

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
October 13th, 2022

1 Presiding Officer, Council President Jessica Brandt called the October 13th, 2022 regular meeting to
2 order at 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.

6 **Absent:** Mayor Nicholas Molnar
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8 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chaplain Tom O'Brien of Nordonia Hills American
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11 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
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13 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the regular meeting of**
14 **September 22, 2022 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried unanimously upon a
15 voice vote.
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17 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
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19 ~**Lawrence Marek, 467 Mapleview Road** shared that the streetlight on his road has been out for several
20 weeks despite neighbors calling the City and a City employee coming out to inspect. He is requesting
21 follow-up work be completed. On another issue, Mr. Marek stated stormwater continues to be problem
22 along North Bedford Road as it flows east from I-271 and believes that several of the properties on the
23 west side of North Bedford Road, further north of Ledge Road have improper grading and backed-up
24 ditches. Mr. Marek questioned whether property owners or the City are responsible for maintaining
25 driveway culverts, to which Dir. Guidetti replied a code exists that requires the property owners to
26 maintain them, and the City can send a notice to the property owner. Mr. Marek expressed that he would
27 like the City to send notices to property owners to "get things cleaned up".
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29 ~**Joe Skarupa, 8199 South Bedford Road** brought up the topic of safety on South Bedford Road,
30 specifically that several motorists are driving that road at rates of speed up to 70-80mph, and there are
31 still 18-wheel semi-trailer trucks traveling that road. He is requesting that digital speed signs be placed
32 along the road so that motorists are made aware of their speed. Ms. Brandt asked whether Mr. Skarupa
33 has noticed any pattern to when the speeding occurs to inform when and where signs or police cruisers
34 might best be utilized, to which he responded it happens variably. Mr. Garvas asked if Mr. Skarupa could
35 attempt to notate the details surrounding when he witnesses vehicles traveling at that rate of speed.
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37 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
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39 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**
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41 **ORDINANCE NO. 63-2022**

42 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONSENT
43 AGREEMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
44 FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES was offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and**
45 **third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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47 Dir. Gigliotti shared that by rule all City-owned bridges must be inspected annually, and this legislation
48 allows the City to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to
49 perform those annual bridge inspections on behalf of the City free of charge.
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51 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 63-2022 and post the same according to**
52 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 63-2022 declared and adopted.**
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MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Garvas to **cancel the Thursday, November 24 and Thursday, December 22, 2022 regular Council meetings** for the holidays. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- ~Council President Brandt delivered this report on behalf of Mayor Molnar
- ~Mayor’s Court revenue for September 2022 totaled \$36,332.98.
- ~Halloween trick-or-treating will take place on Monday, October 31 from 6-8pm
- ~Don’t text and drive – stay safe, stay alive!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Recreation Commission: Ms. Brandt reported there is no Commission meeting in October, but meetings will resume on the third Wednesday in November.

Finance Committee: Mr. Garvas reported that the Finance Committee will meet again to discuss the entire budget on October 27 prior to the work session and anticipates the meeting to last one hour. Exact timing is to be determined based on that Council meeting’s agenda.

Cemetery Board: Ms. Tulley reminded anyone that owns plots in the cemetery that you can not re-sell the plot to any individual or entity other than back to the cemetery.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department: Director Wilson – The roof is now on the restrooms at Veterans Park, with thanks to the veterans and Service Department crew that have worked so hard on the project. It is anticipated that the project will be completed during the Winter season.

Engineer: Director Gigliotti – Thanks to Council for passing ORD 63-2022, which will keep the City legal with safety in mind.

Parks and Recreation Department: Director Chadock – Haunted Hallows will take place on Saturday, October 15 from 2:30-5pm outside Longwood Manor. This is a family-friendly event, and all are encouraged to attend. The MACTivity guide for the Winter season is currently being produced and should be available sometime around November 1. The flooring project at the Recreation Center continues, and more cardio equipment has arrived. Winterfest and the tree lighting ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 10th in Longwood Park.

Finance Department: Director Veres – Reminder to residents that have an extension filed with R.I.T.A. that the City will accept that extension for the Macedonia resident refund program.

Fire Department: Chief Ripley – Nine basic EMTs for the Fire Department were sworn in this evening prior to the open house, which was very successful. The drone program has officially been activated, which is a collaborative effort between the Police and Fire Departments. The City has three drones and now four FAA-licensed part 107 pilots. All police and fire personnel are going through visual observer training.

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107 **Police Department:** Chief Golden – Working with schools to increase security, which includes several
108 upcoming ALICE training sessions at the local schools.

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110 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Absent

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112 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – The next Planning Commission meeting will be October
113 17 and the BZA will meet on October 19. It is expected that the new IHOP and the Starbucks within
114 Target will be open by the first of November.

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116 **IT Department:** Director Collins – The new City website is live, and tonight is the first Council meeting
117 to stream live on YouTube, which is embedded on the website. Council commended Dir. Collins on the
118 appearance and functionality of the new website.

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120 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – No report

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123 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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126 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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128 Ms. Tulley advised residents not to rake leaves into the street. She also reminded residents that campaign
129 signs are not allowed in the public right-of-way/tree lawn area. Signs must be further into your front
130 lawn. Finally, she congratulated Nordonia junior Connell Rafferty who is the kicker on the football team
131 for his performance at a recent game versus Stow-Munroe Falls.

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133 There being no further business, Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adjourn the meeting.**
134 The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at
135 approximately 7:58p.m.

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138 **Date:** _____

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141 **Attest:** _____
142 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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145 **Mayor:** _____
146 Nicholas Molnar

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