

Record of Proceedings

Regular Council Meeting

November 9, 2017

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Joseph Migliorini called the November 9, 2017 meeting to order at 7:32pm.

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3 **Present:** Council President Nick Molnar and Council Members' Kevin Bilkie, David Engle, Sylvia
4 Hanneken and Jan Tulley; Law Director Mark Guidetti and Council Clerk Josephine
5 Arceci

6 **Absent:**

7 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by City Chaplin Commodore Tom O'Brien of the
8 Nordonia Hills American Legion Post 801.

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10 **MINUTES** Mr. Molnar moved, Mr. Engle seconded and motion carried by unanimously on voice
11 vote to approve the minutes of October 14, 2017 meeting.

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13 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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15 ~**Vini J. Ventura, 1479 Bruce Road** and Council-elect thanked family, friends and residents for
16 supporting his election to Macedonia City Council. Mr. Ventura specifically thanked his wife Darlene
17 "Dar" as she is known and running mates Jessica Brandt and Jan Tulley. Mr. Ventura explained that he
18 and Ms. Brandt walked through Macedonia's neighborhoods speaking to as many residents as possible
19 about vision for Macedonia. Mr. Ventura thanked the police, fire and services departments for their
20 support and endorsements as well as Mayor Migliorini and Council members Nick Molnar and Kevin
21 Bilkie for their mentoring. Mr. Ventura also thanked Council Clerk Arceci. As a newly elected member
22 of Council Mr. Ventura said he is looking forward to working City employees. Concluding Mr. Ventura
23 stated. "Last, but not least, definitely not least to the fine residents who saw a change was needed and
24 have given me the opportunity to work on keeping Macedonia the lead entity in Nordonia Hills, thank
25 you from my heart. And definitely last, Ms. Hanneken, the people have spoken."

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27 ~**Roy Metzel, Smokerise**, commended Ms. Tulley and Council elect Brandt and Ventura on their
28 successful campaigns. Mr. Metzel said he is hopeful come January the new council members will help
29 keep Macedonia moving forward. Regarding another matter, Mr. Metzel stated Macedonia and
30 surrounding areas are fortunate that there was no loss of life from the devastating wind and rain storm that
31 hit Sunday, November 5th. In finishing, Mr. Metzel asked everyone to be mindful of Veterans Day,
32 November 11th.

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

35 **ORD. NO. 96-2017**

36 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANE NO. 19-2017 RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL
37 APPROPRIATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FOR
38 THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 217 was **offered** by Ms. Tulley who moved
39 Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read
40 it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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42 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to **amend**
43 **ORD. NO. 96-2017 to conform in its entirety to Version 2 of ORD. NO. 96-2017 introduced this**
44 **evening**.

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46 Ms. Tulley moved Mr. Molnar seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to **adopt ORD.**
47 **NO. 96-2017 as amended** and post same according to law. **ORD. NO. 96-2017 declared adopted as**
48 **amended.**

50 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION(S)**

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52 ~Mr. Bilkie moved, Mr. Molnar seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote canceling the
53 regular meeting of November 23, 2017 in observance of Thanksgiving and meeting of December 28,
54 2017 in observance of Christmas week.

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56 ~Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to schedule
57 a Special Meeting for Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 6:15pm (or immediately following finance meeting
58 held just before) for the purpose of the first read of the 2018 Annual Appropriation (operating budget) and
59 any other legislative action which may come before Council.

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61 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

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63 **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

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65 ~Mayor Migliorini commended the police, fire and services departments for their quick action and level
66 of preparedness during the November 5th storm. And although each department was responsive Mayor
67 Migliorini feels improvements which will be addresses in each department. Mayor Migliorini thanked
68 everyone again for their quick actions including residents who also helped clear branches and limbs from
69 the roads. The downed trees and particularly downed electric lines caused serious safety concern Mayor
70 Migliorini stated. Sustained wind gusts were estimated between 70-100mph. Mayor Migliorini stated he
71 was extremely concerned for well-being of the residents, and as Mr. Metzler stated, miraculously no one
72 was injured nor was no loss of life.

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74 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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76 **Finance Committee** Ms. Tulley announced the next finance meeting is Thursday, November 16th at
77 6pm, and thereafter the next one is Thursday, December 7th at 6pm. The focus of the meeting on the 16th
78 is final review the 2018 operating budget. The meeting on the 7th will be brief, only long enough to cover
79 last minute details regarding projected 2018 operating costs. The Special Meeting on December 7th that
80 follows provides the opportunity for a first read of the 2018 Annual Appropriation. For now the Annual
81 Appropriation is for operating expenses only. Capital expenditures for 2018 and subsequent years will
82 be discussed after the New Year and after the new members of Council have been seated Ms. Tulley
83 stated.

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85 **Park & Recreation Commission** Mr. Bilkie announced the Commission is looking at creating a new
86 membership structure to keep, enhance and attract membership. Mr. Bilkie mentioned the Commission
87 also discussed designs plans for the Rec Center's upgrades and renovations.

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92 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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94 **Service Department** Director Hnottavange reported that all the downed street trees blocking roads
95 throughout the city have been removed. The Director stated many residents have called for help in their
96 yards. City employees he explained cannot enter upon private property to remove trees, limbs or debris
97 from trees. If a tree or limb in the front of a residence has fallen into the right-of-way, the City will do
98 what it can. But that is the only scenario permitted. Mr. Hnottavange mentioned that the first round of
99 chipping and branch collection has started. And crews will continue to make rounds for tree debris as the
100 weather permits. Leaf collection will proceed once collection of branches is complete. If residents prefer
101 not to wait the City to collect leaves, they may hire a private contractor or bag the leaves place them in
102 their weekly trash collection. Weekly trash collection is unlimited however decries cannot be more than
103 4ft long and more than 40lbs. Mr. Hnottavange thanked residents who called the service department to
104 express their appreciation.

105 Mayor Migliorini interjected regarding residences whose meters have been shut-off because of the storm
106 that Ohio Edison will not reenergize meters without prior verification from an electrical contractor that
107 the meters are undamaged and can be activated. The Mayor added the City is waiving all contractor fees
108 for property owners who have to call a contractor because of this issue or other issues to their homes
109 relating storm damage.

110 **Building Commissioner**

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112 **Engineer** Mr. Gigliotti's reported that due to the storm, the contractor for this year's road program has
113 postponed stripping the finished streets until storm debris has been removed. Relative to the proposed
114 curb cut on Route 8 at The Crossings at Golden Link. Mr. Gigliotti reported that 9 of the 12 property
115 owners to date have agreed to being assessed the cost of the project.

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117 Councilor Hanneken asked Mr. Gigliotti the status of the berm situation to which Mr. Gigliotti answered
118 he walked several areas and what he observed is stabilizing and will become more stable as time
119 progresses.

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121 Council President Molnar mentioned that an expedite method of hardening berm is tar, which is
122 troublesome and messy. Another method is to eliminate berms entirely and replace them with curbs,
123 gutters and catch basins, the cost of which for the seven roads completed in this year road program would
124 have been about \$1.5M. In Mr. Molnar opinion the best, most reasonable approach are berms and to let
125 the nature hardness process take its course.

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127 **Recreation Department** Director Manley reported the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony is Sunday,
128 December 3rd from 5-7pm at Veterans Memorial Park. Santa will be arriving by fire truck. Donated hot
129 chocolate and refreshments will be served.

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131 **Finance Department** Director Hall reported RITA held the subpoena program last week but as yet she
132 does not know what resulted financially from 1300 taxpayer subpoenas issued.

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134 **Fire Department** In Chief Black's absence Captain Ripley reported that more than 50 critical calls
135 were dispatched in response to Sunday's storm. Many of these emergency calls were not accessible until

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136 downed limbs were first removed from the roads fe added. And as has been mentioned there was no loss
137 of life but there were many injuries resulting from yard clean-up or residents falling from trying to
138 navigate in the dark. In many areas residents were without electricity for over two days. Captain Ripley
139 thanked all the off-duty full time and part time firefighters who responded and worked through the night.
140 He also thanked Macedonia's police officers who were also out the entire evening and dispatchers who
141 handled the intense and immense level of call volume professionally. The Captain mentioned too the
142 Sagamore Hills police department and the Sheriff's department as well as elected officials in all the
143 communities were out acting on behalf of residents of the Nordonia Hills areas. The storm was intense
144 and the Nordonia Hills was hit hard, some areas harder than others Captain Ripley stated. The Captain
145 mentioned that in light of day Monday morning while canvassing the City for damages he saw so many
146 neighbors helping neighbors. Captain Ripley announced that the Macedonia Firefighter Association's
147 Annual Sausage and Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, November 12th from 8am to 1pm at Macedonia Station
148 1. Beginning Monday, November 13th children's gifts for the Annual Santa Delivery Program may be
149 dropped off at the fire department, Station 1. Complete information about the program, dates and times
150 of delivery is on the City's website www.macedonia.oh.us.

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152 **Police Department** Chief Golden could not commend the dispatchers enough for how well they
153 handled the call volume during the November 5th storm. In the first hour of the event 291 calls were
154 received. This count does not include the radio traffic Chief Golden added. The next four hours
155 dispatchers answered 584 calls. At one point there were six dispatchers in the call center the Chief stated.
156 Chief Golden opined dispatchers are the life force for the safety forces for without what they do police
157 and fire could not do all they do. Regarding the intersection of Routes 8/82 Chief Golden explained that
158 the lanes stripping ODOT applied after it completed its repaving program are not properly spaced. The
159 tight lanes present potential traffic hazards which ODOT has been made aware. Chief Golden mentioned
160 too that a preemption camera is being installed at S. Freeway and Route 82. There is also a
161 detection/infra red camera to be installed at Route 82 near Macedonia Commons and Waters Drive. This
162 camera is not a speed traffic device like some believe Chief Golden said but a traffic control sensor.
163 These types of devices are known has trips when installed in the below ground under the base of asphalt.

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165 Engineer Gigliotti interjected, regarding Routes 8/82, that the left turn lanes; north and south bound are
166 too close together, less than a 12ft lane width creating a safety issue. ODOT is aware and have advised
167 the situation will be remedied.

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169 Councilor Hanneken told Chief Golden she heard there were technical issues in the dispatch center during
170 the storm to which he answered there were some issues but the phone system was never down. The
171 system at one point locked because of the call volume within such a short period but these calls rolled
172 over to Twinsburg. Ms. Hanneken added that she has heard nothing but praise about the responsiveness
173 of the police, fire and service departments during the storm.

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175 Mayor Migliorini interjected the administration staff met to discuss what was done and ways to improve
176 preparedness. Some improvements are easy, like having a supply of flares and flashlights in all city
177 vehicles. Unfortunately most improvements are costly the Mayor added.

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179 Service Director Hnottavange mentioned one improvement is the new pick-up trucks are being outfitted
180 with spotlights which have a remote device to direct the light.

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182 Council Tulley interjected that she and her husband checked on elderly neighbors by using a portable
183 spotlight that plugged into the cigarette light in their car. Ms. Tulley thanked all the neighbors who
184 helped other neighbors not just the evening of the storm but this week as well. Ms. Tulley mentioned the
185 only road that remained opened the entire way during the storm was S. Freeway Drive because Freeway
186 has no street trees.

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188 Councilor Hanneken interjected residents responded heroically and should be applauded for helping other
189 residents.

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191 Council President Molnar commended Macedonia's safety personnel, police, dispatch and fire. Mr.
192 Molnar also commended Macedonia's service department who he described as the unsung heroes of the
193 evening. The crews relentlessly cleared trees, limbs and brush from the roads so emergency vehicles and
194 residents could get to their homes.

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

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198 **Unfinished business**

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200 **New business** Councilor Bilkie congratulated his cousin, Laura Leighton, recipient of Rushwood
201 School's Student of the Month Award. Mr. Bilkie also thanked the safety forces and service department
202 as well as all the citizens; adults and children who were out during the storm removing debris from the
203 streets. Mr. Bilkie congratulated Jan Tulley on her re-election to Macedonia City Council as well as
204 Jessica Brandt and Vini J. Ventura for their election to office.

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206 There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned unanimously on voice vote at
207 8:16pm