

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, April 1, 2019. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Safety Service Director, Joel Smith, Law Director, Andrea Scassa, Community Development Director, Lori Boron, also from the Community Development we have, Samantha Walters and Economic Development Director, David Maley. On the wall to the left are agendas if you wish to follow the meeting. Also, if you look at the agenda, under item #5 is where the public can speak on any item that appears on tonight’s agenda and then under item #17 is where the public can speak on any item that does NOT appear on tonight’s agenda. I want remind anyone with cell phones, please turn them down or set them to vibrate.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Roll call.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Milan Chovan, Jill Creamer, Sarita Cunningham, Dave Irwin, Ed Lewis, Linda Litman, and Megan Starrett.

Roll call of 7 present

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – I make a motion that we excuse Councilman Gregg and Councilman Manson.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Litman. Roll call.

7 yes to excuse Councilman Gregg and Councilman Manson

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Gregg and Manson have been excused. Councilwoman Creamer.

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Councilwoman Creamer.

4. READING OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Madam Clerk, are the minutes of the previous meeting transcribed and open for public viewing?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – No, they are not. I am still working on them.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you.

5. REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

LARRY DELUCA – I live at 2954 Veterans Blvd. S.E., Massillon, Ohio. I want to thank Joel Smith for paving the roads over there because they really are doing a good job with my buddy down with the oil company and I think they're making a lot of good progress that I've seen as I travel out and about, but I've in Akron quite a bit because I'm from Akron. The thing I want to talk about today is I've talked to Dave Maley, Economic Director. I talked to him about economic development. We have a lot of buildings here, for instance, K-Mart, the Subway; we have Fisher Foods we have service deals which me and Dave talked at length about and there's a couple more that are even leaving town that I can't name them yet. I think David Maley is doing a good job and he's been a good Economic Director, but I think we both have come to a conclusion that there has to be another person within the Economic Development Department. For instance, I think Dave told me that the City of Massillon is "land lock" and I don't know about that, but he might be right as far as business coming in. So, we lost all these companies, we're losing our base. So, I think about the Mayor of Navarre, Mr. Bob Benson, and he told me that he's worked for a lot of years to try to get that. First, I think it was owned by the County and they sat on it for thirty-five years and then a gentleman came by and bought it for \$1.4 Million. I'm talking about Hendrickson USA which is a big company I've dealt with before. We used to sell them oil. It's a great company and I think about J.E.D., the Joint Economic Development District-wide. Why didn't Massillon get a grab at that? I know maybe the land may not be there, but why weren't we "jocking" to make ourselves more land development for our businesses? Now, Dave did tell me that him and the Mayor are going to start knocking on doors. So, I did a little thing and I guess it's been a while since the doors have been knocked on. So, I know from growing a business you have to go to the existing customers which you can't build a business until you have the new customers. And Hendrickson Turner is going to have a lot of people there. So, that might be another thing, but I would just like Dave to know. I mean, with that expansion that they're doing over there with Hendrickson for Navarre, the J.E.D.D, it's going to create so many jobs. They're going to put streets in with that money, they told me. They're going to be able to do the fire department, police department and I just wonder how Hendrickson Turner, we missed this company? I know Dave, we discussed personally that he had Maier in there and I just think that we need more people in his department. Dave says that "Well, the City Council won't approve more people". He said, "L.J. do you think I'm not doing my job?". I said, "No, Dave, you're doing a great job". But one man is not for the department and, I'm sorry, I think the City Council needs to put another person in to give Dave help so we can develop Massillon instead of resting on these buildings that are leaving. I got a list of about 7 or 8 businesses that have left here and I just feel really bad that Service Steel left here too. Because I just talked to them and Dave said that they'd have to tear those other buildings down by there and then do that and I can understand that. But the company that where they went was called Meter Devices and I dealt with that company; they're on Bruning and I just feel that we need to give Dave some help because he's doing a great job. But we got to start calling on these businesses and let them know we're here. How we can expand the business if we are indeed "land locked". And I would like Dave, if he can, I know it's not a question-answer and I'm ending up right now, Madam President, is what can we do to give Dave some help because he does say that he does need some help. That's only my vision. Thank you very much.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – We appreciate your comments, Mr. DeLuca, however, I do want you to realize that that was not on the agenda tonight.

