefighter/paramedic.

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217 **Police Department:** Chief Golden – Welcomed Dir. Wilson and thanked Mr. Dzurnak for his work.
218 Hoping to finish the remodeling in the Police Department on Friday, April 29.

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220 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – Provided a status update on a number of projects
221 including the Phase II buildout of Peak Nano, structural steel for Optima Dermatology is going up, and
222 approval for demolition of the former Golden Corral building. The agenda has been set for the next BZA
223 and Planning Commission meetings. The Planning Commission will entertain final approval application
224 for Don Basch Jewelers, sign application for IHOP, and a request for site and architectural approval for a
225 large project on Empire Parkway.

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227 The Mayor elaborated that the building on Empire Parkway is the former site of Bedford Anodizing and
228 is to house a 300,000 square foot distribution warehouse. This is Phase 1 of 3 for this comprehensive
229 plan for multiple distribution buildings, which will bring employees and tax dollars to the community.

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231 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Thanked Mr. Dzurnak for his work over the last several months. HR
232 has attended two job fairs over the last few weeks in the hopes of attracting applicants for the Parks &
233 Recreation and Service Departments. Also working with a program called JOGs (Jobs for Ohio
234 Graduates) and Jobs & Family Services to implement an apprenticeship program through the Service
235 Department to help recruit the next generation of employees. Letters will also be sent out in the future for
236 the September Health Fair.

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238 **IT Department:** Director Collins – Welcomed Dir. Wilson. Generator testing took place and backup
239 batteries were ordered and received for dispatch stations. The last of the printers ordered months ago
240 have also been received. Staged hardware for the 10gig link between the City and Recreation Centers,
241 with installation scheduled for Tuesday, May 3 and hopefully completed within the week. Council
242 meetings are now being livestreamed through Community Focus as well as Microsoft Teams.

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244 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – No report
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247 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None
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249 **NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. Tulley thanked the Akron Beacon Journal for their recent coverage of the
250 Nordonia area, which included the ranking of Nordonia schools at #76 in the State of Ohio. The Greater
251 Akron sports awards finalists were announced and include bowlers Grace Bzdafka, Kolbey Lewin, Kyle
252 Drazil, Bryce Lewin, Matt Willis, and wrestler Jeremy Olszko.

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254 Ms. Brandt reminded residents to vote at the Primary Election on Tuesday, May 3 if they have not
255 already. Issue 10 on the ballot poses the question of whether Council can meet virtually in the event of a
256 health or weather emergency. Issue 10 will appear on all Macedonia voter ballots, regardless of whether
257 a political party is declared.

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259 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **enter into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised**
260 **Code Section 121.22(G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes.** Motion carried
261 unanimously by a roll call vote.

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263 At 8:46p.m. Council reconvened into its regular meeting.
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265 There being no further business, Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adjourn the meeting**. The
266 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately
267 8:46p.m.
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270 **Date:** _____

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Attest: _____

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Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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277 **Mayor:** _____

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Nicholas Molnar

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