

Record of Proceedings

Regular Council Meeting

May 9, 2019

Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the May 9 regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Council members Shane Barker, Kevin Bilkie, Jessica Brandt, Jan Tulley and Vini J. Ventura; Law Director Mark Guidetti and Council Clerk Josephine Arceci.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: City Chaplain Tom O'Brien of Nordonia Hills American Legion 801.

MINUTES Mr. Ventura moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote approving the minutes of the regular meeting of April 25, 2019.

FINANCIAL REPORT Mr. Bilkie moved, Ms. Brandt seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote acknowledging receipt of Financial Report dated April 30, 2019.

PROCLAMATION Peace Officer's Memorial Day and National Police Week - May 13 -19, 2019

Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15, 2019 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Peace Officer's Memorial Day falls within National Police Week - May 13 -19, 2019

Mayor Molnar asked for a moment of silence in memory of Macedonia Police Officer Gary Pastor who died in the line of duty May 29, 1986.

PUBLIC COMMENTS John Cassmer, Macedonia resident and President of Longwood Manor Historical Society announced that the LMHS will be marching in the Nordonia Hills Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2019. The parade route is along Olde Eight Road between St. Barnabas Catholic Church ends and Northfield-Macedonia Cemetery. Following ceremonies at the cemetery the LMHS will lay a wreath on Colonel Long's grave. Regarding the Manor House, Mr. Cassmer mentioned work sessions have resumed every Saturday morning beginning about 11 a.m. Anyone over 18-years of age is welcomed to participant in the restoration. An indemnification waiver is required to participant. The main focus of the work sessions has been exterior work. Mr. Cassmer asked for the City's assistance regarding a portion of the roof where some shingles have deteriorated. There is left over synthetic slate left to replace some of the shingles Mr. Cassmer stated. Mr. Cassmer mentioned the Nordonia Hills Garden Club has proposed creating a community garden. Communal gardens are fairly successful. Many communities have them including the city of Twinsburg Mr. Cassmer stated. Mr. Cassmer thought before pursuing a garden a sense from the community would be helpful. Mr. Cassmer asked the Mayor if a survey towards this end could be placed on Macedonia's website. Mr. Cassmer asked Ms. Brandt if he may attend a Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to speak on the subject of the garden to which she was reception.

Ms. Brandt told Mr. Cassmer that the P&RC and the Future Growth Committee have entertained this topic. Their concern after some research is that involvement in communal gardening is strong in the beginning but enthusiasm shortly tapers off.

Mayor Molnar, regarding Mr. Cassmer's request for an online survey suggested there may be another avenue to learn the public's interest.

INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION

ORD. NO. 33-2019

Ms. Brandt moved ORD. NO. 33-2019:AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 797 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES remain at its second reading. Per Law Director second not required. [First reading: 4-11-19; second reading: 4-25-19]

RES. NO. 38- 2019

A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND OTHERWISE CONFIRMING THE CONDITIONAL USE ZONING CERTIFICATE AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF MACEDONIA PLANNING COMMISSION IN REGARD TO PHASE III OF THE SPRUCE HILL CROSSING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT was **offered by Mr. Ventura** for its **second reading by title only**. A second not required.

Mr. Ventura moved, Ms. Tulley seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to amend Exhibit A of RES. 38-2019 to conform with Commissioner Nino Monaco's recommendation.

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RES. NO. 39-2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH NORTHFIELD CENTER TOWNSHIP RELATIVE TO THE “RIGHT-IN RIGHT-OUT” ACCESS PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED ASSESSMENT PROCESS CONCERNING THE CROSSINGS/GOLDEN LINK SHOPPING CENTER was **offered Mr. Barker** 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. Bilkie authorizing the same carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Barker moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded, and motion **carried unanimously on a voice vote to adopt RES. NO. 39-2019 and post same according to law. RES. NO. 39-2019 declared adopted.**

RES. NO. 40-2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MACEDONIA ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, PROFILES AND AN ESTIMATED COST FOR THE PROPOSED “RIGHT-IN RIGHT-OUT” ACCESS DRIVE INTO AND OUT OF THE CROSSINGS/GOLDEN LINK SHOPPING CENTER was **offered 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 Ms. Brandt authorizing the same carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Ventura seconded, and motion **carried unanimously on a voice vote to adopt RES. NO. 40-2019 and post same according to law. RES. NO. 40-2019 declared adopted.**

MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

~Mayor reminded the public of the following programs that are offered by the City.

Table and Chair Rental Program (residents only)

Fee - \$10

Security Deposit – \$100 (refundable)

Items:

Tables - 10 round tables; 26’ rectangle; 28’ rectangle

Chairs - 320 chairs

Contact: Service Department

Community Room

\$50 per hour for residents

\$75 per hour non residents

Security Deposit - \$100 (refundable)

Kitchen use amenities

Contact: Cheri Kuczma

Tool Rental Program (residents only)

Fee - \$10

Security Deposit – \$100 (refundable)

Items: weed eater, wheel barrel, power washer, etc

Contact: Steve Plata

eCommerce Safety Zone

Specific area of City Center parking lot designated for safe exchange of sale or purchase of online/ social media exchanges of items.

~~Mayor reminded motorists has he continues to do; do not drive distracted. Do not text and drive.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Commission Councilor Brandt reported the P&RC met and discussed capital item wish list for presentation at the forth coming finance meeting, received update relative to the renovations and reviewed park and recreation plans for the remainder of the calendar year. The next regularly scheduled meeting has been rescheduled for June 19th Ms. Brandt added.

Finance Committee Councilor Bilkie announced a finance meeting was held May 2 where discussion began regarding capital expenditures for the police and fire departments. The next finance meeting for the same purpose is Thursday, May 16th at 6pm. Capital purchases for the departments of recreation and service

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department Director Hnottavange reported the Nordonia Hills Garden Club once again is sponsoring its annual flower sale Saturday, May 11 in time for Mother's Day. The outside sale is being held at the former Valley View Road fire station. The hours are from 8am to noon, the flowers and choices are many and only cash and checks will be accepted. Mr. Hnottavange also reported the second rain barrel workshop is being held Wednesday, May 22 where participants will learn how to utilize the rain barrel water system. The cost of \$50 to participate in the workshop provides a white 55-gallon barrel, a downspout diverter and a spigot. Registration is required through Tinker's Creek. Mr. Hnottavange reported too that the lights for the baseball fields have finally arrived. An outside contractor/auger will be drilling holes at a depth of 11 feet to support the light fixtures. Unfortunately Mr. Hnottavange added due to continual rain drilling will not begin until the saturated ground is firmer.

Councilor Brandt asked Director Hnottavange if Macedonia remains second in line relative to resurfacing of the other ball fields to which he answered yes.

Building Commissioner

Engineer Mr. Gigliotti reported Specialized Construction began this year's road program by starting on Wiltshire, Saybrook, Pond Brook and Skyland. Chenook Trail, Chenook Run, Blackfeet and Florence are next in line to be done this year. No firm schedule has been established relative improvement to Melody Lane.

Recreation Department Director Manley reported the department received two "Step Outside" grants from ODNR which provides revenue for this year's annual Community/Family Fishing Day to be held Saturday, June 22nd. Two back-to-back sessions are being offered that day. The events are free and include free fishing poles and lunch for young participants. The events are fun, educational and instructional. Registration however is required Ms. Manley added. Regarding registration, Ms. Manley announced the availability to register online for any of the department's programs and/or events is now operational. Ms. Manley also announced pre sale discounted ride tickets are available for the Spirit of Macedonia Festival June 6 -9. The tickets are one per day for all day use.

Finance Department Director Veres reported 345 income tax refund checks have been issued totally just over \$86,000.

Fire Department Acting Chief Ripley announced that he, Lt. Chip Davis, Lt. Rob Lewis and Firefighter Joe Natali traveled to Appleton, Wisconsin to make a final inspection of the department's new aerial ladder. The aerial should arrive at the dealership in southern Ohio sometime around May 19th. Delivery to Macedonia is not expected until sometime in June.

Police Department Chief Golden announced the department anticipates utilizing revenue from portion of recent income tax increase to replace cameras in police cruisers, the dash cams as well as the MDT's, s - mobile data terminals (computers) also used in cruisers. Replacement is expected by January 1, 2020 ward off potential issues with LEADS and Windows after that date

Councilor Bilkie asked Chief Golden to explain Macedonia's high speed chase policy in light of a recent robbery at Home Depot and subsequent car chase to which Chief Golden said the department allows high speed pursuits. But high risk to the community is factored. This means the need to apprehend cannot exceed the risk to the community Chief Golden stated.

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Law Department Law Director Guidetti had no report.

Unfinished business None

New business Councilor Brandt thanked Macedonia residents for voting their conscience during the special election May 7th for the Nordonia Hills school levy. Thirty-six percent of the voters turned –out in Macedonia, Sagamore and Northfield Center and Northfield Village. All of Macedonia’s precincts supported the issue Ms. Brandt added.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Bilkie moved, Mr. Barker seconded to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discuss contract negotiations pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G) (4)

**Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Bilkie, Brandt, Tulley and Ventura
Nays: None.
The motion carried.**

At 8:30 p.m. Council reconvened into its regular meeting and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned unanimously on voice vote at 8:31 p.m.