

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
September 8th, 2022

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the September 8th, 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 August**
13 **25, 2022 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried unanimously upon a voice vote.

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15 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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17 ~**Chad Lahrmer, 185 Hiram College Drive, Sagamore Hills**, is a member of the Nordonia Hills Board
18 of Education. He stated that it is estimated that 80% of the Nordonia community does not have a direct
19 connection to the schools, either because they don't have children, their children are in private schools, or
20 have already graduated. He shared that on Saturday, September 10th from 9am-1pm, the Nordonia Hills
21 School District will be hosting a walkthrough of all the schools in the district and invites everyone to
22 come visit and see the condition of the facilities firsthand.

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24 ~**Gabriel Kramer, 2106 W 110th Street, Cleveland**, is a reporter for Ideastream Public Media and stated
25 the company expanded from covering 17 counties to 23 earlier this year, and he wanted to introduce
26 himself and meet people in the areas that he will be covering.

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28 **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk of Council shared that three more residents gave feedback in favor of
29 allowing residents to discharge fireworks as long as they are done in a safe manner.

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31 ~**Ron and Mary Ann Bell, 1107 Broadmoor Road** e-mailed to thank the Service Department for the
32 friendly and courteous attention given to their recent culvert replacement.

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

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36 **ORDINANCE NO. 49-2022**

37 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF
38 REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
39 TO BE MADE WHICH DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNER OF THE
40 IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES,
41 ESTABLISHING AN "OPTIMA MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT
42 EQUIVALENT FUND" FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO
43 OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 & 5709.43 was offered by Mr. Garvas for **second**
44 **reading by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Brandt.

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46 The Mayor summarized the purpose of Ordinances 49-51 by reiterating that TIFs allow property tax
47 dollars that would normally go to the County to come directly to the City and be used for infrastructure
48 repairs or improvements in the area of those businesses.

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50 **ORDINANCE NO. 50-2022**

51 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF
52 REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
53 TO BE MADE WHICH DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNER OF THE

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54 IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES,
55 ESTABLISHING A “SPACE PLACE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT
56 EQUIVALENT FUND” FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO
57 OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43 was offered by Ms. Tulley for
58 **second reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Ventura.
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60 **ORDINANCE NO. 51-2022**

61 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF
62 REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
63 TO BE MADE WHICH DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNER OF THE
64 IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES,
65 ESTABLISHING A “WAVE CAR WASH MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX
66 INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND” FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS
67 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43 was offered by
68 Mr. Ventura for **second reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas.
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70 **ORDINANCE NO. 59-2022**

71 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4-2021 RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION
72 SCHEDULE FOR THE NON-UNION CITY EMPLOYEES OF MACEDONIA was offered by Ms.
73 Brandt for **first, second and third reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried
74 unanimously by a voice vote.
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76 Chief Golden reported this legislation creates the position of part-time School Resource Officer (SRO).
77 Dir. Guidetti added that ORD 60-2022 is contingent on passage of the ordinance at hand.
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79 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 59-2022 and post the same according**
80 **to law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 59-2022 declared and adopted**.
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82 **ORDINANCE NO. 60-2022**

83 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 161.20 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY
84 OF MACEDONIA REGARDING BENEFITS FOR THE POSITION OF CERTIFIED SCHOOL
85 RESOURCE OFFICER was offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and third reading by title only**.
86 Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.
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88 Mr. Finley moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 60-2022 and post the same according to**
89 **law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 60-2022 declared and adopted**.
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91 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** None
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94 **MAYOR’S REPORT**

