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Regular Council Meeting

September 26, 2019

Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the September 26 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:** Chaplain Tom O'Brien of Nordonia Hills American Legion 801.

**MINUTES** Mr. Ventura moved, Ms. Tulley seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote approving the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2019.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Mr. Bilkie moved, Ms. Brandt seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote acknowledging receipt of Financial Report dated August 31, 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

~ **Karen Bartolozzi, Driftwood Lane resident** questioned whether the state or city is responsible for clearly the shrub growth at the north east corner of Aurora and Shepard Roads? Ms. Bartolozzi complained the shrubs are so high they obstruct visibility relative southbound Shepard Road traffic.

Ms. Bartolozzi was advised the city is responsible to cutting that area and Service Director Hnottavange will look into the matter.

**READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

**ORD. NO. 75 – 2019**

**Mr. Ventura moved, Ms. Tulley second and motion carried unanimously on a voice keep at second reading ORD. NO. 75 – 2019: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHFIELD CENTER TOWNSHIP-MACEDONIA JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AGREEMENT REGARDING THE ADDITION OF 21.5373 ACRES OF LAND TO BE PLACED INTO THE TERRITORY OF THE JEDD.**

~~~~**Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 75-2019 on October 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

**ORD. NO. 84 – 2019**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN ROADWAY LOGISTICS, INC. FOR THE RE-MARKING OF VARIOUS ROADWAYS RELATIVE TO THE 2019 PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM was **offered** by Ms. Brandt 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. Ventura authorizing the same carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ms. Brandt moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded, and motion **carried unanimously on a voice vote to adopt ORD. NO. 84-2019 and post same according to law. ORD. NO. 84-2019 declared adopted.**

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**ORD. NO. 85 -2019**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA CREATING THE POSITION OF SERVICE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE was **offered** by Ms. Tulley for its **first reading by title only**. A second not required.

**ORD. NO. 86-2019**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOL 69-2019 RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE OFR THE NON-NION CITY EMPLOYEEES OF MACEDONIA was **offered** by Mr. Bilkie for its **first reading by title only**. A second not required.

**RES. NO. 87- 2019**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN POTKALITSKY TO MACEDONIA'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION was **offered** by 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. Ventura authorizing the same carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Barker moved, Mr. Ventura seconded, and motion **carried unanimously on a voice vote to adopt RES. NO. 87-2019 and post same according to law. RES. NO. 87-2019 declared adopted**

**CENURE OF COUNCIL MEMBER KEVIN BILKIE**

Council President Tulley moved, Councilor Barker seconded and motion carried by majority on voice vote (Councilor Bilkie did not vote) **to add to the agenda RES. NO. 88-2019: A RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC CENSURE AS TO COUNCILPERSON KEVIN BILKIE**

Council President Tulley moved, Councilor Ventura seconded to waive the **48-Rule of Council relative to RES. NO. 88-2019.**

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

Council President Tulley **offered RES. NO. 88-2019: A RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC CENSURE AS TO COUNCILPERSON KEVIN BILKIE** and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Law Director to read it by **title through Section 2 for all three readings**; second by Councilor Ventura.

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

Council President Tulley moved, Councilor Barker seconded **to adopt RES. NO. 88-2019 and post same according to law.**

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Brandt, Tulley and Ventura  
Nays: None  
The motion carried. **RES. NO. 88-2019 declared adopted**

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**MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** See last page, Executive Session

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

~ Mayor announced that the Craft Beer and Food Festival was so popular and successful that the beer vendors unexpectedly ran out of beer well before the scheduled end of the event. The encouraging turn out and response to Macedonia's Craft Beer and Food Festival and general popularity of these types of events means the Parks and Recreation Department plans on continuing and building upon activities in the park of the same or similar nature.

~ Mayor Molnar reminded motorists as he continues to do; do not drive distracted. Do not text and drive. Regarding his strong commitment in this regard the Mayor mentioned he saw post recently that sadly illustrated a driver responding to a text message caused the loss of three lives.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee of the Whole** Councilor Bilkie announced the first of the two finance meetings scheduled to begin creating the 2020 budget was held Tuesday, September 24. The meeting went well, city finances are on track as expected. The next finance meeting is Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m.

**Parks and Recreation Commission** Councilor Brandt announced the next P&RC meeting is Wednesday October 16 at 6 p.m., at the Recreation Center.

**Safety Commission** Chairman Ventura reported the committee met Monday, September 16 when the committee heard from the department heads of police and fire. The meeting was fruitful, the committee gleaned more information and became better educated about the needs and functions of each department.

**Northfield Macedonia Cemetery** Council President Tulley reported as a courtesy that the tree line at the north end of the cemetery is being pushed back to provide more space. Seeding and re-seeding is also being done.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Service Department** Director Hnottavange announced this year's leaf collection program is scheduled to begin Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Predicated on when the trees actually start dropping their leaves that date is subject to change. Mr. Hnottavange stated the process of collection has been change. The city is being divided into four zones; zone 1 is the area south of SR82, zone 2 and 3 north of SR82 and zone 4 is along the main roads. A collection machine will be allocated to each zone. Information about collections will be on city's website and social media. Mr. Hnottavange reminded residents to keep the leaves off the street and away from storm water basins.

**Building Commissioner** Commissioner not present.

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**Engineer** Mr. Gigliotti reported Valley View Road has been completed. The road pavement program, ten roads and crack sealing of an additional 19 is now done for this year. With the award tonight of the pavement marking contract 21 roads will be restriped before the end of the year Mr. Gigliotti added.

Mayor Molnar interjected Macedonia roads are evaluated each year using the PCR method or pavement condition review. This helpful tool identifies the condition of each road which can change from year to year. In the past three years 52 roads in total have been paved Mayor Molnar stated. This was a remarkable endeavor. The intent about improving and keeping Macedonia's roads in good shape has been made clear thanks primarily to the allocation of financial resources approved by the voters

Council President Tulley suggested a "State of the Roads" by the Mayor Molnar may be a worthwhile endeavor.

**Recreation Department** Director Manley reported as the Mayor had that the Craft Brew and Food Festival on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> was a hugely successful. The attendance and reception from the community was better than anyone had anticipated. The vendors from the ten breweries and eight food trucks were also pleased with the turn-out. In fact Ms. Manley added breweries for first time events typically provide three kegs. That Sunday each of the breweries ran out of beer estimating there were 4,000- 5 oz servings sold which was a positive sign for them but disappointing for the attendees. The next fun time at Longwood Park Ms. Manley said is a Haunted Hayride on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm. Schools, small groups, civic organization and businesses are welcome and encouraged to create a "family friendly" Halloween scene for that evening.

**Finance Department** Director Veres reported that at the September 24<sup>th</sup> finance meeting, discussion centered on the 2020 schedule of indebtedness and the Five-Year Plan. The October 8<sup>th</sup> finance meeting will focus on manpower, wages and benefits.

**Fire Department** Chief Ripley announced Macedonia's fire department and the Northfield Village fire department received 8-hours of live fire training together at the fire academy on the western campus of Tri-C. Chief Ripley announced this year's Safety Day with Macedonia's fire, police and service personnel will be at Home Depot, Macedonia on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm. Chief Ripley added the next meeting of council will be held during fire prevention week and the department is planning something special in recognition of that week.

**Police Department** Chief Golden announced the in-car cameras have arrived. Installation and instruction will be forthcoming. Timing couldn't have been better the chief added as half the current cruiser cameras have failed. The next generation 911 is on its way it too will be installed soon Chief Golden stated.

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

**Unfinished business** None.

**New business** Council President Tulley questioned why now that there are two bridges and an established Quiet Zone does she still continue to hear train whistles to which Mayor Molnar explained Federal regulations require that the horn be blown when anything appears on the tracks. More often than

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not, that anything is an animal. Federal regulations also require that documentation support when the horn is blown.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**At 8:01p.m., Ms. Tulley moved, Ms. Brandt seconded to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to O. R.C. 121.22 (g)(1), to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. (In attendance as well was Law Director Guidetti)**

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

At 8:10 p.m., Council reconvened into its regular meeting and there being no further business, called for adjournment from its regular meeting unanimously on voice vote at 8:11 p.m.