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Regular Council Meeting

June 12, 2014

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Donald Kuchta called the June 12 regular meeting of Macedonia City Council
2 to order at 7:37m.

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4 **Present:** Council members' Rita Darrow, David Engle, Sylvia Hanneken, Nicholas Molnar and
5 Janet Tulley; Council Clerk Josephine Arceci and Law Director Joseph W. Diemert Jr.

6 **Absent:** None
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8 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council President Dave Engle
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10 **INVOCATION** was led by Councilor Tulley.
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12 **PROCLAMATIONS**
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- 14 • June 12, 2014 as D-Day Remembrance Day
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- 16 • Salute to Nordonia High school student Brandon Truett for lettering four years in track and field,
17 for receiving all Ohioan twice; for participating in the 100 & 200 meter relay during the State
18 Championship and for placing first in Division 1 boys' 400-meter team relay.
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21 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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23 Dr. William Jenkins, 1459 Bonnie Road mentioned he has attended the last several meeting to express his
24 opinion on the importance of repairing Macedonia's roads. For far too long far too many roads have gone
25 without proper maintenance, including Bonnie he said. Macedonia's roads can only be described as
26 horrible he added. Dr. Jenkins reiterated that his wife tripped and fell on loose asphalt while walking to their
27 mail box causing injury to her head. Dr. Jenkins thanked service crew for making minor repairs around the
28 area of his mail box to avert a further accident. Nonetheless, Macedonia's roads need immediate attention.
29 It is estimated Dr. Jenkins stated that on average it will take \$1M dollars a year over the next 20 years repair
30 all of Macedonia's roads. This will require a significant amount of money each year to resolve Macedonia's
31 road problems he added. Whose responsibility is it to make these repairs Dr. Jenkins' asked to which he
32 answered himself, the City's. Local roads are not the responsibility of the state or federal governments. An
33 advocate of a permanent revenue stream Dr. Jenkins feels the only way Macedonia can move away from
34 piecemeal repairs and gain any footing over years of neglect is through revenue generated from a ¼% income
35 tax increase or a permanent improvement levy earmarked specifically for road and storm water repairs.
36 Macedonia is at a crisis point Dr. Jenkins stated. Macedonia roads are essential to transportation, safety and
37 property values. A solution must be found and it must be a permanent measure. Dr. Jenkins encouraged
38 Council to place the tax issue on the ballot, to allow Macedonia residents to think for themselves, determine
39 for themselves what they are willing to pay to fix and improve their infrastructure.
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41 Regarding another matter, Fred Quigley, 8581 Alexis Road, expressed appreciation to Mayor Kuchta for
42 acknowledging and showing respect to veterans during the May 22, 2014 council meeting. But was the
43 gesture hypocritical he asked Mayor Kuchta? As Mr. Quigley has done during previous meeting he
44 expressed disappointment for what he described as the current administration's lack of concern, compassion
45 and good will toward Macedonia residents. Little has been done for Mr. Quigley regarding the complaints he
46 has had against Developer Joseph Migliorini and Builder Chris Coblenz. Mr. Quigley chastised Mr.
47 Migliorini for never serving in the armed forces. Mr. Quigley chastised Mr. Coblenz for allowing Amish
48 construction workers to work on Memorial Day. Mr. Quigley said when he confronted the Amish workers
49 about working that day their response to him was it was just another working day. In Mr. Quigley's opinion
50 the Amish are ungrateful people who do not deserve to live in America because they do not respect the
51 sacrifices made by those in the military by not honoring the day set aside in their memory. Mr. Quigley
52 mentioned his home is for sale because he can no longer tolerate the present circumstances of living in the
53 Villas of Taramina.
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55 Relative to another topic, Barb Dlugoz of Valley View Road, expressed gratitude to everyone involved in the
56 "Spirit of Macedonia Community Festival". As a past member of the former Fun Fest Committee Ms.
57 Dlugoz said she cannot compliment everyone who was involved enough. Ms. Dlugoz thought the location
58 and lay-out of this year's event was perfect. Ms. Dlugoz even liked that there were limited food vendors and
59 of course the fireworks were wonderful she added. This year's event Ms. Dlugoz said was a time to unite,
60 rekindle friendships and make new friends, young and old.

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61 Regarding another topic Kevin Bilkie, 7995 Brook Circle, Lake Forrest Estates and HOA president
62 complained about streets lights and/or streets light poles that have been down in his neighborhood for at least
63 six months asking that they be repaired immediately.

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65 Service Director DeGaetano explained to Mr. Bilkie the timing relative to both types of repairs is predicated
66 on action by Ohio Edison and the City's insurance company. Explaining further, Mr. DeGaetano stated that
67 a burnt out street light (bulb) reported to the service department is forwarded to Ohio Edison, who is
68 responsible for replacing the light. Damaged or downed poles must be processed through the insurance
69 carrier before they can be repaired or replaced. Mr. DeGaetano advised Mr. Bilkie to email the list of the the
70 location of all the inoperable lights to the service department for follow-up.

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

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74 **ORD. NO. 45-2014 [Held at second reading 6-12-14] ***

75 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REVIEW OF THE CHARTER BY CHARTER
76 REVIEW COMMISSION, FIXING ITS DUTIES AND ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR THE
77 REVIEW was **offered** by Ms. Hanneken for its **third reading by title only** Second not required.
78 (Document prepared by Councilor Hanneken) [**First reading: 4-24-14; Second readings: 5-8-14, 5-22-**
79 **14 & 6-12-14]**

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81 ***Ms. Hanneken moved, Mr. Engle seconded to amend ORD. NO. 45-2014 as follows: Section 1:**
82 **Deleting in its entirety the sentence reading; "After being appointed and providing proof of**
83 **residence and voter registration, the Charter Review Commission members will be convoked into**
84 **session by the Charter Review Commission Council member no later than seven (7) days from the**
85 **passage of this ordinance." And Section 6: Amending the fraction three fifths (3/5) where it**
86 **appears throughout the section to two thirds (2/3).**

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88 Prior to roll call on Ms. Hanneken's motion Mayor Kuchta mentioned that Law Director Diemert had
89 advised that the context of Ms. Hanneken's draft of Ordinance No. 45-2014 is not consistent with the
90 Charter. As well, there is an accompanying piece of legislation relative to appointments to the Charter
91 Review Commission that is required.

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93 Mr. Diemert affirmed Ms. Hanneken's version of Ordinance No. 45-2014 is incompatible with Charter
94 and that additional legislation is required to make the appointments. Mr. Diemert mentioned that the two
95 documents he prepared; providing for the review of the Charter and fixing the duties as well the
96 legislation relative to the appointments to the Commission are consistent with the versions drafted since
97 the inception of the Charter and Charter Review Commission. Mr. Diemert's documents read as the
98 Charter reads he said each document was overlooked by Council at the May 22 meeting.

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100 Councilor Tulley suggested Ordinance No. 45-2014 should be tabled or at the very least held at its second
101 reading because there has been no discussion among all the council members about any part of the
102 original language Ms. Hanneken drafted or the amendments she proposed.

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104 Councilor Molnar agreed with Ms. Tulley. It is unreasonable to take action on amendments that haven't
105 been previously discussed within the group and therefore has no intent of doing so at this time Mr.
106 Molnar stated.

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108 Councilor Hanneken stated she was under the impression she stated that Mr. Engle had spoken with Mr.
109 Diemert who advised these specific amendments.