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96 ~Don’t drive distracted. Put down the phones and drive your car!
97 ~As this is the last Council meeting before the anniversary of 9/11, the Mayor asked everyone to
98 take a moment of silence to remember the victims from that day.
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100 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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102 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt reported the Commission’s next meeting will be on
103 Wednesday, September 21st at 6pm. Exact location in the Recreation Center is to be determined, but
104 those interested in attending can ask for the location at the front desk.
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106 **Finance Committee:** Mr. Garvas stated the Finance Committee will hold its next meeting ninety minutes
107 prior to the work session that precedes the Council meeting on September 22nd.
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111 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
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113 **Service Department:** Director Wilson – Leaf equipment is being readied as Fall approaches, with the
114 start date of leaf season happening around October 24th. The hanging flower baskets are being taken
115 down for the season. The supervisor position that was approved at the last Council meeting will be
116 posted. When Dir. Wilson began working for the City there were four full-time maintenance technician
117 positions needing filled, and now there only remains one.
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119 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – The lines on Route 8 and Route 82 have been repainted. The Valley View
120 Road project south of Twinsburg Road is scheduled to be paved during the second half of 2023.
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122 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – Trail maps and directional arrows are being
123 worked on to provide directions and distances. Also in Longwood Park, brush clearing has taken place
124 and it looks beautiful. The flooring project within the Recreation Center is ongoing, with the hope of
125 completion in 2022. Fall sports programs are serving 391 participants, which is a 43% increase from
126 2019, which was one of the highest revenue years ever as a department. For perspective, this year’s
127 programming is up 22% from last year. FallFest is taking place on Saturday, September 17 from 4:30 to
128 9:30pm in Longwood Park. Admission to the event is free, but drink tickets are available to purchase.
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130 **Finance Department:** Director Veres – Absent
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132 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – Hydrant flushing is complete in Macedonia, but work continues in the
133 two townships. Due to staffing issues, off-duty firefighters will complete the work. Supply chain issues
134 continue to push back receipt of a new ambulance chassis, with the hope of receiving it by the end of this
135 year. Also waiting for the new fire truck, which will not arrive until 2023 at the earliest. With Fall here,
136 a reminder to residents that it is illegal to burn yard waste, which includes leaves. Push leaves to the tree
137 lawn area for the Service Department to pick up – not the street itself.
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139 Upon the question from Mr. Ventura, Chief Ripley reported the union will be holding a fundraiser
140 October 1 at the VFW in Northfield.
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142 **Police Department:** Chief Golden – Thanks to Council for passing the two pieces of legislation for the
143 SRO. The Flock cameras recently picked up a vehicle suspected of being involved in a breaking and
144 entering.
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146 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Working to cover the Clerk of Courts office and excited for the new
147 Clerk of Courts to start work on September 19th. Less than a week away from the first outdoor health fair,
148 and while the weather forecast is looking questionable, a “Plan B” is in place for an indoor location.
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150 The Mayor asked Dir. Smith to expound upon the credentials of the incoming Clerk of Courts, which
151 includes approximately 25 years working in Mayor’s Courts and great knowledge of the systems needed
152 to run one.
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154 **Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – Reported working with the homeowner’s association of
155 the Reserve at North Woods regarding their conflict with S&A development. He walked the site
156 yesterday with a representative of S&A and has more research to do but expects to have a report with his
157 findings by the end of next week.
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159 **IT Department:** Director Collins – The new website is set to go live on Tuesday, September 27th at 2pm.
160 The Mayor asked whether there would be a lag between the old and new site, but Dir. Collins reported the
161 old site will not be taken down until the new one goes live and what you see depends on the speed of your
162 ISP.

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164 **Law Department:** Director Guidetti – Dir. Veres delivered the statutory notices for the TIF legislation
165 considered this evening, and the objection period will close prior to the next Council meeting which
166 allows consideration to pass the legislation at that point. There have been quite a few amendments to the
167 non-union pay ordinance this year, and after discussing with the Mayor, the wish is to get a full, clean
168 version in front of Council – probably in January of 2023.

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171 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

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174 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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176 Mr. Ventura reminded senior citizens of the savings that can be had and encouraged those residents
177 qualifying for the snow removal, gutter cleaning and refuse subsidy programs to sign up for those
178 services.

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180 Ms. Brandt announced that the Northfield VFW Auxiliary and American Legion will be having a Patriot
181 Day remembrance this Sunday, September 11 at 7pm in Veterans Park.

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183 There being no further business, Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adjourn the meeting**. The
184 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately
185 7:52p.m.

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188 **Date:** _____

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191 **Attest:** _____
192 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

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195 **Mayor:** _____
196 Nicholas Molnar

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