MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, August 19, 2019. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Mayor, Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Safety Service Director, Barb Sylvester, Law Director, Andrea Scassa, and Fire Chief, Tom Burgasser. 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: Jill Creamer, Sarita Cunningham, Mike Gregg, Jason Harris, Dave Irwin, Ed Lewis, Linda Litman, Paul Manson and Megan Starrett.

Roll call of 9 present

2. **INVOCATION**

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

LED BY COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM

4. **READING OF THE JOURNAL**

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

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Yes, they are.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Are there any additions or corrections to be made?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – No, there are not.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Then the minutes stand approved as written.

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

6. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 109 – 2019 **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with the Hideaway Lounge to provide an economic development "inducement grant" for property improvements at 34 Diamond Court S.E., Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISNTICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes, thank you, Madam President. As most of you know, I do not like to move these along on first reading. So, I'll just put that out there. First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 109 – 2019 has received first reading. Ord. No. 110 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 110 – 2019 **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to accept the donation of Parcel #06-03010, a vacant lot located at Orange St. N.W., Massillon, Ohio 44647, from property owner, Shirley A. Selogy, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes, thank you, Madam President. I'm going to defer to Megan on this and just ask, was there conversation?

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Sarita handled this.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Sarita?

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – I handled it last week, but Dave Maley was here and spoke to us concerning that. I'm going to call the Mayor up.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Okay. That's fine, that's why I asked.

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – We passed out a map if you recall and it's just a little sliver at the Bottoms and the resident wanted to donate that to the City and the Park Board has approved it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Is it going to go into the Parks?

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – Yes.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Okay.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – I was just saying that I actually have a map as well if any Council Member was interested.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – In that case, if the Parks Board has already approved, is there anybody that objects to moving it forward?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I'm saying that from looking at this map, it looks like it's just the wooded area that runs along the trail pass the ball fields and I'll be honest, I grew up in those woods. I thought it was the park. I didn't realize that I was trespassing, so, I do apologize to Ms. Selogy and thank you for that donation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – We also confirmed that this is vacant and there are no structures that are on that sliver of land.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – I'll just say that I don't see a reason to delay voting on this. I think it's pretty clear-cut as what's being offered and so forth.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Alright. Having heard the conversation, I'd like to make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three separate readings and bring Ord. No. 110 – 2019 forward for passage.

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

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 110 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 111 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 111 – 2019 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1237 Economic Development Fund for the Hideaway Lounge, for the year ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 111 – 2019 has received first reading. Ord. No. 112 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 112 – 2019 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to accept a donation from Robert and Carolyn David for the Mayor's Kindness Campaign, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This is the acceptance of the donation. We, as a City, act as a pass-thru for this campaign. Are there any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 112 – 2019 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 112 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 113 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 113 – 2019 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 3112 Donation Fund for the Mayor's Kindness Campaign, for the year ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Now this donation needs appropriated. Are there any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 113 – 2019 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 113 – 2019 has passed.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. **PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMINCATIONS**

9. **BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS**

Keller's Office Equipment - $ 42.00 Copy Paper

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion that we pay the bills.

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

9 yes to pay the bills

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – The Clerk will pay the bills and charge them to their proper accounts.

10. **REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Treasurer's Report - July 2019
Mayor's Report - June 2019
Auditor's Report - June 2019

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISNTICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion that we accept the Auditor's Report.

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

9 yes to accept the Auditor's Report

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. The Auditor's Report has been accepted.

11. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Our next Work Session will be next Monday, August 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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

13. **CALL OF THE CALENDAR**

14. **THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

15. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 105 – 2019 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund to purchase radios for the Massillon Fire Department, for the year ending December 31, 2019.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes, I'd like to call forward the Law Director please.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Ms. Scassa.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – This is just a quick procedural question. In the Title it says "...General Fund to purchase radios". We are using this to purchase radios and an ambulance. Would the adding of "and an ambulance" be considered a typographical error and not require amendment or do we need to amend this ordinance?

