

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
May 12, 2016

Presiding Officer, Council President Nick Molnar, mayor pro tempore called the May 12 regular meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Present: Council members' Kevin Bilkie, David Engle, Sylvia Hanneken, Nicholas Molnar and Janet Tulley; Law Director Mark Guidetti and Council Clerk Josephine Arceci

Absent: Mayor Joseph Migliorini

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Commodore Tom O'Brien, American Legion Post 801.

MINUTES Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Engle seconded, and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to approve the minutes of April 14, 2016 regular meeting and special meeting of April 21, 2016.

National Peace Officers Week Council President Molnar announced that this is National Peace Office Week when special recognition is given to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection others. Thirty years ago, one of Macedonia's own, Officer Gary Alan Paster died responding to a mutual aid call in which his police cruiser was struck at the intersection of Routes 8 & 82. Police officers and their families should remain close in our heart and in our prayers.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION

ORD. NO. 34 – 2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA TO REZONE CERTAIN LAND FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE DISTRICT (B-O) TO THE CONVENIENCE BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-1) was offered by Mr. Bilkie for its second reading by title only. Second not required

Mr. Bilkie announced the Public Hearing for Ord. No. 34-2016 is June 9 at 7:15pm

ORD. NO. 37 – 2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 17-2016 FOR SALAREIS AND WAGES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016 was offered by Ms. Tulley for its first reading only. *(Councilor Tulley had offered, Councilor Bilkie had seconded for Ord. No. 37-2016 to be read for all three reading; waiving of the three-reading rule. Given however that Councilors Hanneken and Engle dissented only first reading applied)*

MOTIONS/ OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION - None

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter of appreciation from resident Brad Schmidt to Director Hnottavange and service crew for clean-up of Mr. Schmidt's yard.

MAYOR'S REPORT Council President Molnar reported Mayor's Court revenue for April was \$40,712.00

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreations Commission Councilor Bilkie announced that the P&RC voted to place the renewal of the ¼% income tax earmarked for the Recreation Center on the November ballot.

Finance Committee Councilor Tulley announced that there is a finance meeting Tuesday, May 17 at 6pm for the purpose of discussing capital improvement and a 5-Year Plan.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department Director Hnottavange announced there is free mulch available to Macedonia residents while the supply lasts. The mulch is stockpiled at 9683 Valley View Road. Mr. Hnottavange reported that has diverted all service crew to work on Longwood Trails in readiness of the 5K that is going to be held during this year's Spirit of Macedonia Fun Fest.

Building Commissioner Mr. Rodic was not present.

Engineer Mr. Gigliotti reported Macedonia ODOT projects are on schedule with completion on all projects due this fall.

Council President Molnar questioned the deluge of clean water coming off I271 Bridge to which Mr. Gigliotti responded water is typically used to cool equipment that heats while in use. Mr. Gigliotti will check if the water can be diverted in some manner.

Recreation Department Ms. Manley reported the Recreation Center is in high gear for this year's Spirit of Macedonia Fun Fest June 2-5. Events this year include but are limited to Super Hero's, fireworks, 5K run, music amusement rides, food vendors and car show. Early sales for ride bracelets will be available soon.

Finance Department Ms. Hall reported income tax receipts for the month of May were \$846,516.63 up slightly from last year of \$839,435.76, a difference of only \$7,080.87. Receipts for 2016 are up only by \$80,910.23. Ms. Hall stated during the April 21, 2016 council meeting Councilor Hanneken incorrectly stated Macedonia is spending 15% more on departments this year. Ms. Hall explained that for the General Fund, before transfers, spending for this year increased by only 8.46%. By comparison the 2015 budget increased 12.49% over 2014 spending. All City fund spending increased (prior to transfers) by only 2.67% compared to 2015 budget increases of 23.71% over year 2014. For all funds pertaining payroll related expenditures, the increase is 11.51% compared to 12.68% in budget year 2015. During the April 28, 2016 council meeting Ms. Hanneken stated twice that the administration is spending over \$1.6 million dollars more on department operations than what was spent in 2015. That is also incorrect Ms. Hall stated. Regarding the General Fund, Ms. Hall explained that spending this year (prior to transfers) increased by \$800,916 compared to an increase of \$1,156,854 in 2015. And City fund spending was increased (prior to transfers) by only \$481,512 compared to the increase in 2015 of \$3,982,408 over year 2014 spending. Pertaining to an article in May 11, 2016 edition of the News Leaders Ms. Hall said the article reported voters will be approving a 2.5 percent increase when in fact the increase is .5%. The increase in the tax rate is from 2% to 2.5%. The article also reported the number of residents affected by the increase in the tax rate is equivalent to 92 percent when in actuality is 69.76%. Explaining further Ms.

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Hall said Macedonia has a population of 11,579 of which only 8,808 file tax returns, this means that 8,078 residents are affected by the income tax percent increase. The 92% and 8%, respectively, refer to the percentage of total tax filers not on total residents. Ms. Hall added, what Mayor Migliorini referred to in the May 11th article was that fact that 22% of the estimated income tax receipts for 2017 will be from residents whereas 78% of the receipts will be from non-residents. Ms. Hall added too that all this information was previously provided in a schedule Ms. Hall prepared for the May edition of the eMessenger that the same schedule was given to all members of Council during the last council meeting and it was left outside the Council Chambers for residents to review.

Councilor Bilkie questioned Ms. Hall if the percentages she just detailed take into account other communities with an income tax rate of 2.5% to which she answered yes. Mr. Bilkie also questioned if the percentages take into account the city of Cleveland if Cleveland increases its rate to which she answered no. Ms. Hall added the percentages are based on 2014 filings because 2015 filings just occurred.

Fire Department Chief Black the fire department has begun flushing and greasing all fire hydrants.

Police Department Chief Golden was not present.

Law Department Mr. Guidetti did not have a report.

Unfinished business Council Bilkie reminded residents of National Letter Food Carrier Day, Saturday, May 14. Local letter carriers will take non-perishable food items residents' leave at their mailboxes and donate the items to The Emergency Assistance Center in Northfield Center. Time and monetary donations are also very welcomed Mr. Bilkie added. Mr. Bilkie provided lastic donation bags for this purpose.

Regarding another matter, Councilor Tulley thanked the Nordonia Garden Club for another year of a providing a wonderful selection of annuals. Pertaining to the Longwood Trails, Ms. Tulley asked Mr. Hnottavange when the trails will be ready for "testing" to which he responded there have been some issues and therefore the trails will most likely not be ready until very close to the actual race.

New business Ms. Hanneken announced she attend the Nordonia Awards Night on May 11th. And as chairman of the Nordonia Hills Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee she distributed two \$1,000 scholarships to two worthy Nordonia students. The Nordonia Schools Foundation and other local charities benefit many worthy students Ms. Hanneken added.

Councilor Hanneken also announced that the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony of the permanent Nordonia Hills Safety Town facility is scheduled for May 25. The new Safety Town is located at Rushwood School, Rushwood Lane in Sagamore Hills. The ceremony/open house begins at 12:30 p.m. with the actual ribbon cutting is at 2pm. This is a community event and all are welcome to see the new facility, which will be used each summer to teach young children the importance of safety as they get ready to start school. Ms. Hanneken stated the project has been 2 ½ years in the making. She thanked the many who donated.

Councilor Tulley thanked all who donated or volunteered their time to this community endeavor.

There being no further business the regular meeting of Council was adjourned at 7:50pm