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Regular Council Meeting  
February 12, 2015

Presiding Officer, Mayor Donald Kuchta called the February 12 regular meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**Present:** Council members' Rita Darrow, David Engle, Sylvia Hanneken, Nicholas Molnar and Janet Tulley; Council Clerk Josephine Arceci and Associate Law Director Mark Guidetti.

**Absent:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Council President Rita Darrow

**INVOCATION** was led by Councilor Janet Tulley. A moment of silence was offered in memory of Robert Bolton, owner of Wendy's Restaurant, Macedonia, Ohio who died unexpectedly.

**MINUTES** Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of January 8 and January 22, 2015 as submitted by the clerk of council

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

Mr. Engle moved, Ms. Darrow seconded to approve the special meetings of January 29, February 5 and 8, 2015 as submitted by the clerk of council.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None  
Abstentions: Molnar (Feb 5 & 8 only); Tulley (Feb 8 only)  
The motion carried

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Ms. Hanneken moved, Ms. Darrow seconded, and acknowledged receipt of Financial Report dated December 31, 2014

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Matijasich, resident of Lake Forrest subdivision stated at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> work session matters regarding free snow removal and trash collection services provided to the Mayor were discussed. The Mayor admitted receiving these services. The services were for a period of several years. The Mayor blamed the finance director for not bringing these matters to the Mayor's attention. Continuing, Mr. Matijasich stated Mr. Molnar said during that work session that the Mayor should pay the City back for these services. Mr. Matijasich disagreed. Simply repaying is irresponsible, morally unethical and corrupt. The Mayor should be terminated. Mr. Matijasich said Councilor Tulley spent more time on her phone than on council reports at that same work session. Mr. Matijasich told Ms. Tulley she should have stayed with her decision she resigned from Council in September 2010 because her moral compass has become off-centered. Mr. Matijasich told Mayor Kuchta his words and quotes are an embarrassment. Theft in any capacity or the willingness of any Macedonia employee to overlook theft is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Mr. Matijasich suggested Mayor Kuchta and Councilors Molnar and Tulley voluntarily resign from office.

Councilor Molnar responded when he suggested the Mayor pay the City the back Mr. Molnar also suggested the Mayor be investigated.

Mr. Matijasich told Mr. Molnar Council just voted to proceed with an investigation to which Mr. Molnar answered he did not attend what Mr. Molnar described as an illegal meeting and therefore did not vote on any issue.

Mayor Kuchta interjected that at the meeting of October 9<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Engle moved and the motion carried unanimously to proceed with a private investigation. However Council took no immediate action on the motion.

Councilor Engle interjected there have other meetings in which motions in this regard have been made.

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Councilor Tulley explained she provided Council names and resumes of four individuals capable of performing an investigation. Ms. Tulley said her fellow council members took no action until last week when a different person from the list she suggested was hired.

Mr. Matijasich suggested to Ms. Tulley there was no evidence of her statement.

Mayor Kuchta interjected that at the regular meeting of November 13 Ms. Tulley stated it was over 30-days since Council authorized hiring an investigator but no action has been taken on the four names she provided. Ms. Tulley reiterated the same at the regular meeting of December 11.

Councilor Hanneken interjected from October 9<sup>th</sup> through November attempts were made to get the Summit County Sheriff involved in this matter including investigation of the Mayor. Then based on information Council learned in late October that the Attorney General would be performing the investigations relative to the allegations against Mr. Svab and the Mayor Council decided to wait before hiring an additional investigator. Ms. Hanneken was concerned at the time about the length of time this process. The Ethics Commission was also involved. In January Council resumed discussing how to proceed with the investigations. Council has now hired an investigator and resolution is anticipated in the next 4-8 weeks.

Chief Golden, at the Mayor's request provided an informal chronology of events relative to the investigation. Chief Golden stated there have been numerous requests by Council to hire an independent investigator relative to the administrative part of the investigation. Councilors Molnar and Tulley have continually stated, as has Chief Golden that there are three phases to the investigation: criminal, ethical and administrative. The criminal was reviewed by the State Auditor (forwarded by Attorney General); the ethical which Ms. Hanneken forwarded to the Ohio Ethics Commission and administrative; the latter for the reason that an individual can be an atrocious employee. Council has been in the loop regarding the latter Chief Golden stated. In fact there have been several emails to Councilors Engle and Hanneken in this regard Chief Golden added. In a November 9, 2014 email Chief Golden told Ms. Hanneken the sole issues Council has any authority to address relate to the administrative allegations. Ms. Hanneken's response was she preferred rapid solution to the investigation of the finance director and the Mayor. But the Chief's actions superseded Council's plan of action. Chief Golden told Ms. Hanneken that his actions did nothing to supersede Council's plan. If rapid solution was Council's intent, why didn't Council immediately assign a special investigator to address the administrative allegations that are now months old he asked? Towards the end of November Chief Golden said the Mayor asked Chief Golden to review the resumes of the four investigators Ms. Tulley recommended. Two attorneys recommended by the Geauga County prosecutor were removed at the Chief's request because of the appearance they may know Councilor Tulley. Of the two remaining, one investigator had a 216 telephone exchange, the other, 440. The Chief removed the attorney with the 216 exchange because it is Cuyahoga County exchange and Ms. Hanneken had stated she did not want any one from either county of Summit or Cuyahoga. Mayor Kuchta then called the last remaining individual Attorney Mary Beth Wuertz.

Councilor Hanneken interjected that Council never agreed to have an administrative investigation. Council overrode the Mayor's decision regarding that. Ms. Hanneken asked Chief Golden if he has received feedback/report from the State Auditor regarding the Mayor and finance director.

Chief Golden responded that the information he received is the same information Council received.

Councilor Hanneken stated the Auditor's report indicated there was no wrong doing by Mr. Svab.

Chief Golden responded that is not exacting what was stated in the report.

Councilor Hanneken said she reviewed the report in detail and that is what was stated. Ms. Hanneken said she telephoned the Auditor's office February 11<sup>th</sup> to speak to Mike Spirit (sp?), chief auditor of the investigation but he was unavailable. Ms. Hanneken subsequently emailed him and has provided information to him that Council has had regarding the issues. Ms. Hanneken asked Chief Golden if there was an investigation/tracking number or identifier in order to follow the progress of the case because it is her intent to make a public records request of documents.

Chief Golden stated he was not provided any type of investigation/tracking number or identifier. He was told to reference "City of Macedonia Investigation". The Chief reiterated the only information the Auditor provided to him is the same information provided to Council. Chief Golden mentioned his contact has

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been Investigator Chris Rudy (sp?). Explaining further, Chief Golden stated on or around January 19 he called the auditor's office to determine the status of the investigation only to learn the investigation was complete. The Chief stated he was not happy learning this. After inquiring how to receive a copy of the investigation the Chief was advised his request must be in writing. The Auditor never received the Chief's initial letter but subsequently accepted an email with the same request.

Councilor Tulley, addressing her comments to Mr. Matijasich questioned why she should resign when she pushed for resolution by providing potential investigators. Ms. Hanneken stated this evening she wanted to wait, but that was never indicated to Ms. Tulley or to the other members of Council. The only comments ever made were there needs to be an investigation, and Ms. Tulley's follow-up to that was provided investigators. Ms. Tulley reiterated she does not personally know any of the investigators whose name she provided; she does not have a vested interest in any of them. Ms. Tulley said she did not attend the special meeting Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> because to her Council could have waited until this evening during a regular, public, televised meeting to take action. Ms. Tulley stated the action taken during the Thursday, January 29 special meeting was in violation of the Sunshine Law because the January 29<sup>th</sup> agenda did not identify that additional action would be taken on the floor. The agenda stated the single purpose of the meeting was to adjourn into an executive session. Ms. Tulley questioned again why she should resign when she, unlike her peers follows the law. Ms. Tulley added, it is unconscionable how they ignore the Sunshine Laws.

Councilor Hanneken interjected that the Sunshine Law was not violated. Council was told they could take action but because concern was raised about the action taken the law director subsequently provided an opinion that the action could be corrected. The meeting was re-announced and action taken. Council has met on Sundays in the past. These are small issues to the big picture and there needs to be fruition. There needs to be an investigation Ms. Hanneken added.

Councilor Tulley responded these are not small issues. Ms. Hanneken decided to hold a meeting for the purpose of an executive session. Yet Council came out of its executive session and made an additional motion. If it was valid, why then hold the second meeting and why hold it on a Sunday Ms. Tulley asked. Ms. Tulley said in her 15-year tenure as a member of Council there has never been a Sunday meeting until Ms. Hanneken became a member. The meeting held last year on a Sunday was due to the delay in the budget by the finance chair and had Council not met, employees would not have been paid Ms. Tulley stated. Ms. Tulley reiterated that no one said there should not be an investigation. There are three ongoing independent investigations; the State Auditor, the Ethics Commission and the independent investigation which the Mayor was entitled to initiate. When is the focus going to be brought back on the residents Ms. Tulley asked? When is it no longer going to be on one employee "who does not play well with others"?

Mr. Matijasich questioned how Mayor Kuchta could be involved in hiring an investigator or be part of these discussions when the Mayor should be investigated for taking money from the City.

Councilor Molnar stated, regarding the February special meeting, that when Council reconvened following its executive session Councilors Darrow, Engle and Hanneken proceeded to take action by adding a motion that did not appear on the agenda. Mr. Molnar informed them they could not include an additional item that did not appear on the agenda because the public has not been made aware of the additional item. Mr. Molnar subsequently moved to adjourn, which Ms. Tulley seconded. But the other members proceeded to continue. When the other members learned their action was not legal they scheduled their meeting for Sunday. Mr. Molnar expressed his displeasure of holding a meeting on a Sunday and politely asked that the meeting not be held on that day. There was no regard to his request. Neither Mr. Molnar nor Ms. Tulley were consulted about the Sunday meeting. The intent of holding the meeting on Sunday was to avoid a turn-out. Mr. Molnar asked Mr. Matijasich how he learned of the Sunday meeting to which he answered he received a telephone call. Continuing, Mr. Molnar stated within the last five months nearly \$100,000 has been spent to defend a man that the Mayor, who the people elected, has deemed to be unfit for continued employment. The report Council received this week verified "that man" who is being paid to stay home lied on more than one occasion. While not criminal, to Mr. Molnar lying relative to the job is reason enough for that man to no longer be employed. Continuing to defend him and hold secret meetings about him is wrong. Regarding the Mayor, Chief Golden said there is an investigation of him which Mr. Molnar reiterated that he never said there shouldn't be.

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Councilor Hanneken interjected she offered Mr. Molnar an alternative day to meet, Monday, February 9 but Mr. Molnar never responded to her email.

Councilor Molnar responded Councilors Darrow, Engle and Hanneken worked out all the details without every consulting him. What was their rush he asked Ms. Hanneken.

Councilor Hanneken stated she doesn't know who lied in the report. The actual allegation relates to an issue which the finance director was not interviewed about. She would bet she added there have been times Mr. Molnar has lied. Ms. Hanneken stated the criminal charges against Mr. Svab have been cleared without anyone even having to interview Mr. Svab. Any statements in the "raw" reports are without comment by Mr. Svab she added. There needs to be resolution to this matter. Council wants to close it with an investigator who is professional and knows what he is doing so the City can move on Ms. Hanneken stated. The decision to spend \$10,000 on an attorney to perform an administrative investigation is insane Ms. Hanneken added.

Councilor Tulley cautioned Ms. Hanneken as statements could be construed that her intent is to malign the reputation of the attorney currently performing the investigation. Continuing, Ms. Tulley said she, like Mr. Molnar emailed Councilors Darrow, Engle and Hanneken asking them not to hold a special meeting on Sunday, to wait until tonight's meeting but not one of them called or emailed her in return. How did the three members know the meeting was going to be held Sunday Ms. Tulley asked? Ms. Tulley said Ms. Darrow said Ms. Hanneken called Ms. Darrow and asked for a special meeting. How did Mr. Engle then know? Ms. Tulley accused Councilors Darrow, Engle and Hanneken of "round robin talks", that is transacting business amongst themselves outside the context of meetings in violation of the Sunshine Law. Ms. Tulley asked Council President Darrow as council president why she did not call or email Ms. Tulley; why did Ms. Hanneken feel it appropriate to provide a public press release on behalf of Council, and why is Ms. Hanneken speaking and acting on behalf of Council President Darrow?

Council President Darrow stated the February 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> meetings were not illegal, they were posted with the media and they were opened to the public. Ms. Darrow explained that pursuant to ordinance the Mayor or three members of Council can call a special meeting so there was not violation in that regard. Ms. Darrow said it is not her responsibility to stop a special meeting requested by a fellow member, a meeting supported by other members. Ms. Darrow said Ms. Hanneken called Ms. Darrow asking for her support for the Sunday meeting, which Ms. Darrow obliged. Ms. Hanneken must have then called Mr. Engle Ms. Darrow stated. Ms. Darrow was unaware that Ms. Hanneken did not call Ms. Tulley or Mr. Molnar. Ms. Darrow said Ms. Tulley has complained that too much Council business is discussed via emails. Ms. Darrow agrees and prefers not to communicate via emails. Ms. Darrow added that she does not communicate via email or telephone with either Mr. Engle or Ms. Hanneken on a daily basis. Ms. Darrow said she is accused of this when in fact she does not.

Councilor Tulley asked Ms. Darrow why she is disrespectful of Ms. Tulley and Mr. Molnar.

Council President Darrow responded she is not disrespectful. It did matter to Ms. Darrow whether or not Ms. Tulley or Mr. Darrow appeared Sunday because Ms. Darrow did not call the meeting Ms. Hanneken did.

Councilor Tulley asked Ms. Darrow, as the council president, why the rush?

Council President Darrow reiterated, she did not respond to Ms. Tulley because Ms. Hanneken called the meeting. Ms. Darrow added she would respond the same regardless of who the member.

Regarding another topic Barb Dlugoz, Valley View Road resident complained about what she described as treacherous, very deep holed potholes along Valley View Road. To the matter of February 8<sup>th</sup> special meeting Ms. Dlugoz questioned how the public was advised. In Ms. Dlugoz' opinion the Sunday meeting sent the message Council didn't want residents to know. Ms. Dlugoz complained that the finance director is getting paid while on leave. Pertaining to the new garbage cans Ms. Dlugoz complained that they are too big and wondered when the weather is very bad like it has been if she is allowed to use a regular trash bag to which she was told yes.

Regarding advertising/posting meeting notices, Clerk Arceci explained that the representatives of the media (NewsLeader) are notified. The notices are also posted on City's website calendar and well as on calendar at front entrance of City Center and on calendar outside Council office.

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**PENDING &/OR NEW LEGISLATION**

**ORD. NO. 8-2015**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 549.10 POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS was **offered** by Mr. Engle for its **second reading by title only**. Second not required.

**ORD. NO. 15 -2015**

Ms. Tulley moved, Ms. Hanneken seconded to **table indefinitely ORD. NO. 15 -2015** AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE HIRING OF ROBERT RANTA TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORK IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None  
The motion carried. **ORD.NO.15-2015 Tabled Indefinitely**  
(For the reason Mr. Ranta took employment elsewhere)

**RES. NO. 20-2015**

A FINAL RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROCEED WITH THE RESURFACING OF PORTIONS OF SR 82 FROM THE WEST CORPORATE LINE TO IR271 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was **offered** by Mr. Molnar and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by title for all three readings Second by Ms. Tulley.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed.

Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded to **adopt RES. NO. 20-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed. **RES. NO. 20-2015 declared adopted.**

**ORD. NO. 21-2015**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MACEDONIA OCCUPANCY PROGRAM GRANTS AGREEMENT WITH VISTA SPRINGS MACEDONIA OPERATIONS, LLC. was **offered** by Ms. Hanneken and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by title for all three readings Second by Mr. Molnar.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed.

Ms. Hanneken moved, Ms. Tulley seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 21-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 21-2015 declared adopted.**

**ORD. NO. 22-2015**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SECURITY INSTALLATIONS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE AND UPDATE THE SECURITY SYSTEM IN CITY HALL was **offered** by Mr. Molnar and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by title for all three readings Second by Ms Tulley.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed.

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Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 22-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 22-2015 declared adopted.**

**ORD. NO. 23-2015**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC SIGNS FOR USE BY THE MACEDONIA SERVICE DEPARTMENTHALL was **offered** by Mr. Engle and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by title for all three readings Second by Ms Tulley.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed.

Mr. Engle moved, Ms. Tulley seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 23-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 23-2015 declared adopted**

Relative to ORD. NO. 23-2015, Service Director DeGaetano announced four (4) new solar STOP signs will be installed at the intersection of Ledge and N. Bedford and two (2) solar "NO THRU TRUCKS" signs will be installed on Shepard Road.

**ORD. NO. 24-2015**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO ADD A FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was **offered** by Ms. Darrow for its **first reading by title only**. Second not required

**ORD. NO. 25 -2015**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY IN ORDER TO PAY FOR INSURANCE CLAIM EXPENSES FOR THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE PLAN was **offered** by Ms. Hanneken and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by title for all three readings Second by Ms Tulley.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed.

Ms. Hanneken moved, Mr. Engle seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 25-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 25-2015 declared adopted**

Regarding ORD. NO. 25-2015, Councilor Hanneken explained this expenditure pertains to the last payment regarding the insurance deductible relative to on-going lawsuit.

**ORD. NO. 26 -2015**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR PAYMENT OF UTILITIES AT LONGWOOD MANOR PLAN was **offered** by Mr. Engle and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by title for all three readings Second by Ms Tulley.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed.

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Mr. Engle moved, Ms. Tulley seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 26-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 26-2015 declared adopted**

Relative to ORD. NO. 26-2015 Councilor Engle explained Council previously approved paying the cost of the utilities relative to the Manor House. This ordinance allows the transfer of funds from unencumbered fund balance for that purpose.

**ORD. NO. 27 -2015**

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS MOVED TO GENERAL FUND AT THE END OF 2104 TO FUND 101.110.5545, SAFETY INITIATIVES was **offered** by Ms. Hanneken and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by title for all three readings Second by Mr. Molnar

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed.

Ms. Hanneken moved Mr. Molnar seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 27-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 27-2015 declared adopted**

**MOTIONS OR OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

- Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded approving renewing the Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District by residents Patrick & Laura DeShane Jr. relative to their property at 9066 N. Bedford Road, Macedonia, Ohio.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed

- Ms. Hanneken moved, Mr. Molnar seconded authorizing transferring Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) from General Fund unencumbered to Fund/Account 101.110.5600 to fund the senior snow plow program.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley  
Nays: None.  
The motion passed

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** [Imported from Word document]

“Macedonia was approached by a retail business recently asking for a Community Reinvestment Abatement, CRA. Macedonia has not given out any CRA's to retail businesses in Macedonia to this date (real estate tax abatements). I think it is commendable that we have held that standard and yet become one of the biggest retail sales municipalities around. The amount of real estate operating tax the City receives on an annual basis is less than \$600,000 a year. That amount is so low that it emphasizes the fact that it is not affordable or sufficient to run our City on that amount, let alone give up any of that money. We just cannot afford to lose any of that tax money unless we would benefit in other ways. For instance; if someone would approach us to build a Hospital or a University....that would be a different story!

That kind of economic development would, or could, bring lots of high paying jobs. The City would benefit from the City Income Tax paid by those employees. Actually, the amount received in City Income Tax from just one of our medium size businesses is

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equal to the real estate tax paid (the City's portion) from more than two hundred \$200,000 houses!

The business asking for the CRA was referred to the Summit County Land Bank. I am very grateful to Patrick Bravo and the people at the Summit County Land Bank for helping to get financial aid to the company that resulted in them being able to bring their business to Macedonia. His actions saved the City not only money, but gave us the tools we need to open the door for more businesses that will help us to thrive.

An electrical power cable dropped this past Sunday causing great concern over a downed and live power line right through the Commons while also shutting down Route 8 and Interstate 271. I was contacted within 24 hours by Gary Didado, who is the president of JW Didado Electric. I have to compliment our safety forces for their response and diligence to make sure no one was hurt. Mr. Didado called me within a day, and was very earnest in his concern for our residents and businesses and their safety. He cares very much about this area because this is where his business got its start years ago; in fact they wired our new city hall. He gave me contact information for any insurance claims, talk to Denise Hicks at Gallagher Basset Services at 972-728-3572. You can also call my office for help at 330-468-8322. Mr. Didado sincerely apologized for any inconvenience and is very grateful no one was hurt. The accident was caused by equipment failure.

In an effort to have more transparency in government, our Council work sessions will now be televised along with our Council meetings. The camera will not be functional during executive sessions.”

### **COMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning Commission** Mr. Engle reported that Planning reviewed several signs at its February 9 meeting as well as approved an expansion of the dementia unit of Summit Pointe, Valley View Road. The next meeting of Planning is March 16 at 5:30pm.

**Charter Review Commission** Mr. Engle reported as of February 11 the Commission completed its first round of review of the Charter. There are several areas, points of interest, suggestions and/or recommendations that the Commission will revisit and discuss in greater detail during forthcoming meetings. Mr. Engle thanked those persons/residents outside the structure of the Commission who have expressed their interests, suggestions and/or recommendations. The Commission meeting scheduled for February 18 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be March 11 at 6:30pm.

Councilor Hanneken announced the Charter Review Commission meetings can be viewed on YouTube.

Councilor Tulley requested that the Charter Review Commission meetings be video recorded by city staff and be uploaded to the City's website as are all the official meetings of Planning and Council.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Service Department** Mr. DeGaetano reported that he met with Macedonia's seniors and advised those who receive free snow removal service to call the service department if they encounter any problems by the vendors providing the snow plow services. Regarding potholes, Mr. DeGaetano explained that the extreme in temperatures is preventing remedy. The holes no sooner are filled when they are back the way there were.

**Building Commissioner** Mr. Hlad provided the 2014 Macedonia Building Report (on file)

**Engineer** Mr. Fini reported engineering continues to develop bidding documents relative to 2015 road projects. Authorization for bids is forthcoming..

**Recreation Department** Ms. Gmerek reported Macedonia's first 5K race will be held Sunday April 19. The run will commence at Nordonia High school. Registration is online. Competition will be segregated by divisions, determined by age. There will be separate division for high school students. A One Mile fun run/walk will also be included in the day's events. Sponsors for the event are needed to defraycosts Ms. Gmerek stated. Ms. Gmerek added Hermes Cleveland Racing is providing their knowledge and

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expertise. Ms. Gmerek reported she received over 100 applications relative to vacant position of Membership and Marketing Coordinator.

Councilor Tulley explained Hermes is a premier racing organization, which sets courses and certifies them for a variety of organizations. Hermes website is [Hermescleveland.com](http://Hermescleveland.com) and while it too early to register for the April 19 "Knight Way 5K" it is on their calendar. Hermes collaborates with Fleet Feet Sports, Northfield Center, Ohio.

**Finance Department**

**Fire Department** Chief Black reminded residents to clear/remove snow from around their fire hydrants. Also, if possible keep street/house numbers visible. Regarding Robert "Bob" Bolton, Chief Black said Mr. Bolton was not verbose about his donations/contributions. His donations were always anonymous but he as a major supporter of the Macedonia Firefighters' Association and its activities.

**Police Department** Chief Golden reiterated what Chief Black stated about street numbers. Chief Golden reminded residents to use Nixle for road alerts.

**Law Department** Mr. Guidetti had no report.

**Unfinished business** Councilor Tulley asked Mr. Hlad how the City handles potholes in retail parking lots to which Mr. Hlad explained the lots are inspected when the weather in the spring. A report is then sent to the property owners as the repairs are considered a mandatory maintenance issue.

Councilor Tulley asked Engineer Fini, on behalf of a resident, if noise walls are included in the I271 widening project. The specific area is N. Bedford between Ledge and I480 overpass to which he answered yes. The walls will be installed at the end of the project sometime in 2016.

Councilor Hanneken mentioned she has heard complaints about the intense noise from 7am-9pm from pylons being driven relative to the I271 project.

**New business** None

There being no further business the regular meeting adjourned at 8:50pm (Roll call taken)