ANDREA SCASSA – I would say that if you look at the body of Ord. No. 105, the appropriation for the new ambulance is in there, however, when I think of typographical errors, I don't think of adding clauses to titles. So, I think that if you want to amend the title to also state for the purchase of the ambulance, that that would probably be cleaner which will take you back to first reading which then again, you can suspend the rules. But if you look at Section 1, it does clearly have in there that the ambulance, that funds are being appropriated for the ambulance in the correct line item.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Alright. Thank you. With that, I'd like to make a motion to amend Ord. No. 105 – 2019 to add the words "...and ambulance" after the word "radios" in the Title.

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

9 yes to amend Ord. No. 105 – 2019 to include the ambulance in the Title of the ordinance

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 105 – 2019 has been amended and now it goes back to first reading. Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – From what I understand with the discussion of this, the original question here was that the entire cost of the ambulance in particular, there is no question that I'm understanding about the radios portion, but of the ambulance portion is that it was all funded by the General Fund instead of the capital that is generated from the 10% that we hold back whenever we receive revenue from EMS/EMT runs. And there was question as to whether or not we could still grab some of those capital dollars. It seems like we could, but it would not be able to cover the entire cost and then the question becomes, do we grab that little bit of dollars to offset the General Fund or do we just pay this all out of the General Fund and allow the capital to grow for future purchases that may be needed. I think the overall opinion right now is to just let it be and just fund it out of the General Fund. If that's the case then I would just move forward tonight. Otherwise there might be more discussion needed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Thank you, Madam President. Can we get a confirmation of what that little bit of funds are that's left in that 10%?

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – We could. Mr. Chief Burgassar.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Mr. Chief.

CHIEF BURGASSAR – I apologize, I wasn't prepared to answer that question. I believe that it's probably around $22,000.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – If I remember correctly, I'm sorry; is it alright if I speak?

CHIEF BURGASSAR – Please.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Is that it should show probably around $180 maybe $190, but $175 approximately is already encumbered to the previous ambulance that we agreed to purchase earlier in the year. So, when the Chief speaks to $22,000, he is speaking unencumbered from that previous purchase.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – I'd just like to say that I think we should just go forward and pay this out of the General Fund. I'd hate to drain the Chief's fund any further in case there's some unexpected expense that he would have towards the end of the year. He may need to use that EMS fund. I mean, there may not be a lot in there, but I would hate just to see that all fully encumbered before the end of the year for the Chief.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Can I just get clarification? Is this replacing one of a current ambulance that is at one of the stations right now or is this an additional?

CHIEF BURGASSAR – It is replacing one of the current ones that is at the station. Currently we have 5 ambulances. We have 4 front line ambulances and one reserved ambulance. The one that we purchased several months ago is replacing the 2009. This one would replace the 2011.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – And that ambulance that it's replacing, do we turn that in, do we get any money for that, what's the process for that?

CHIEF BURGASSAR – So, as I stated before, the 2009 ambulance is a 6.0-liter engine. We don't believe that we're going to get any trade-in on it. We will put it on GovDeals and try to get a limited amount of money. Whatever that brings is what we'll bring in. The 2011 ambulance, we believe that we can trade-in, but again, it is a Type III ambulance, so I'm not sure exactly how much of a return we'll get. Whatever that trade-in is and they're looking at that currently, those funds will go back into the EMS Fund. At least that's my understanding.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – That was my question; if we're going to be paying it out of the General Fund, if we get a trade-in or sell that, does that come back to the General Fund is kind of where my thinking is going versus taking money out of the Capital Fund?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – We'd have to look at that probably with the Auditor because my initial question is going to be not so much where the new vehicles are being purchase out of, but where the 2011 vehicle is being purchased out of. So, that 2011 vehicle is purchased out of the Capital dollars then any money it puts back to the City should go back to the Capital. Just like this vehicle that is being purchased, if it's ever sold it was purchased out of General. Does that make sense? It all depends where that original purchase was made up from, not necessarily the new. But we have to check with the Auditor and see exactly how they calculate that and where that would end up going because I can't tell you.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – I would feel better if we had more discussions regarding this.

CHIEF BURGASSAR – If I may, I could tell you that the 2011 ambulance could not have been purchased out the EMS Capital Fund because the EMS Capital Fund wasn't established until 2011 and the 2011 model was late 2010.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – So, that would make sense; it had to be out of the General.

CHIEF BURGASSAR – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Chief. Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I guess it's the general feel. I know we have one potential discussion item. We already agreed to purchase these, so, he's already gone out. So, we have to pass the appropriation at some point. Regardless of where the money is coming out of.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Harris.

COUNCILMAN HARRIS – The Chief has not been able to buy or to place an order for the ambulance yet because we have not appropriated the dollars. The controller wouldn't let him order it yet and the several months process of ordering it and then delivering as we know now because the one is still yet to be delivered.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I guess with that being said, I'd want to move forward now because I wouldn't want to further jeopardize any safety over a few thousand dollars and where it ends up landing.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – That was my concern as well as the radios are also bulked in with this purchase and I am concerned about are we messing with the Chief and others ability to communicate at the Fire Dept. by holding this up too much.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – I agree. I'm okay with this.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I guess the last thing I want to say especially in regard to the radios is that Chief we applaud your heroic efforts a couple of months ago with those teens and I've heard you apologize for the loss of a radio and I just want to make it clear and as far as I'm concerned and I'm sure of pretty much everybody else in the City of Massillon; you will never have to apologize for a loss or damaged equipment in the effort of saving a life of someone in this City. So, I will buy a hundred radios if I have to. So, you should just not worry about that. We've got that for you, that's what we're here for you. With that said, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 113 – 2019, I'm sorry, Ord. No. 105 – 2019 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Manson. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 105 – 2019 has passed. Ord. No. 108 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 108 – 2019 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 181.081 "CREDIT FOR TAX PAID TO ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY" of Chapter 181 "INCOME TAX" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 108 – 2019 has received second reading.

16. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

BRUCE VRSAN – I live as 1211 Springhill Ave. N.E., Massillon, Ohio, and I've owned that property for 39 years. I'm here about a Notice of Public Hearing, Case No. 2101 where Gary and Linda Miller requested a variance for a set back on their property. I guess the normal set back is 35 feet and they wanted 17 feet, 17 or 18. My objection to it was that it leaves very little green space left. They've got everything. They've got an addition put on the house initially. Our houses are identical architecturally and they want to put another one here and they have a greenhouse. They have nothing left in the yard and they said that they would buy anything from the museum if it came up for sale and I would say, well, there's no guarantee of that; someone else may buy it. There's no guarantee for them to buy it. I may buy it just to spite them and I'm capable of doing it. Anyway, the fact of the matter is that it sets a bad

precedence. You got these yards that have no grass, it's all built-in and there's nowhere to go on it and that's my objection in a nutshell. So, anyway, I was at the hearing and another thing I had was that Mr. Silla came down with Mr. Miller and Mr. Silla was an advocate for Mr. Miller and he actually presented his case for him. And then when I stood up with my objections, he said that my objections had no merit and then they sat down and voted on it. So, it's kind of like judge, jury and executioner and I don't think that's appropriate. So, anyway, I want to get that on record because other people in our neighborhood know that someday maybe facing that. I stood up and I said something about it and I don't care. You never know what's going to happen. But I'm saying my piece. They passed it; I disagree with it and amen. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Bruce. Anyone else?

L.J. DELUCA – Hi, Madam President, hi, President Pro Tem, Mayor, Barb Sylvester and the rest of the Council Members and the rest of my Massillon people. Mayor, excuse, Council President, I have some things to pass and would like to have your approval to pass them out to the Council Members right now.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Name, address and topic you'd like to discuss.

L.J. DELUCA – 2954 Veterans Blvd. S.E., Massillon, Ohio, I love living here; great place. So, I went ahead and thanks, Diane, for doing this; I didn't have enough made out. I've got one for everybody. I know we're on a limited time, so, I've got to make it quick.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – I'll start when you start.

L.J. DELUCA – Okay. Well, I'll start right now. Last Monday I was at the Work Session and I asked the Mayor, "What businesses did the Mayor, Kathy Catazaro-Perry and Dave Maley bring to the City of Massillon?". What did they do from 2016 to 2019? And I was referred by Starrett to the massillonohio.gov website. The Mayor and Dave Maley told me to go to massillonohio.gov. So, I did. Thanks for telling me that. I passed out to all the City Council members from that site and also what the Mayor's person, Bill Porrini, the records director, wrote me. Now what he wrote me was and it's simple, you can read it, "No such records per to Ohio Publics Act are able to create a record that does not exist, R.C. 1490011; I agree with that. I'm just curious as why Mr. Bill Porrini didn't tell me to go to massillonohio.gov, but I'm glad I got that cleared up last Work Session, so that's great. Now I did go to that, let's talk about it. Here I have directly from the website, massillonohio.gov, the companies that I had spoken directly to the Mayor, Kathy Catazaro-Perry and David Maley bring. I've dealt with almost all these companies whom at different companies I've been a director in sales and marketing, okay. I'd like to go through them because they're on the internet and this is what the Mayor told me to do and this is what Starrett told me to do and I'm going to do it. Follow Council's rules, follow the Mayor. Let's go through it. Shearer's Food, the Mayor didn't bring that to Massillon. Heinz, didn't bring it. Aqua, Case Farms, didn't bring it. Freshmark. I want to go further on this one here. Did not bring to the City of Massillon, U.S. Chemical and Plastics. What they were was they were U.S. Chemical Plastics, Quest Specialty Chemicals and Felspar and now what are today is Sherman Williams Automotive. I contacted everybody there because I've dealt with them. Baker Hughes, I don't believe the Mayor brought. Republic Steel, Team Midwest, Greif, Progressive Auto Group; I just talked to Craig Sanders the other day. MCTV, Sterilite, Walmart, Republic Services, A.R.E., Menards and Republic Steel and I'm missing some. My bottom line is that they're talking about the Akron/Canton having a Metro Plex. I was in West Texas, lived there and they want to get it unified and it's all

dealing with economic development. I just asked a very simple question for the people of the City of Massillon, what companies did you bring? You referred me to that site. If you want to respond, you can, Mayor, in kind. You haven't brought any of these that I'm aware of and I might be wrong and I'll apologize to you. But I'd like to know which companies you brought directly to Massillon that weren't here before. I'd appreciate it, thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you for your comments. Is there anyone else that would like to address Council?

JAMES HAAVISTO – Good evening Council, 2443 Wittenberg Ave. S.E., Massillon, Ohio, and as promised three weeks ago, I said I would kind of report back as I'm talking to people and issues that are around the City when I'm sitting on back porches and front porches of citizens and it's kind of interesting what you here out there. I'm learning more and more every day and one issue that continues to come up from the general public to me is what are we doing with the hospital? Now we've got a lot of side shows going on with Streetscape and so on. It's all over Facebook; we all understand that. We even took time to touch on a Facebook question in Council here. So, apparently, we do watch Facebook. But we've got all of this going on and the people are wondering what's going on with the hospital? So, as the Council, I'm coming to you and saying, once again, we're just looking for solid information. We had a little chuckle over the cost of the brick, whatever that post was on Facebook because it wasn't acknowledged who put that on there or anything like that, what the cost of the intersections were. Well, I've got a public records request in for the entire Streetscape project and we will get the answer to that because I believe I know pretty close what that is. However, back to the hospital. The public is looking for information regarding the vacant Affinity Medical Center. That's not going away. It's still one of the biggest problems to our finances, potentially, in this City. And they are asking, first of all, the reply deals. Then down the road and we backed off when Aultman was ready to come in immediately within the first month as I recall, with a deal and that was from folks at Aultman Hospital. No different than we had come back after we could not find or did not have any other people to purchase or take over that hospital. Now, they did come back and added $2 million dollars to it, apparently, to help appease and help cover some of the cost of the building. Again, we did not need to take over that building. That is my opinion as a citizen. We did not need to take over that building. I believe that cost should have stayed on Quorum and we should have worked in partnership, but it's very hard to work with somebody in partnership once you sue them. They are not that friendly. So, the people are still asking. So, my answer to them is, "Well, I understand the VA is looking at this hospital". And I've talked to some elected officials in Green and they are more than happy, apparently, now this is just their opinion, they're more than happy to see Massillon get the VA. So, that's just an opinion; that's just second hand hearsay. So, we'll take it and put it on the record as that. But I said, "Well, the last update we had was there have been three approvals, three approval levels and we have three more to go through". My question to you as Council, what does that say to the citizens? To me, just so you know, I don't understand what that means. Does that mean three levels out of six to a final approval that we're going to have a VA hospital? Does that mean three approvals until we start negotiating on that hospital? Because we still have, my main concern is, we still do have the final, that the expenses regularly for that hospital. Thank you very much.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Mr. Haavisto. Anyone else?

18. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – I move that we adjourn.

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

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DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT