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Regular Council Meeting

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Presiding Officer, Mayor Donald Kuchta called the November 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 Law Director Joseph W. Diemert, Jr.

Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by members of American Legion Post 801, Northfield Center, Ohio

INVOCATION led by Tom O'Brien, Chaplain of Post 801

PRESENTATIONS

- American Legion Post 801 presented Mayor Kuchta a Certificate of Appreciation for years of dedicated service to the City of Macedonia.
- On behalf of the Macedonia police department, Chief Jon Golden presented Mayor Don Kuchta a plaque inscribed "Our Mayor, Our Leader, Our Friend" in appreciation of 12 years of service as Macedonia's mayor and safety director.
- **RES. NO.147-2015: A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO THE HONORABLE DONALD J. KUCHTA** was **offered** by Ms. Tulley and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read **it in its entirety for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar

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

Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded to **adopt RES. NO. 147-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
The motion passed. **RES. NO. 147-2015 declared adopted.**

Mayor Kuchta graciously and humbly accepted the Certificate of Appreciation from American Post 801 and plaque from Chief Golden and thanked Macedonia employees and residents for what he described as his honor to serve the City of Macedonia

MINUTES Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded to approve minutes of regular meeting of October 8, 2015.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT Ms. Hanneken moved Mr. Engle seconded, acknowledging receipt of Financial Report dated October 31, 2015.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

~Vini Ventura, 28-year resident of 1479 Bruce Road congratulated Joseph Migliorini, Nick Molnar and Kevin Bilkie for successfully winning their elections. Mr. Ventura commended Macedonia employees who through their union reps took a stand during the election to ensure a non-hostile work environment. Mr. Ventura commented on the lack of integrity of the finance director and those who support him as he was caught in a rented out-of-state vehicle distributing negative campaign literature against the formable candidates. The action by the finance director not only demonstrated his lack of integrity but his ethics and those who support him. Mr. Ventura stated every politician north of Akron

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who ran a negative, combative campaign lost their elections. Mr. Ventura announced he intends to seek candidacy to council position at the next election.

~Jeff Cole, who grew up in Macedonia, attended Nordonia schools and now represents Cable 9 congratulated Mayor Kuchta on his retirement and thanked him for the class he demonstrated during his tenure as mayor of Macedonia. Mr. Cole thanked and commended Law Director Diemert as well who for 25-years has represented Cable 9. Mr. Cole described Mr. Diemert as formidable counsel who won over \$500,000 for the local cable station. These funds Mr. Cole added provided the equipment used today to bring local programming like school sports to cable.

~Cathy Loya, 9186 N. Bedford Road congratulated Mayor Kuchta on his retirement and thanked him for being an advocate on behalf of her family regarding storm water issues relative to their property. Ms. Loya asked Council to remain mindful of Ord. No. 78-2015 the North Bedford Ledge Roads Drainage Study, an ordinance that was first introduced in June but held to study if the study was necessary. Ms. Loya was confident that the majority of Council understood the seriousness of the water issues of this area in part because of increased storm water and changes to the flood zones by FEMA. Ms. Loya stated she addressed Council at the September 10 meeting about Ord. No. 116-2015 authorizing PP 33-00726 to be purchased by the City because of the serious flooding to that home and parcel. At that meeting Ms. Loya asked for the same consideration for the Loya property and other properties facing the same issue. Councilor Molnar had even made the motion at the September 10th meeting to acquire an appraisal of the Loya's property which failed by a three-two vote. Only Councilors Molnar and Tulley supported the motion. The response of the other three councilors was the study had to be performed before a determination could be made. Ms. Loya questioned what study was performed regarding PP 33-00726 to qualify the purchase of that parcel.

Councilor Engle in responds to Ms. Loya's questioned explained there was no formal study. The former and current city engineer determined there was no viable remedy for PP 33-00726 and thus the reason the purchase was made. If the current study which pertains to 30-40 parcels determines there is no remedy Mr. Engle pledged then the same consideration will be made. If the Loya parcel, like PP 33-00726 needs to be purchased Mr. Engle said he will personally request legislation to that effect.

Engineer Fini interjected the analysis/study of the Bedford Ledge should be fully completed by the end of November with recommendation shortly thereafter, probably by mid December.

~Joan Kuchta, 8855 Smokerise and wife of Mayor Kuchta extended her thanks to all the residents who have emailed, texted, called or sent cards or letters commending the Mayor regarding his years of service to Macedonia for letting him know as well that he will be missed. The job of mayor is not easy Ms. Kuchta stated. The position is 24/7 and over the years the position has taken a toll on them both. There is sadness in leaving the position Ms. Kuchta said but she has total pride in her husband and for the years of service he gave to Macedonia. To Ms. Hanneken and Ms. Darrow, Ms. Kuchta stated "You did not get elected because the people did not think you were fit for your positions. You cannot play detectives; you cannot request records over and over and over. What do get out of requesting 350 records or more? What are you digging for? Why didn't you come to council meetings for years to know what was going on in the City. But no you feel now is the time to dig. That is not the job of a council person. You worked very hard backwards and not forward looking for what? I don't understand what you were doing? Is that what you thought a councilor was to do? Dig, dig and dig out old things into the light, things that shouldn't be because they were done with. Ms. Hanneken, shame on you. Shame on you for the campaign you ran. I cannot believe you had the nerve to pull some of the crap you did against Joe. I want people to know and this may ring a bell with a lot of you, Ms. Hanneken had Mr. Svab as a helper in her campaign. He comes from Canal Fulton in the middle of the night to pass out trash literature in mailboxes against Joe. Now look at the surprised look on Ms. Hanneken's face. Oh my gosh I guess you would also deny you entered into one of Joe's facilities by using your mother's secret code to talk to the people who were in the dementia center of this facility to get their votes. Now is that scrapping for votes or what, shame on you, shame on you? Mr. Migliorini has a good head and the expertise to keep Macedonia a great place to live. He will be able to move us on a continuous plan by seeing that things move along. Nothing stays the same. Congratulations to Mr. Molnar and Mr. Bilkie. Mr. Molnar has been a wonderful addition to Council and I'm sure Mr. Bilkie will live up to the Oath of Office when he

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takes it. Ms. Hanneken, I have one more thing to say to you. You are not the Mayor. You will never be the Mayor so stop acting like the Mayor or the person who thinks she is above the Mayor. You have been disrespectful from the time you have been on Council and that's a shame and if you really want that Council seat, lady you better change your ways." Leaving the podium Ms. Kuchta stopped in front of dais by Mayor Kuchta and told him " I am definitely proud of you, I am amazed by you, you are one of a kind, job well done."

~Roy Metzel, Smokerise Drive congratulated Mayor Kuchta on his retirement after 12 years of dedicated service. In Mr. Metzel's mind he said Mayor Kuchta will always be the mayor. Mr. Metzel criticized the rampant sign stealing that took place during this campaign. Mr. Metzel commended Mr. Diemert as well.

PENDING AND/OR NEW LEGISLATION

ORD. NO. 125– 2015

Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Hanneken seconded **to hold at its second reading ORD. NO. 125– 2015:**
AN ORDINANCE CREATING NEW CHAPTER 182 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MACEDONIA OHIO REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

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

RES. NO. 131 – 2015

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REMOVAL OF SCOTT SVAB AS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE was **offered by Ms. Hanneken for its first reading by title only**. Second not required.

ORD. NO. 132– 2015 AN CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF HEATHER DIPENTI TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME POLICE AND FIRE DISPATCHER 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 only 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, Mr. Molnar seconded to **adopt RES. NO. 132-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
The motion passed. **RES. NO. 132-2015 declared adopted.**

ORD. NO. 133 – 2015

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF THE TWIN KEYSTONE WATER DISTRICT WATERLINE CURRENTLY LOCATED IN MACEDONIA; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THAT PURPOSEDISPATCHER 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 only 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, Mr. Engle seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 133-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 133-2015 declared adopted**

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ORD. NO. 134 – 2015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PURCHASE OF A MEDICAL UNIT FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM HORTON EMERGENCY VEHICLES PURPOSEDISPATCHER was **offered** by Ms. Tulley and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar.

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

Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 134-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 134-2015 declared adopted**

ORD. NO. 135 – 2015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 111-2015 BY CHANGING THE FINANCING FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO FREIGHTLINER TRUCKS FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARMTENT FROM MERCEDES-BENZ FINANCIAL SERVICES USA LLC TO US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE PURPOSEDISPATCHER 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 only 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. 135-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 135-2015 declared adopted**

ORD. NO. 136 – 2015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) JOHN DEERE 524k LOADER FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT FROM MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO. was **offered** by Ms. Tulley and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar.

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

Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 136-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 136-2015 declared adopted**

ORD. NO. 137– 2015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCT WITH A & A SAFETY, INC., FOR THE 2015 PAVEMENT MARKING FOR THE CITY STREETS PROGRAM 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 only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar.

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. 137-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 137-2015 declared adopted**

ORD. NO. 138– 2015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE 2015 ROAD STRIPING/MARKING PROGRAM 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 only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Engle.

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

Ms. Hanneken moved, Mr. Engle seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 138-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 138-2015 declared adopted**

ORD. NO. 139 – 2015

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUNDS TO SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE REPAIR OF FOUR (4) STREET LIGHTS 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 only 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 ORD. NO. 139-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 139-2015 declared adopted**

ORD. NO. 140 – 2015

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN ORDER TO FUNE THE OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF MACEDONIA 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 only 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. Molnar seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 140-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 140-2015 declared adopted**

ORD. NO. 141– 2015

AN ORDINANCE MAKING A FUND TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUNDS TO LAW DEPARTMENT TO MEET THE OBLIGATIONS FOR THE BALANCE OF 2015 was **offered** by Mr. Engle for **its first reading by title only**. Second not required.

ORD. NO. 142– 2015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THAT FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND 401 BE TRANSFERRED BETWEEN ACCOUNTS IN THAT FUND was **offered** by Ms. Tulley

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and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar.

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

Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 142-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 142-2015 declared adopted**

ORD. NO. 143– 2015

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUND TRANSFERS FROM GENERAL FUND TO POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS LISTED BELOW TO PURCHASE NECESSARY SUPPLIES AND VEHICLE WINTER TIRES. 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 only 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 ORD. NO. 143-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 143-2015 declared adopted**

ORD. NO. 144– 2015

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2016 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS was offered for its **first reading by title only**. Second not required.

RES. NO. 145 – 2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUND PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) IN ORDER TO UNDERTAKE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA 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 only 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. 145-2015** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Engle Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
The motion passed. **ORD. NO. 145-2015 declared adopted**

RES. NO. 146– 2015

A RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF THE WORK OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION 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 in **its entirety for all three readings**. Second by Ms. Hanneken.

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

Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Hanneken seconded to **adopt RES. NO. 146-2015** and post same according to law.

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Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None
Abstention: Engle (Mr. Engle chaired the CRC)
The motion passed. **RES. NO. 146-2015 declared adopted**

Relative to RES.NO. 146-2015, Councilor Molnar thanked Mr. Engle for representing Council on the Charter Review Commission as well as acting as chair. The review of the Charter in an arduous, timing consuming and sometimes frustrating task and those who volunteer their time to this lengthy process are to be commended Mr. Molnar stated.

Mayor Kuchta interjected the most important amendment to the Charter in his opinion is the change in the composition of the Planning Commission. For years the Commission has consisted of three electorates, the mayor who was the chair and a member of Council. Going forward Planning will be represented by five Macedonia electorates, members whose decisions will not be politically motivated but solely based on and directed by the Codified Ordinances.

RES. NO. 147– 2015 (See first page)

A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO THE HONORABLE DONALD J. KUCHTA

MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

~ Ms. Hanneken moved, Ms. Darrow seconded, authorizing the appropriation of funds in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to pay cost of the emergency repair of Highland Road due to a water main break.

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

~Ms. Hanneken moved, Ms. Darrow seconded to accept the Auditor of State Management Letter for review and action and requesting that the Auditor of State special investigative unit perform a special investigation of the City's purchasing controls from 2014 to determine if funds are recoverable because of the lack of appropriate documentation relative to credit card purchases as mentioned in the Management Letter.

Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Hanneken
Nays: Engle, Molnar, Tulley
The motion passed.

During roll call on Ms. Hanneken's motion a brief discussion ensued. Ms. Tulley questioned why Ms. Hanneken would suggest this motion without prior discussion with every member of Council whether the credit card usage includes Council's trip to Washington D.C., the time clocks, cost of a special audit and the perimeters. Mr. Engle stated the audit is of concern and this issue should be addressed he opined however that the request for the special audit should be in the form of legislation, an ordinance he will ask the law department to prepare. Mr. Molnar stated is not willing to use additional taxpayer's money to pay for what has already been determined, that policy wasn't followed and it should have been.

~Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to cancel the regular meeting of December 24 in observance of Christmas.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Kuchta expressed appreciation and thanks to Macedonia's staff for their outstanding work performance describing his relationship with personnel as a team effort.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Ms. Hanneken announced a finance meeting has been scheduled for Thursday November 19 at 7pm

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Planning Commission Councilor Engle announced the next Planning meeting is Monday, November 16 at 5:30pm.

JEDD Councilor Molnar announced the rescheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30pm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department Acting Service Director John Hnottavange thanked service employees Sam Cisek, Brian Schumann, Rob Przyblyski, Ron Firem, Jason Czech and Jason McRitchie for managing the expedient repair of Highland Road following a water main break. Mr. Hnottavange mentioned that the leaf removal program has been successful so far this year in part because the weather has been cooperative and because maintenance has kept the equipment operational. Mr. Hnottavange reported that Eagle Scout James Hass of Troop 855 and other troop members cleared Tedrich Trail behind Pavilion 1 in Longwood Park. The troop created a pathway buffered on each side of the trail by using natural boundary markers like large fallen tree limbs as well as creating drainage by installing pipes. Mr. Hnottavange congratulated Mayor Kuchta on his retirement and thanked the Mayor for believing in and trusting Mr. Hnottavange in the capacity of leadership in the service department and for hiring him full-time 9-years ago to what Mr. Hnottavange described as his dream job.

Building Commissioner Mr. Hlad congratulated Mayor Kuchta as well, adding he will miss the many meetings with the Mayor held in regards to the 150 businesses and \$308 million in infrastructure the mayor brought to Macedonia. Mr. Hlad thanked Mr. Diemert as well for without his legal leadership the many infrastructure projects would not have come to fruition. Mr. Hlad reported Vista Springs Assisted facility has been given occupancy. And residents are taking occupancy at the Enclave, the rental subdivision as the project continues to progress. The Get-N-Go station at Highland Road has been given temporary occupancy. The grand opening is forthcoming. Also, that here have been 25 new home starts this year, 29 under construction, 10 additions and 47 alterations.

Engineer Mr. Fini's written report is attached. Mr. Fini expressed appreciation to Mayor Kuchta for giving Mr. Fini and GPD Engineering the opportunity to provide engineering work for Macedonia. Mr. Fini expressed the same appreciation to Law Director Diemert.

Recreation Department Ms. Manley reported the annual Nordonia Craft Show is this Saturday, November 14 from 9am-2pm at Lee Eaton elementary school. Admission is free. A mailbox to the North pole will be located in the lobby of Recreation Center on November 30th for the Santa Letter program. Every letter will receive a response she added. And the dinner with Santa of spaghetti and meatballs is Saturday, December 5th at 5pm. Reservations are required. Ms. Manley congratulated Mayor Kuchta on his retirement and expressed her appreciation and admiration for his years of leadership and guidance. Instead of good-bye and good luck Ms. Manley told Mayor Kuchta, "I'll see you later working out at the Rec Center." Ms. Manley also thanked Mr. Diemert for his leadership and guidance and his legal team regarding matters pertaining to the recreation department.

Finance Department

Fire Department Captain Ripley in Chief Black absence thanked veterans in honor of Veterans Day and commended ceremony held at Nordonia High school on November 11th in honor of veterans. Captain Ripley mentioned that the Santa Gift delivery program will take place on December 14, 15 & 16 and that the annual pancake and sausage breakfast held last Sunday was once again successful. Captain Ripley thanked Council for authorizing the purchase of a new medic unit. On behalf of the entire fire personnel, full-time firefighters, Cadet program and Explorers Captain Ripley expressed gratitude and appreciation to Mayor Kuchta for the support he has always given the fire department. Captain Ripley expressed the same sentiment was expressed to Mr. Diemert.

Police Department Chief Golden announced the police and fire department open house is November 18 from 6-8pm. Chief Golden expressed appreciation to Mr. Diemert and his team for the "fantastic" job they have provided the City. There is a reason Mr. Diemert's firm is nationally recognized Chief Golden added. To Mayor Kuchta, Chief Golden stated, "There is nothing more I can say that has not been said. But to one fisherman to another, I'll see you on the water."

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Law Department Mr. Diemert expressed pride to have been helpful to Macedonia and Mayor Kuchta over the last 12-years regarding many issues and projects particularly coordinating and affecting the outcome of millions of dollars of infrastructure. Mr. Diemert is also proud that during this tenure no lawsuits were lost and there were no fines and findings against the City. Mr. Diemert expressed his willingness to continue to help the City in the future in any way he or his firm can..

Unfinished business Councilor Molnar expressed well-wishes to Ms. Darrow and congratulations to Mr. Migliorini and Mr. Bilkie on their successful elections. Mr. Molnar thanked the fire department for their annual pancake and sausage breakfast and the police department for raising funds for cancer research through "No Shave November". Mr. Molnar said to Mr. Diemert, "Over the last eight years working with you has been interesting. We got off to a rough start but once we worked out some our issues we had a good relationship and I thank you for that". Regarding Mayor Kuchta, Mr. Molnar said he didn't always agree with the mayor. However, Mayor Kuchta went to Mr. Molnar's home to resolve a problem for a resident on behalf of Mr. Molnar even though the campaign sign of Mayor Kuchta's opponent was in Mr. Molnar's front yard. That action Mr. Molnar said spoke to Mayor Kuchta's character for which Mr. Molnar was very thankful..

New business Ms. Hanneken stated, "Mr. Mayor, I am going to say a few words tonight. I've heard some things tonight that I've heard repeated throughout the campaign. I want to say to everyone here I came into this meeting tonight with malice toward none and charity for all. What I heard tonight was a lot of bitter attack on me and Rita Darrow and I am very disappointed in that because I think that it shows people cannot get passed which was actually a true, heart fought election. And let just say a couple of things. Rita and I never told anything but the truth about our opponents. We were never were involved in anything that could even be considered unpleasant or wrong. It is not true about what was done to Rita. There was a flyer about Rita which everyone is aware was produced by her opponents which is disgusting, untrue in parts, disastrously attacking her on personal issues. I think those that did that should be ashamed of themselves. I have been very proud to serve with Rita, She has done an outstanding job. She has always fought for the people. The reason you have Longwood Park preserved is because of Rita, instead of having the wake boarding park disaster upon us. Let me say this, I'm a big girl, I can be attacked all you want. If you want to tell the truth that's fine but this fantasy that people have built that I'm disrespectful to anyone is ridiculous. What I am doing is I am representing the residents and the residents need to have the truth told and need to have the facts. And that is what I do and I'm proud to do it and I am happy to be here. That is my final statement for the night. Thank you."

Councilor Tulley interjected, "I'd like to leave this on a high and not talk politics just once. Let's deal with the residents issues. Let's focus on the residents, let's not talk about ourselves, let's not talk about I did this, you did that. I would like to thank Ms. Darrow for being a member of Council for four years. I would like to thank the Mayor for the 12 years that he gave and for the years before. We first meet during Charter Review and then during Future Growth. Mayor Kuchta has always taken a keen interest and been involved with what was going on in the City, what was going on with the residents. And if there is one thing I have to say it, we couldn't end a meeting without saying this, if there is one thing that he has brought that everybody loves is Nixle. If you haven't gotten it you have to get it. And on behalf of my family I would like to say thank you."

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