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111 Mr. Engle affirmed that he too thought the amendments were what Mr. Diemert had suggested. If that is
112 not the case Mr. Engle said, he will take full responsibility. Given more clarity appears be needed, Mr.
113 Engle suggested a work session be held Thursday, July 17 at 7pm for the purpose discussing Ordinance
114 No. 45-2014 further. [Work session subsequently cancelled]

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116 ***Councilor Hanneken withdrew her motion relative to the third reading of Ordinance No.. 45-2014**
117 **as well as the amendments she had proposed. Ordinance No. 45-2014 therefore to remain at its**
118 **second reading.**

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120 **ORD. NO 47 -2014**

121 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 181.03(a), 181.04, 181.06(a), AND
122 181.14(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO, IN ORDER
123 TO INCREASE THE CITY'S CURRENT INCOME TAX RATE TO THAT WHICH EXISTED LAST
124 YEAR (2013) AT TWO AND ONE-QUARTER PERCENT (2 ¼ %) FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
125 AND STORM WATER PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING FOR A 100% RESIDENT TAX CREDIT;
126 AND SUBMITTING SAME TO THE ELECTORS ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014 was **offered** by Ms.
127 Hanneken for its **second by title only**. Second not required
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129 Relative to ORD. NO. 47-2014, Mayor Kuchta explained that the ¼% increase is the same percentage that
130 fell off last year. If the voters approve this measure in November, the ¼% increase would be long term
131 source of revenue allocated solely to road and storm water projects. Mayor Kuchta reiterated that this
132 ordinance only allows for the issue to be placed on the ballot.
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134 **ORD. NO. 56 – 2014**

135 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOR
136 THE ROAD REPAIR AT 383 JANES LANE was **offered** by Mr. Molnar for its **second reading by title**
137 **only**. Second not required.
138

139 **ORD. NO. 57 – 2014**

140 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 26 -
141 2014 RELATIVE TO TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM COUNCIL TO SERVICE DEPARTMENT
142 FOR TRAINING was **offered** by Mr. Molnar for its **second reading by title only**. Second not required.
143

144 **ORD. NO. 60 – 2014]**

145 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE 2014 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS
146 ORDINANCE NO. 26 -2014(VARIOUS FUNDS) was **offered** by Ms. Hanneken and moved Council
147 waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by
148 **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar.
149

150 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
151 Nays: None
152 The motion carried
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154 Ms. Hanneken moved, Mr. Engle seconded, to **adopt ORD. NO. 60-2014**, and post same according to
155 law.

156 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken Molnar and Tulley
157 Nays: None
158 The motion passed, **ORD. NO. 60-2014 declared adopted**
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160 **RES. NO. 61– 2014**

161 A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL CONGESTION
162 MITIGATION/AIR QUALITY FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA
163 TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) TO UPGRADE THE CITY OF MACEDONIA SIGNAL
164 SYSTEM AND TO IMPROVE THE HIGHLAND-VALLEYVIEW INTERSECTION, AND
165 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was **offered** by Ms. Tulley and moved Council waive the requirement
166 that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three**
167 **readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar.
168

169 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
170 Nays: None
171 The motion carried
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173 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, to **adopt RES. NO. 61-2014**, and post same according to law.

174 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken Molnar and Tulley
175 Nays: None
176 The motion passed, **RES. NO. 61-2014 declared adopted**
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181 **ORD. NO. 62- 2014**

182 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 121.02(d), 121.02(q), 123.03 OF THE CODIFIED
183 ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO IN ORDER TO CONFORM WITH THE
184 MOST RECENT VERSION OF THE CHARTER was **offered** by Ms. Darrow for its **first reading by**
185 **title only**. Second not required.

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187 **ORD. NO. 63- 2014**

188 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF BRANDON
189 HEISLER TO THE POSITION OF A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER was **offered** by Mr. Engle and
190 moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk
191 to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Ms. Tulley.

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193 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
194 Nays: None
195 The motion carried
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197 Mr. Engle moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, to **adopt ORD. NO. 63-2014**, and post same according to law.

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199 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken Molnar and Tulley
200 Nays: None
201 The motion passed, **ORD. NO. 63-2014 declared adopted**

202 **ORD. NO. 64- 2014**

203 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF RICHARD LEA TO
204 THE POSITION OF A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER was **offered** by Ms. Tulley and moved Council
205 waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by
206 **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar.

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208 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
209 Nays: None
210 The motion carried
211

212 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Engle seconded, to **adopt ORD. NO. 64-2014**, and post same according to law.

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214 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken Molnar and Tulley
215 Nays: None
216 The motion passed, **ORD. NO. 64-2014 declared adopted**

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218 **RES. NO. 65- 2014** A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANNA HEJDUK
219 TO THE BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING CODE APPEALS was **offered** by Mr. Molnar and
220 moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk
221 to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Ms. Tulley.

222
223 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
224 Nays: None
225 The motion carried
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227 Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, to **adopt ORD. NO. 65-2014**, and post same according to law.

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229 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Molnar and Tulley
230 Nays: Hanneken
231 [Providing an explanation, Ms. Hanneken stated she has no particular
232 concern about this individual. Ms. Hanneken believes however that new
233 people should be brought in instead of reappointing the same people time
234 after time]
235 The motion passed, **ORD. NO. 65-2014 declared adopted**

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237 **RES. NO. 66- 2014**

238 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MIKE MENHART TO THE CIVIL
239 SERVICE COMMISSION APPEALS was **offered** by Ms. Hanneken and moved Council waive the
240 requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for**
241 **all three readings**. Second by Mr. Engle.

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242 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
243 Nays: None
244 The motion carried
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246 Ms. Hanneken moved, Mr. Engle seconded, to **adopt RES. NO. 66-2014**, and post same according to
247 law.

248 Roll call: Ayes: Engle, Molnar and Tulley
249 Nays: Darrow
250 Hanneken [Providing an explanation, Ms. Hanneken said new
251 people need to be appointed.]
252 The motion passed, **RES. NO. 66-2014 declared adopted**
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254 **RES. NO. 67 – 2014**

255 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BOB HOPKINS TO THE PLANNING
256 COMMISSION APPEALS was **offered** by Ms. Darrow and moved Council waive the requirement that it
257 be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**.
258 Second by Ms. Tulley.
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260 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
261 Nays: None
262 The motion carried
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264 Ms. Darrow moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, to **adopt RES. NO. 67-2014**, and post same according to law.
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266 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
267 Nays: None
268 The motion passed, **RES. NO. 67-2014 declared adopted**
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270 Relative to RES. NO. 65, 66, 67-2014, Mayor Kuchta stated appointments are under the authority of the
271 office of the mayor. Reappointments to the various commissions provides for consistency and knowledge
272 base that would otherwise be lost he added.
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274 **MOTIONS OR OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

275
276 ~Motion authorizing the Director of Finance to accept on behalf of the City of Macedonia Fire
277 Department (Fund 101.222) One Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$148.00) from donations raised by
278 Macedonia's Sears and Hometown Outlet during the holiday "Salute to Local Heroes" charity campaign
279 for the purpose of providing funding for a variety of firehouse needs, items or programs.
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281 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
282 Nays: None
283 The motion carried
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286 ~ Council President David Engle moved, Councilor Nick Molnar seconded, endorsing the submission by
287 the Longwood Manor Historical Society to the Ohio Site Preservation Advisory Board, of the application
288 for placing the Longwood Manor on the National Registry of Historic Places.
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290 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
291 Nays: None
292 The motion carried.
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294 ~Councilor Molnar moved, Council President Engle seconded authorizing the Director of Service to
295 advertise for bids for road improvements relative to Airplane and Westwood Drives and for the 2014 Full
296 Depth Repair Program.
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298 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
299 Nays: None
300 Motion carried
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302 ~Councilor Molnar moved, Councilor Tulley seconded authorizing the appropriation of Eighty Three
303 Thousand Dollars (\$83,000) from the General Fund to Fund 401.401.5612 for the purpose of providing
304 for storm water projects relative to the following locations: Gloria and Eileen in the amount of Forty
305 Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) and at Blackhawk and Iroquois in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand
306 Dollars (\$25,000) as well as cross-over replacements at Navajo & Cherokee; Bruce & Blueberry; Bonnie
307 & Barkdale North; Bonnie & Barkdale South; Roseland & Brookdale; Laurel & Barkdale and three at
308 Mimosa in the amount of Eighteen Thousand Dollars(\$18,000).

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310 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley

311 Nays: None

312 Motion carried

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314 **LEGISLATION MOVED FROM TABLE~~**

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316 ~Councilor Molnar moved Ms. Tulley seconded to **take off the table ORD.NO 38-2014: AN**
317 **ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 26-2014 IN ORDER TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR**
318 **THE AIRLANE DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT and ORD. NO. 39 -2014 AN ORDINANCE**
319 **AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 26-2014 IN ORDER TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE**
320 **WESTWOOD DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

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322 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley

323 Nays: None

324 Motion carried.

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326 **Both ORD. NO. 38-2014 & ORD. NO. 39-2014 were previously offered for third reading by Mr.**
327 **Molnar on May 22, 2014 and therefore no further action was required relative to the third reading.**

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329 Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 38-2014** and post same according to law.

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331 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow and Tulley

332 **Engle**, [For purpose of explanation stated residents remain
333 mindful while a motion has been made to appropriate funds
334 and the authority has given to advertise for bids, the contracts
335 relative to each contract must still be awarded]

336 **Hanneken** [For purpose of explanation stated that Airplane and
337 Westwood top the list of roads needing the most repairs. The
338 ability to now repair them as well as authorizing the 2014 full-
339 depth road program and \$83,0000 in crossover replacements
340 and storm water repairs has been made possible because
341 income tax revenue is up by 4% from earlier projections.
342 R.I.T.A originally estimated Macedonia would be down
343 \$1.3M. That figure is now \$1M. The caution exercised
344 relative expending monies on these projects was based on
345 waiting for good financial news. Ms. Hanneken's own
346 projections indicate the increase may actually be 5%]

347 **Molnar** [For purposes of explanation stated there was much
348 discussion and often heated about how to accomplish road
349 repairs this year particularly the worst roads; Airplane and
350 Westwood which need full depth restoration. He was of the
351 opinion that the carryover would have supported the project
352 but is happy there is now additional revenue]

353 Nays: None

354 Motion carried. **ORD. NO. 38-2014 declared adopted.**

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356 Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 39-2014** and post same according to law.

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358 Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley

359 Nays: None

360 Motion carried. **ORD. NO. 39-2014 declared adopted**

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363 **CORRESPONDENCE:** ~Letter in appreciation from David P. Kraus, Esq., Shaker Heights, Ohio to Police
364 Chief Golden and Officer Schneider (Badge #11) for prompt attention when Mr. Krause inadvertently
365 locked himself out of his car

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367 **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

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369 "Last Friday I was at the Regional Summit Meeting of Building One America. I guess you could
370 consider this a lobbying group that works in Washington to promote their issues to the legislators.
371 The difference with this group is that rather than representing the very rich business clients or
372 special interest groups, it represents us. This group is focused on middle class America and its
373 survival in the real world of here and now. They represent the Cities and other municipalities that
374 are where middle class Americans live. If you really think about Macedonia you see a melting pot
375 of every race and religion, and people of every walk of life. We epitomize middle class America.
376 The main speaker was former Congressman Steve LaTourette and he even mentioned us and how
377 we benefited economically with moneys that came from him as an earmark. Those first federal
378 dollars let us widen Route 82 and remove the one hundred and two year old bridge that was
379 choking us. The Transportation Bill is up for renewal and rather than come to grips with funding
380 it as a user tax should be, the federal legislators are talking about funding by doing away with
381 Saturday mail delivery! This is unacceptable to the former Congressman and should be for you
382 and I too. It is time for a reality check and for us to get back on course. The Transportation Bill is
383 funded by gas tax. That is why the amount it doles out to encourage and protect economic
384 development every year diminishes!

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386 In the 1970's the Government ordered the auto manufacturers to develop cars diminishing the use
387 of gas. They doled out incentives to emphasize that the better the gas milage was...the more
388 companies could count on getting federal money in rebates or incentives. In retrospect, that was
389 equivalent to sawing off the branch you're sitting on. To complicate matters even more, the oil
390 companies chose to join forces and rape us at the pumps! So every year that big chunk of change
391 from the gas tax has changed from a river...to a trickle. So as the gas has disappeared and
392 continues to disappear, we are becoming a nation of old and perhaps dangerous, infrastructure.

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394 The federal gas tax has not changed since 1995! What proportion was it of the total gas cost then,
395 compared to now? It is staggering that someone was actually asleep at the switch while the
396 countries means of supporting such a vital industry and necessary funding mechanism faded
397 away. To make matters even worse, the federal government has actually paid huge incentives to
398 develop automobiles that do not burn fossil fuel. So now we have cars that run on methanol,
399 ethanol, natural compressed gas, liquid propane and finally electricity. That is all well and good
400 but....THESE CARS PAY NOTHING TOWARD ROADS AND BRIDGES YET THEY STILL
401 USE THEM LIKE THE PEOPLE WHO DO PAY. So.... lets take away Saturday mail delivery.
402 How about robbing Peter to pay Paul. How about going back to the horse and buggy (with power
403 windows of course).

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405 It is time for our elected officials to man up and make sure that the funding mechanism is in place
406 to feed something that could give our economy the boost it needs. Put the country back to work
407 fixing our roads and bridges.

408 It worked in Macedonia with increased City Income tax fueling City Services, while making us
409 more accessible to the world.

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411 It's not rocket science. It is basically a pay to dance or send home the musicians scenario.

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413 Two weeks ago, I was in Washington. I met with Congressman Joyce Friday morning on May
414 30th to give him all of the information about the Ledge Road Bridge, including the 3 TV spots
415 that I have collected so far. Also in my packet was the ruling from the head ODOT bridge
416 Structural Engineer that the bridge was in violation of the Ohio Revised Code specifically
417 4955.23 and 4955.24. The ORC specifically says that it is against the law for matter to fall from
418 the bridge onto the roadway that passes through the bridge. The next part states that Norfolk
419 Southern "for each day during the failure or violation, shall forfeit to such city one hundred
420 dollars, to be recovered in a civil action in the cities name, against the owner/operator of such
421 railroad". This information was given to them the day the Highland Road Bridge opened last July
422 so we are almost at \$36,500. I have already told the railroad to fix the bridge or we will carry out
423 the actions allowed by the ORC.

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425 Congressman Joyce was very concerned and his staff will be looking into it.
426 I know we can count on one of the best staffs in Washington to get some kind of results. I would
427 also like to thank Al Noe and Dan Yurman for their powerful letters to Norfolk Southern that they
428 sent me. I gave those letters to the Congressman and to Norfolk Southern. I asked for residents
429 help and these two letters reflected how the members of our community feel. I really appreciate
430 that.

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432 Following that meeting, I met with Ailsa Von Doberneck, who is Darrell L. Wilson's assistant
433 from Norfolk Southern Railroad. Upon returning to Macedonia, I forwarded all of the information
434 given to Congressman Joyce to her. Both of the conversations dealt with my, and our Structural
435 Engineers, and ODOT's Structural Engineers, huge concerns for the structural stability of the
436 bridge. It needs to be fixed as soon as possible....period.

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438 Now...we wait.

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440 I also testified at a Building One America meeting in Washington concerning the need of middle
441 class American cities to have a strong, powerful, and properly funded Transportation Bill.

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443 All we can do is be the squeaky wheel.

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445 Our first ever Community Guide will be distributed throughout the City over the next few days. A
446 copy will be sent to every household and business in Macedonia starting Friday 13th. This is an
447 exciting showcasing of our community.

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449 On Sunday June 15th, the Nordonia Hills annual Concert in the Park will be held at 6 PM at the
450 Northfield Center Gazebo. The "Get Back" band will perform and they are very popular in this
451 area.

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453 Thursday June 19th at 6PM tune into Channel 5 for the results of the Building Better
454 Communities award. One of the participate streets in Macedonia will be announced.

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456 Thank you everyone for making our come back event the "Spirit of Macedonia" a tremendous
457 success. Naming all involved would be at least three pages. The only way to say it is... that I am
458 very proud of our team, the employees and residents of the City of Macedonia. We definitely
459 have the "spirit".

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461 Have a great summer!

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464 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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466 **Finance Committee of the Whole** Ms. Hanneken reported that the finance committee of the Whole
467 met on June 10 at which time much of what was discussed then was mentioned this evening, i.e., the
468 generation of higher than expected revenue and thus the ability to expend more capital dollars than
469 originally anticipated. Ms. Hanneken commended Finance Director Svab on financial report details in
470 this regard. Following her personal review of the financial data Ms. Hanneken is more confident than she
471 was earlier in the year that revenue will continue to increase at a better than moderate rate. Ms. Hanneken
472 thanked Mr. DeGaetano for his feed-back relative to the full-depth repairs, crossover pipe replacement
473 and general storm water projects. Ms. Hanneken is pleased with all the projects that are being done this
474 year. More may be done she added if revenue increases.

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476 **Planning Commission** Councilor Darrow reported Planning held a special meeting on June 9th at which
477 time the commission reviewed electric signage for Center Pointe Plaza, 9836 Valley View Road and six
478 (6) parking light poles for Nordonia Hills City Schools, 8006 S. Bedford Road. Ms. Darrow announced
479 Planning's June 16th agenda includes the proposals of parking U-Haul vehicles on property for Rent for
480 Space Place Macedonia LLC, 8945 S. Freeway Drive; Final site plan for new self storage building for
481 Space Place Macedonia LLC, 8945 S. Freeway Drive; Sign replacement for Stuff n Puffs, 775 E. Aurora
482 Road; Alteration to site plan to include revised sidewalk alignment for Design Molded Plastics, 8272
483 Bavaria Road; Proposed signage change for Momentum Christian Church, 1717 E. Aurora Road; Façade
484 modification for Macedonia Commons, 8210 Macedonia Commons Blvd; Revision to Macedonia

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485 Commons sign plan for Macedonia Commons, 8210 Macedonia Commons Blvd and Conditional site plan
486 approval for Highland Pointe Parkway

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488 **Parks & Recreation Committee** Councilor Tulley reported that the Commission discussed at its last
489 meeting the appointment to the recreation department, the “Spirit of Macedonia Community Festival”, the
490 expiration of the portion of income tax in 2017 that is allocated solely to the Recreation Center as well as
491 the maintenance and restoration of all Macedonia parks, Longwood, Sugarbush and Memorial. Regarding
492 the latter, Ms. Tulley explained that it will be used more because it is now assessable by sidewalks.
493 Memorial Park is the lost jewel of Macedonia which really should be more fully utilized she said. Further
494 discussion about Memorial will be had Ms. Tulley mentioned after the additional widening of Route 82 at
495 that intersection as well as the relocation of the I271 on ramp. Going forward Ms. Tulley announced a
496 survey will be forthcoming for the purpose of gaining insight about what residents want in
497 recreational facilities, what they want in their parks and what they want in Recreation Center, i.e.,
498 basketball courts, full-sized outdoor, wading pool, walking trails, etc. The next meeting of the P&RC is
499 Wednesday, July 9 at 7pm at the Recreation Center.

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501 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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503 **Service Department** Director DeGaetano reported that confidential shredding will be held at the
504 parking lot Macedonia City Center on July 12 from 9am-noon. This annual event is sponsored by
505 ReWorks, Summit County exclusively for the residents of Summit County.. Each household is limited to
506 10 file boxes or shopping bags. Regarding Macedonia’s refuse collection contract with Republic Waste
507 Mr. DeGaetano stated that consideration is being given to enter into the 5-year option with Republic
508 Waste. The law department is presently reviewing Exhibits A & B relative to the option years. Mr.
509 DeGaetano mentioned that he, Mayor Kuchta and representatives from GPD will be meeting with
510 officials of DOES (Dept of Environmental Services) on June 19th to discuss exposed sewer lines in Indian
511 Creek. Additionally he stated, DOES expressed an interest in working with Macedonia regarding the
512 Sioux Lane culvert he stated.

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514 Mayor Kuchta commended service department electrician Brian Schumann for the quality of electrical
515 work he performed relative to the “ Spirit of Macedonia Community Festival”

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517 **Building Commissioner** On behalf of Mr. Hlad, Engineer Nick Fini reported that a pre-design
518 meeting was held this week with the City, ODOT and the Great Lakes Construction; the company
519 awarded the I271 Bridge deck and Route 82 widening project. Construction, scheduled to commence this
520 year is estimated to take 24-months Mr. Fini mentioned. The portion of the project pertaining to the on-
521 ramp relocation begins spring of 2015 he stated. The relocation is estimated to take 60-days pursuant to
522 contract. The third phase of the widening of Route 82, phase 3 (eastern portion) should begin the fall
523 2016 as well as the installation of the noise walls he stated.

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525 Councilor Hanneken asked Mr. Fini if final dollars have been determined relative to the S. Freeway Drive
526 (on-ramp relocation) right-of-way acquisitions to which Mr. Fini responded that it has not but current
527 estimates are in million dollar range.

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529 Mayor Kuchta interjected that while Macedonia is responsible for \$500,000 in right-of-way acquisitions
530 the entire project came in under budget by \$15M. Given this fact Mayor Kuchta will be asking ODOT to
531 be responsible for the difference in r/w acquisition over Macedonia’s responsibility.

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533 **Engineer** Mr. Fini had no additional report.

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535 **Recreation Department** Ms. Gmerek was not present.

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537 **Finance Department** Mr. Svab reported that financing legislation will be forthcoming relative to the
538 service trucks previously authorized. The lowest quote Mr. Svab received was 2.4% from Key Bank.
539 Also forthcoming will be the 5-year Plan relative to the Recreation Center. Preparedness is necessary Mr.
540 Svab explained because although the final bond (debt) payment will be made in 2016, the ¼% income tax
541 earmarked to the Recreation Center rolls off July 2017.. Mr. Svab mentioned the second Annual Mayor’s
542 Fishing Derby at Longwood Lake is Saturday, June 14. The event is fully funded by an ODNR grant he
543 added.

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545 **Fire Department** Chief Black reported that the fire department is in line to receive a regional grant
546 along with the village of Northfield fire department. The \$140,000 grant will be used for air packs Chief
547 Black stated. Fire Chief Jason Buss applied for the grant Chief Black stated, which other departments
548 were included.

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550 Councilor Hanneken asked Chief Black how the grant impacts the budget and previous allocation of
551 resources for packs to which the chief stated he is monitoring the transaction closely given a Macedonia
552 purchase order has been issued. Chief Black is hopeful the same company relative to Macedonia's
553 purchase order is the same company associated with the grant. Otherwise Chief Black explained he will
554 be working feverishly to back out of Macedonia's purchase. The last grant Macedonia received relative
555 to air packs was in 2004 Chief Black added.

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557 **Police Department** Chief Golden had no report.

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559 **Law Department** Mr. Diemert had no report.

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561 **Unfinished business** Councilor Molnar expressed gratitude and appreciation to Recreation Director
562 Gmerek for the success of the "Spirit of Macedonia Community Festival". Ms. Gmerek drive and
563 enthusiasm made this event an awesome experience for everyone Mr. Molnar stated. Mr. Molnar also
564 thanked the service department for all they accomplished preparing the grounds for the event.

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566 Councilor Tulley thanked employees Bill, Bryan and Allan who she didn't think slept the entire week-end
567 in order to ensure nothing went wrong.

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569 Councilor Hanneken complimented the selection of the American Fireworks Company of Hudson, Ohio
570 as the fireworks vendor. Ms. Hanneken thought the display was one of the best she has seen. Ms.
571 Hanneken also complimented service department electrician Bryan Schumann

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573 Councilor Darrow thanked Mayor Kuchta and all the staff members who participated in the four day
574 event as well as current and past council members Shane Barker, Dave Engle Ken Martin and Mike
575 Miller and herself who voted last year to allow the "Spirit of Macedonia Community Festival".

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577 **New business** Councilor Tulley recognized in the audience Boy Scout Troop 575 (St. Barnabas School)
578 who she described as America's future leaders,

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580 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.