LARRY DELUCA – It wasn't?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – I don't believe so.

LARRY DELUCA – Oh. I thought you said wasn't on the agenda.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – No. Anything that was on the agenda.

LARRY DELUCA – Oh.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – But, I let you speak.

LARRY DELUCA – Okay. Well, thank you. Sorry about that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – You're welcome. Anyone else?

GEORGE GLIBA – Well, since he spoke...

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – No. Item No. 17. Is it on the agenda?

GEORGE GLIBA – No.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Only once. Anyone else on anything on the agenda tonight?

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 45 – 2019

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to execute a Bill of Sale for the transfer of contents located at 3140 Lincoln Way East, Massillon, Ohio, and 124 Austin Avenue N.W., Massillon, Ohio; Parcel Nos. 43-18881 and 43-18333, to the Community Improvement Corporation of Massillon, Ohio (CIC), and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Chovan.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Thank you, Madam President. We have discussed this previously and we are going to auction those properties, but we need to transfer the contents of those properties to Community Improvement Corporation also to facilitate that auction. That's the purpose for this ordinance. We have discussed it before. Has anybody developed any other questioning or any other thoughts about this? If not, I'm going to move this ahead so we can get it going and get this all in the hands of the auctioneer. Nothing? Okay, then I'd like to move that we waive the rule requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 45 – 2019 forward for a vote tonight.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham. Roll call for suspension.

7 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

7 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 45 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 46 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 46 – 2019

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE adopting the recommendations of the Massillon tax Incentive Review Committee (TIRC) with regard to the renewal and termination of Massillon Enterprise Zone (EZ) projects.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Chovan.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Thank you. Every year, the Tax Incentive Review Committee takes a look at the Massillon Enterprise Zone Projects that we've given tax abatements and various types of help to and they decide and then make a recommendation as to whether we should continue those or not. The current ones, all the recommendations are to go ahead and continue them, so unless somebody can give me a reason why we need to talk about this more or why we should not do it, I'm also going to move this ahead today. Anybody? Okay, I'd like to request that we waive the rule requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 46 – 2019 forward for a vote tonight.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham. Roll call for suspension.

7 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

7 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 46 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 47 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 47 – 2019

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE directing the Director of Public Safety and Service of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a contract agreement with various programs through the Community Development Block Grant Programs for the FY 2019/2020, which the City has provided through the CDBG Program funding, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Chovan.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Thank you. It's my understanding that this is to be amended this evening. I have an amended ordinance in front of me. Have all of you received this amended ordinance? Can anybody tell me exactly what the amendment is, I mean, what's different about it?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Well, the Title changes. Is Lori (Boron) here?

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Yeah, Lori, would you mind just a quick synopsis?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Lori.

LORI BORON – Good evening everybody. The ordinance that's on here is the ordinance that comes before probably in the early fall when we set into our agreements with our sub-recipients. So, we enter into a contract.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – You mean the amended one or the one we did have?

LORI BORON – The one that you did have.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Okay.

LORI BORON – The amended one is the one to approve the budget that we spoke about last week. The proposed budget for the full year of 2019.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Okay. Alright, I got it. Thanks. I think we had like until the end of May to get this done, so, because I haven't had a chance to read through all of this yet, I'm just going to go ahead and give this first reading tonight.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Do we have to amend?

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Yes. I move to amend Ord. No. 47 – 2019 to this new version.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham. Roll call for the amendment.

7 yes to amend Ord. No. 47 – 2019

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 47 – 2019 has been amended. Councilman Chovan.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Ord. No. 47 – 2019 has received first reading. Ord. No. 48 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 48 – 2019

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to advertise for and receive sealed bids according to law and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder, upon the approval of the Board of Control, for the City of Massillon Wastewater Treatment Plant; Final Clarifiers Coating Project 2019, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. Can I have the Safety Service Director, please?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Mr. Smith.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – On this particular ordinance it looks like it was to do a clarifiers coating project at an estimated cost of \$440,000.00. The monies to fund this, where are they exactly coming from? Is this part of theirs generated from the revenues that they collect, is it a grant?

JOEL SMITH – No, it's revenues that they collect. It's just a general maintenance project that, obviously, is expensive, but it is from the revenue source.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Do we know how long it's been since we've done something like this?

JOEL SMITH – I do not. I know Tony Ulrich was here last week, but I don't know if he stated it or not.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Are there any members of Council that had any questions or concerns that were brought up or that they have anything that needs to be answered?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Chovan.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – No questions or concerns, but I believe I heard Tony say something like 12 yrs. or maybe 15 yrs. since this has been coated. So, it's due; it's not an annual maintenance thing in other words.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Well, we know with the maintenance down at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, much of it is somewhat standardized and something that we need to do given the material that they are working with on a daily basis. If there are no questions, I would make a motion to move forward. I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 48 – 2019 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Roll call for suspension.

7 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

7 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 48 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 49 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 49 – 2019

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 2101 Wastewater Treatment Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – This is the ordinance appropriating the dollars for what we just approved. I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 49 – 2019 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Litman. Roll call for suspension.

7 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

7 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 49 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 50 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 50 – 2019

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Auditor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a contract with the Ohio Auditor of State to audit the City's Basic Financial Statements as of and for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – This ordinance is pretty standard for us. We have our books audited by the State annually just to make sure that everything is staying in the course and all we're doing is renewing that agreement with the State Auditor. Are there any questions or concerns from members of Council? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 50 – 2019 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Litman. Roll call for suspension.

7 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

7 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 50 – 2019 has passed.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
8. **PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**
9. **BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS**
10. **REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Mayor's Appointment of Helen Poole and Rodney Lemon to the City of Massillon Fair Housing Board for the term January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022

Treasurer's Report - February 2019
Mayor's Report - February 2019

11. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Our next Work Session will be next Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

12. **RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBER**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to mention that we had talked about Chapter 1331 which is our Vacant Buildings ordinance and perhaps bringing it back to the table for further discussion. I did have conversation with Jim Johnson and he will be present at our next Work Session next week and therefore, he will offer suggestions on wording that we had talked about and just making some slight changes for this ordinance that was presented.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – You're welcome.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – This would fall under Section 12 if we're ready to move on.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Yes.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Okay. I believe there's discussion as to whether or not which committees do have to vote for Mayor's appointment and I'll ask for the Law Director can clarify as to whether or not the Fair Housing is one of those.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Scassa.

ANDREA SCASSA – Thank you, Councilman Lewis. Under the ordinances pertaining to Fair Housing, it does have language that it has to be with the consent of Council. So, that's why I gave you a look that the Mayor's appointments were brought forth and that you would have to give your consent by way of vote for these two appointments. That's why they were brought forth.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – So, we're going back to Item No. 10?

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I am only one member of this Council, but, in my opinion, I would not be able to make a vote tonight. But I'd be more than happy to receive a bio for both of these individuals for our next Work Session and have it up for vote on the 15th of April.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Are you seconding that or do you have a comment?

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – I have a comment. I just wanted to say that I agree with Mr. Lewis. We just have names in front of us right now. If we have to approve them, we have to at least do our due diligence to make sure they are; I'm sure they're appropriate and good candidates, but I think as City Council, it's our responsibility to double check that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – I think in the past we've received at least some type of information regarding each of the candidates or the appointees so that we would have some background. So, I don't know if it has to be a bio necessarily, but at least some qualifications as to why they were chosen.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Councilwoman Cunningham.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – If I remember correctly, when we were to approve Parks and Rec Board members, I believe they came and introduced themselves. I kind of think maybe that ought to be a good idea so at least what they look, not that it matters what they look like, but, I mean, so we can be familiar with them.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And would like to see that done at the 15th meeting as well? Is that what you're proposing Mr. Lewis? I'll throw it back at you.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I would assume that all of that would happen at the April 8th. It doesn't have to be too rigorous, but I would assume at the April 8th meeting, we would have all of our conversation, introduction or if the candidates would like to make a presence to Council, maybe that would be the best time to do so.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Okay. Who is going to follow-thru with that? Diane, is that you?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – No, that would be the Administration. I'll get in touch with her office tomorrow.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Okay, thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – You're welcome.

13. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

14. THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 30 – 2019

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to accept the dedication of road right of way and easements for Phoenix Avenue S.E., located in the Neocom Industrial Park in Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Maley and the Economic Development Department have indicated that they need a little more time on this ordinance to work through some things. So, at this point, my intention is to table this ordinance indefinitely until they are ready to move on it and then we'll bring it back forward to Council. Any questions?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Creamer. Roll call.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – I haven't really made the motion yet.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Oh, I'm sorry.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – I make the motion to table this Ord. No. 30 – 2019 indefinitely.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Still seconded it by Councilwoman Creamer. Roll call for tabling this ordinance indefinitely.

7 yes to table Ord. No. 30 – 2019 indefinitely

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 30 – 2019 has been tabled indefinitely.

15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

16. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Mr. Smith.

JOEL SMITH – Yes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Could you come up and just give us an update on a few of the things that going on around in the City like the fire station, The Rezzy?

JOEL SMITH – The fire station, there was an article in the paper that, hopefully, all of you saw. There's an open house April 14th, Sunday the 14th from noon to 2:00 p.m. The public will be welcome to tour the station. I believe Fire Chief Burgasser has intention of having personnel there and operational by April 16th. That would be the Monday, I'm sorry, the 15th; 14th is when the open house is. It's coming along nicely. They still have the parking lot to pour yet. The lawn work needs to be done, but the inside, when you walk inside of it, you would think you were in a brand-new building. It's come out really well. I'd encourage any of you to stop by and take a look if you want to. The Fire Chief is very proud of it. Please feel free to call him and he'll give you a personal tour. So, that's good news.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Chovan.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – How many working ambulances do we have in the City now? Do we have four?

JOEL SMITH – There's four.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Okay. Are we going to get anymore? I mean with that station?

JOEL SMITH – No. I think we're just going to relocate the one from one to three, so, you'd have an ambulance at each station.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Playing devil's advocate here, but how does actually help us as a City? I mean, because if that ambulance gets called from there to go to the southeast side or northwest side, how is it any different than what we have now if we don't get an additional ambulance and additional staffing?

JOEL SMITH – Well, location of the staffing for the northeast side was very important to a lot of the members of this Council, the Administration and our public. They wanted that station back for better response to the northeast section. You're accurate, though, once the station is committed, you have that issue throughout the City. The Fire Department is at 55 members which is at our highest level its ever been, but, I'm not sure what else I can add to that. We did have a retirement within our Police Department. Kirk Ricker retired Friday after nearly 30 years on the job. So, congratulations to Kirk. As far as other things going on, I'm willing to take questions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – The Rezzy?

JOEL SMITH – The Reservoir, I mean, I would defer that to Steve Pedro. That's a Park and Rec. issue. I know that they did start mowing in the basin until they got stuck. It's still soft. They did have to get a piece of equipment down there, but, again, they got stuck and had to be dragged out. So, they're slowly working on the basin. I noticed that the stream is running very clear now. So, the quality of the water seems to be better.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Does anyone have any questions from Council? Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – I understand Richville Drive, there was a delay in closing Richville Drive to start that work. Has it been pushed back a week, two weeks?

JOEL SMITH – It's been closed off and on over the last couple of weeks. I think the curbing has been going in. They're going to be cutting down on that hill at Jackson here shortly, but I think it has been intermittently closed over the last week and a half or so.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – So, the timeline, I believe I received something saying that it was going to be closed until mid-June?

JOEL SMITH – It's going to be intermittently closed. I would say maybe closed when they're cutting out that hill completely. But as they're doing work, I think you'll find that it's open to the neighborhoods, but through-traffic it's been closed for the last week or so. So, we're hoping to have that job done by the end of June. That's what the contract says. So, I would expect it to be done by then.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Okay. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – What is the start date again on the Streetscape Project?

JOEL SMITH – The Streetscape Project should be, well we were targeting June 1st for the closure. We're still looking at that date, but we're finalizing things as we speak. It could be pushed back a week or two, but we haven't finalized the date for sure yet.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – And to clarify, it's going to run from 1st St. to Erie, correct?

JOEL SMITH – That's for the closure, yes.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – For the closure.

JOEL SMITH – 1st S.E.-N.E. to Erie, right.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – So, as far as parking is concerned in order to reach businesses that you may want to visit, you just have to park on 1st or Erie and walk maybe a block.

JOEL SMITH – 1st or Erie or the parking lots. It would be less than a block to walk.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – So, we're losing maybe 10 spots or 20 spots for a couple of months?

JOEL SMITH – Yeah, maybe around 15 or 16; something like that.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Cunningham.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Thank you. Well, will that disrupt the Car Show?

JOEL SMITH – Right. We have a meeting set for Thursday to speak with Ray Jeske about where that may be going. No decision has been made for sure, but it will not be on Lincoln Way.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Is there any update on the hospital location? Anyone further looking at it? I know we've adjusted the utilities, etc.

JOEL SMITH – We're still marketing it. We're still talking to individuals about it. There's nothing that I can report publicly today.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Thank you, Mr. Smith. How many more of these do you have to do for me, two?

JOEL SMITH – Four.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Four.

17. **REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

GEORGE GLIBA – 222 Lake Ave. N.E., Massillon, Ohio. I went a step further than he did because I'm concerned about the economic development here and I printed off everybody a copy about the Navarre deal, the company he (Larry Deluca) was talking about. It's a huge deal. Hundreds of thousands of dollars. I know we have property on the west side that's vacant and like he was saying, I think Dave is a little overwhelmed with the economic development and I agree with him. With downtown looking the way that it is, Erie St. and 1st, we need to start giving incentives to get people to move down there. It's been that way for a while. This hasn't just come up. But I'm just wondering if City Council could start making some phone calls to businesses. Because I talked several months ago about the complacency I see. Yeah, you all have a lot of decisions to make, but it doesn't hurt to pick up the phone. I mean, look at the success Linda (Litman) had when she picked up the phone for that parking lot down at Menches. She picked up the phone and it got paved. Stuff like that, you know. It's like why can't City Council, this body, try to get people to move in and give them incentives. That company (Hendrickson) got a lot of tax breaks to move into Navarre. There's enough (copies) for Claudette and David. I made fifteen copies, so there should be enough. Okay. So, anyways, a lot of times we don't get answers from the City Council. Last year I mentioned trying to get permits to have open containers down there on the weekends, like what Canton does. Never heard anything, because that's going to take a while to get permits. And if you think about it, most of the places down there are to drink. Jen's Place, Margaritaville, Bender's. Let's open it up and maybe have some bands down there. They used to shut the street off when they had the car show, but now, they moved it down on 1st St. on Saturdays. So, like I say, I never got any answers. Nobody ever picked up on it here to maybe bring it to the Mayor because ultimately, I guess, it's her decision or she's got to be involved some kind of way. Because I don't know the intermediate what's all discussed between everybody and how it's discussed, but anyways, even last year, there was a lady that spoke about on Walnut and 16th where that grocery store used to be. To put in a grocery store, a little gas station or something; a little mini market or something. Nobody ever has tried to move that; that I know of. We come up here and present stuff and we don't know if it's not possible or if it can't be done. Because we never get an answer back. That's why I had suggested an open forum maybe once a month so we can get some answers. Joel's only one person. Joel takes a lot of heat and Joel does a lot. So, he's overwhelmed. He comes in here and half the time he don't

even want to talk to me. He's tired; tired and hungry he says and I understand that. But anyways...and one other thing I wanted to talk about. This street selection. The streets that were picked out. I live over on the northeast side and there's some questionable streets on here. Bradford, Lennox and Coventry. When I live on the other side of the street where there's Janice, Gail and Keuper which are a disaster. So, let me ask the body now if we can get at least Gail paved with the extra money we saved this year from the lack of snow we had. Our Street Department probably didn't make any overtime. Because I know last year as well, they did 3rd and Indiana which is just a small portion over there and now this year they're doing Korman and a couple other streets over there to finish that side. So, I'd like to know if we have any extra money to do at least Gail on the side of the street where I live. So, anyways, like I say, I don't know if these are open for discussion or if they're set in stone or if we can get at least one more street paved on the other side. Because Gail is bad, Gail's real bad and so is Janice and Keuper is even worse. But Keuper's going to take a little more because they got a storm drain problem over there by the car wash where the road's sunk in. So, it's going to take a little more than just a chip and pave. But anyways, that's all I got to say, but I appreciate your time and I didn't mean to ask to talk before I should have. I just wanted to keep it fresh. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Creamer. Wait, is there anyone else from the audience that would like to come forward and speak on a topic that did not appear on tonight's agenda? I apologize. Seeing none, Councilwoman Creamer.

18. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – I make a motion to adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT