

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, December 3, 2018. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Safety Service Director, Joel Smith, Law Director, Andrea Scassa, Community Development Director, Lori Boron, Economic Development Director, David Maley, Police Chief, Keith Moser, Fire Chief, Tom Burgasser, Income Tax/Budget Director, Barb Sylvester, Park & Rec. Board Member, Ted Schirtiger and Legal Counsel, David Dingwell and I know that they are not public officials, but we have many, many students from Jackson High School visiting us tonight as part of one of their classes. 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, Mike Gregg, Dave Irwin, Ed Lewis, Linda Litman, Paul Manson and Megan Starrett.

Roll call of 9 present

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. All present and accounted for. Councilman Gregg.

**2. INVOCATION**

**COUNCILMAN MICHAEL GREGG**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**LED BY COUNCILMAN GREGG**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Councilman Gregg.

**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** – 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. I would like to ask someone to amend the agenda so that we can move Item No. 5 to after the presentation of the hospital and then you can come forward with any comments or questions that you have at that time. Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I make that motion.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Chovan. Roll call.

9 yes to amend the agenda to move Item No. 5 after the Item No. 6, Ord. No. 157 – 2018.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. The agenda has been amended.

6. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 157 – 2018**

**BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Group #3, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Thank you, Madam President. Okay, we're going to have a presentation tonight about the hospital plus we're going to have some open discussion afterwards and I can tell you to just remove any nervousness or whatever, because we're not going to vote on this tonight. I probably see it going three readings, but I'm guaranteed that we're not going to vote on it tonight. It'll be first reading. So, having said that, we can start with the presentation.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Mayor.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Good evening, members of Council, Council President. I would like to bring forward Group #3 to provide a presentation for all of you and then I will have my remarks afterwards. So, at this time, I would like to bring up Ed Roth from Aultman Health Foundation to the floor.

**ED ROTH** – Thank you, Mayor Catazaro-Perry and members of Council. We appreciate the opportunity to be with you this evening. To be back to talk about our ideas for healthcare here in Western Stark County. Let me start by saying that, reminding you that my name is Ed Roth, President of the Aultman Health Foundation. When the owners of Affinity Medical Center closed the abruptly or announced the closure abruptly, a few days after that the Mayor reached out to myself and our team and we had a discussion about what we might be able to do in the near term to be sure that patients cared for in an appropriate manner. Along the way, the City undertook a game plan to look for proposals and Aultman came forward with our proposal. We're Group #3 and we proudly stand here tonight to talk to you about what our ideas are here in Western Stark County. As we discussed this internally in our organization, we had great discussion over it with our team, with our Board, members of our medical staff. We own and operate a building on Wales Rd. called Aultman West and we've been there for 20 years this year and that's been important to us. It's been important to the community here in Western Stark County and in Massillon. As we looked at the future opportunity, we had to waive opportunity of our own facility that we own and operate compared to the facility at Affinity Medical Center, the former Massillon Community Hospital. So, we took some time to look at the hospital campus, the buildings. Through the Mayor's help, we were able to tour the facilities with our team, our engineers as well as our clinical operations team. And we spent a good, fair amount of due diligence on the facilities. What it really comes down to from an Aultman standpoint, and you'll hear our presentation here in a moment. What it really comes down to is the opportunity to be sure that we bring back appropriate services to the community and that we do it in a financially sustainable manner. We're at a position now here in Stark County where just a few years ago, we had five hospitals; go back 10 – 15 years, five hospitals in Stark County and today, we're down to three. Aultman Hospital, Mercy Medical Center and Aultman Alliance Community Hospital. The reasons for that are changes in the marketplace. Changes in the way care is delivered. In the days of when I started at Aultman Hospital in 1981, our average length of stay, the amount of time the patient would stay in the hospital back then was about 10 – 12 days. Today, the average length of stay in a hospital is about 3 – 4 days. That compression, that change that's happen over time, over the last 25 – 30 years, has caused a lot of concerns for hospitals in communities like Massillon, Canton and Alliance and other areas of the country. When we once had 6,000 hospitals in the country and most of them were independent; today we're down to about 5,000 hospitals or so in the country and many of them are parts of larger systems and not doing the things necessarily in the communities that they were doing 15 or 20 years ago. Why is that changing? Well, it's changing because of medicine. It's changing because of better surgical techniques and better anesthesia and people don't need to be hospitalized as much today as they did in the past. What's happening in Stark County is playing out all across the country. So, when we look at sustainable operational management of a facility, we had to weigh Aultman West, our campus there that we've already invested in and the campus at Affinity. When we looked at the Affinity building, it's an older building. It's been well cared for on the inside. They've taken care of it over time and they invested in it over time. The company and Akron General, before them and

Massillon Community Hospital before them. They invested in the facilities. But, it's very large and it has a lot of infrastructure that has high cost. Roofs, boiler plant, infrastructure for electrical and HVAC, air conditioning and cooling and things like that. And it's a large campus; about 300,000 sq. ft. in one building. Three or four other buildings on the campus and a lot of parking lots and things like that. When we looked at if we could operate that facility, it came to us that we could not do it in a financial and sustainable manner. We would be duplicating a lot of services that we provide just a mile and half up the street at Aultman West. So, our decision that we offer tonight, that we've offered to the City of Massillon and to the residents of Western Stark County is to make a significant investment in our facility at Aultman West and offer financial assistance to the City of Massillon on the campus of Affinity. So, we are ready to begin construction at Aultman West on some services that we'll bring back into the community starting with an emergency room. We have seen at Aultman and Mercy the impact of the ER visits that are coming from the Massillon area and Western Stark County and it's been difficult because we had no really advance warning, neither of our hospitals. I'm not speaking for Mercy, but I have spoken to their leadership team. They're seeing additional patients, obviously also. We feel that we're trying to do the best that we can to care for those patients and we've added staff and ramped up the number of positions that we have and tried to do the best that we can. But the better thing would be to have an emergency room here in Western Stark County at the Aultman West campus. And so, our investment there would be to start with those critical services and with me tonight, I have Chris Remark who's our Chief Executive Officer of Aultman Hospital. Ann Gunther, Ann is our Chief Nursing Officer within Aultman Health Foundation and Kevin Pete who is our Chief Strategy and Development Officer at Aultman. They're going to take you through a few slides. The second part of our proposal is to assist the City and you can see we'll make a financial offer to the City of Massillon to assist in the expense in the disposition of the campus of Affinity. Whatever happens there in the future, those dollars will be available for the City to invest in that campus. We would offer that those dollars come with a five-year restriction on the emergency services. You wouldn't have another organization come in and put another emergency room in on that campus. If we're going to invest \$8 to \$10 million dollars at Aultman West, which we will rename Aultman Massillon; if we're going to invest \$8 to \$10 million dollars there, we would like that term to be that there's a five-year restriction on utilizing or having an emergency room on that campus. There's a lease in the former Ohio Heart Care Center on Dressler Rd. up in the Jackson Twp. area at Belden Village. There's 27,000 sq. ft. that was occupied by physicians and services that Affinity owned and operated. The City owns that lease now and Aultman will agree to assume that lease or the City will get out of that lease and Aultman will agree to lease the area from the land owners. And then the bottom part there is an offer to purchase or lease needed equipment from the City. Equipment that we need at Aultman for Aultman West as well as Aultman Hospital and our other centers. We will offer an inventory sheet with the City and make fair market purchase of the equipment that is necessary for us to utilize from the campus. So, it's two parts. One part is that we are investing in the community. The first point there is that we're going to build the emergency room. It'll take us about nine months to complete. Along the summer months and the fall months, we've got our plans in place and we're ready to start our construction. The second part is for the City of Massillon and Council to consider our financial assistance in the terms that comes with that. At this point, I will turn it over to Chris Remark and Ann Gunther.

**CHRIS REMARK** – Thank you, Ed and good evening. We're going to spend just a few minutes talking a little more detail about the plans that Ed described for our facility at Aultman West and Ann Gunther, as Ed mentioned, is our Chief Nurse Executive. She will be charged with making sure that our plans go smoothly to get our services up and running on our Aultman West or soon to be called Aultman Massillon campus. So, I'm going to turn it over to Ann for a minute to describe those services and then we'll be available for questions after that. So, Ann.

**ANN GUNTHER** – Thanks, Chris. Good evening. First and foremost, I want to focus in on the critical services that we feel need to be part of Massillon and Western Stark County. And, again, we want to emphasize that we are going to be changing our name. Today, it's known as Aultman West. We will be changing that name. It will be called Aultman Massillon. With that, our plan is to invest \$8 million dollars, as far as capital as well as 80 positions. 80 full-time equivalent employees that's already what we have today, that will be an additional 80. With that, as Ed and Chris alluded to, it will be a 24/7, 24 hour, 7 days a week emergency department. There'll be approximately 10 beds. With that, we will develop an observation unit. There will be four beds. That will include chest pain. Any patient coming in with chest pain or any other medical condition that would be appropriate for that area. In the event that we would have a critical patient that would need higher levels of services, we would have a dedicated ambulance service there on-site with a paramedic crew. In addition to help support our

emergency department, we would expand our imaging and laboratory services. As far as immediate care that's there on the Aultman West campus today, that will remain open and that will remain open even during the construction converting that space into an emergency department and then we would look to relocate those services thereafter. And lastly, part of the specialty, we would be adding some stroke services there, which I'll talk about here shortly. So, looking a little bit deeper into the emergency department, again, we will staff that would board certified emergency medical physicians and also with advanced practice providers and that would include advanced practice nurses or physician assistants. Within the department we will then establish a trauma stabilization and transfer. So, if there happens to be a traumatic injury that would occur within the Massillon or Western Stark County, they would be able to transfer to that site. We would stabilize and then transfer over to the main campus. Because we know the Western Stark County market, as well as Massillon, has a lot of citizens that have heart or stroke issues, we would definitely develop expertise there. So, we would seek accreditation by the American Heart Association to seek accreditation to become a referral center for heart attacks as well as a primary stroke center. And lastly, to bring specialty to that area, we would utilize American Well Telemedicine. A platform that we already have in existence at our Aultman Alliance and Aultman Orrville campuses. Again, this would be telemedicine that we would use for any type of neurological care. Looking a little deeper at the observation unit, again, this would be a 23-hour, lower acute medical conditions that would include chest pains. In addition, it would be located near the emergency department. So, we would utilize the staff, the emergency department physicians as well as maybe the advanced practice providers to help staff that. We would also have a standardized approach and that standardized approach would be protocol driven, which we have today at the main campus. In addition, we would enhance, we would have an enhanced communication and again, that would be focusing on patient safety, as well as making sure that we have a very pleasant environment, again, at the patient center. As far as the medical transportation, again, this would be 24/7 availability. It would help to transport the patient between facilities, again, dedicated ambulance and paramedic and EMT crew. They would be available on-site, so, if we need to immediately transport, they would be available. And again, it would be both for emergent and non-emergent type patient conditions. And then, just to focus a little bit deeper into the specialty stroke service, just to give you a little idea what that all entails. Again, it's an on-demand video consultation with a neurologist. Again, this would be for any neurological conditions that may present to the emergency departments. Again, medical direction would be provided by the emergency department physicians and this would be for the time sensitive diagnosis. So, this would be anyone that with a suspected stroke or actual stroke symptoms or an intracranial hemorrhage which would be a brain bleed or any patient presenting with a seizure activity and then lastly, just an overall, broad neurological diagnosis. So, we would utilize this technology where it's basically, it would be on a computer that would go into the room. We would dial-up a neurologist, if they would be there available to speak with both our emergency department, or clinician team, as well as the patient. So, looking at the estimated timeline for developing these services we are looking in total, nine months to get up and running and be operational. The first three months would be doing a lot of internal preparation meaning looking at the design of the units. Making sure that the workload is sufficient and making sure that we have all our processes in place and intact. Then the last six months would be basically moving through the design as well as securing all the processes and the clinical services that would be involved. And then, importantly, based on the success of these expanded services that we would put in place, then we would analyze the feasibility of any potential future services. So, for example, that may include a low-risk heart cath lab as well as electrophysiology lab. In addition, it may include looking at some surgery; meeting some same-day surgery type procedures as well as eventually, maybe some type of inpatient care. So, with that, that concludes my part. I'd be happy to turn it over to Kevin.

**KEVIN PETE** – Good evening, everyone. So, as Ed said in the beginning, there's really two parts to this. The one is the part that Chris and Ann discussed and then secondly is the financial offer to the City of Massillon and so this will be something that Council will have to take a look at and decide whether they would be willing to accept it. But, basically there's three main pieces here. One is the \$2.06 million dollars that we're offering for the City to use on any incurred expenses or future expenses based on how they would like to use the money. And secondly is to assume the lease on Dressler Rd. We currently lease the top part of that building, so we would be assuming that bottom floor. As Ed said, it's about 28,000 sq. ft. So, we would be actually assuming that lease for the City. And then lastly and probably most importantly is you have tremendous amount of equipment in this hospital that has a significant amount of value and we would be working with the City in kind of three ways is the way I think about it. One is, how can we purchase some of our healthcare delivery system and all of our hospitals and facilities; that would be number one. Number two is we're part of a sourcing

group that has hospitals in four states and I think there's about 26 hospitals in there currently and we would be working with them to potentially distribute some of the equipment and that through the sourcing group. And then lastly, there's companies out there that can come in and inventory and purchase the equipment and sell it. So, there's a number of different things that we'll work with the City on; on working with the equipment. But, the important part there, what I want everyone to realize here is there's a significant amount of dollars here that can be used to help, again, for the City for incurred expenses and future expenses. And so, that concludes the financial offer and I'm going to have Ed come back up here.

**ED ROTH** – Thanks, Kevin. So, at Aultman we operate under a mission to lead the community to improved health and the idea of community is very important to us. In the communities that we serve, we like to be involved. So, if the question was asked along the way “Will Aultman be involved more in the community?”. I want to talk a moment about some of the things that we do today in different communities, including Massillon and areas of Western Stark County. I'm not going to go through this whole slide, but this is just maybe sixty or seventy of the organizations that we provide board leadership to through our executive and management team members who serve on boards, who serve on places like the Massillon City Council or the North Canton Council that where employees have served over the years in different ways as well as financial support that we give to smaller organizations that need help, who need assistance. So, it's about seventy or so on the page, we couldn't fit the 110 that we came up with that we participated with over the last two to three years. So, from a community standpoint, we will be more involved. We're involved today with organizations like the Chamber of Commerce here at West Stark. We're involved in the Rotary in Perry Twp., we're involved with the Massillon Museum. We just made a grant to the Massillon Museum of \$100,000 to assist in their project with their renovation. And I think you'll see Aultman become a little more involved in the community as we move along. As we grow our services and we grow our footprint through the Aultman Massillon campus, we'll also be making additional opportunities to work together in the community. The other side of this is what's called the Aultman Foundation and this our charitable arm at Aultman and inside the Aultman Foundation we grant dollars each year to organizations in the communities around five counties; Stark West, Holmes, Tuscarawas and Carroll, organizations who need funds. And so, these are the organizations that we have granted dollars to in the last two years. And typically, these are smaller grants; \$200 to \$5,000, but they're very helpful to small organizations who aren't part of the United Way operations and don't receive funding usually from the United Way. But they need help meeting their mission to care for others, to help people in the community. And we do these around organizations that are focused on health, wellness and education. And so, again, this is another piece of what we do. Over the last ten years or so, we put out about \$1.5 million dollars to organizations like the ones on the page here. So, we do take it very seriously the commitment that we have in the community. And we do that another way through jobs. We offer a lot of jobs at Aultman. We have about 7,000 people working in our corporation now and all the different companies that we operate in Stark County, as well as over in Wayne County with Aultman Orrville Hospital, about 7,000 total jobs today. And it's very important that we recognize the importance that we have on the job side. We can't bring all the jobs back into this community that were lost at Affinity Medical Center, but I think slowly you'll see us build up our campus at Aultman Massillon and add new services along the way that makes sense and meets the needs of the market as well as make financial sense that we can be sustainable for the future. And that's the key to our proposal is that idea of sustainability. We have to start somewhere to bring services back and that's why, if you go to the last slide, Kevin, we feel it's really important for us to begin that expansion of those services that Ann and Chris have talked about a few minutes ago. Along with the emergency room and the different care areas there and that we offer the financial dollars to the City that the City can use on the campus of the old Affinity Hospital buildings and the City will be allowed to use that money as the City determines necessary. So, that's our proposal. We wanted to try to keep it short. We've been here before talking about it and we want to open it up for your questions and we'd be happy to answer those; any one of us that you'd have a question of.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – I think we'll open questions from Council first and then we'll open it up to the public. Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I would suggest that we open it up to the floor and then let Council go last.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay, that's fine.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – So we could listen.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Just for the sake of clarity. Are we leaving it as we normally would of comments? Like, are you taking questions from the public or are you doing what we typically do in saying comments only? Because what you just said made it sound like they could ask questions. I want to make sure we're clear on what the expectation is before someone gets to the mic.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I think it should be both.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – I do too. Are you okay with that?

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yeah, that's fine. I'm fine with whatever. I just want to make sure no one gets surprised when they step up to the mic.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Well, one's a point and the other is a question. So, I think we should.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – And we would have an opportunity then?

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – We will have, but I believe we should go with the people that are here first.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone in the audience that would like to come forward and make a statement or ask a question? Please come forward and right now we're just going to leave it strictly to the hospital. If you have something else on the agenda you want to talk about, we'll do that afterwards, if that's okay. So, come forward, state your name, address and there should be a paper there for you to sign when you're finished.

**DR. ALAN MESHEKOW** – 1339 Lennox Ave., Massillon, OH. I have two questions. The first one is in reference to the transfer facilities. You used the term availability of an ambulance and a dedicated ambulance. Are you going to have an ambulance in the parking lot 24/7 to transfer trauma case from Aultman Massillon to Aultman Main campus or are you going to have to call an ambulance when the trauma patient is there and then transfer them? That's about twenty to thirty-minute delay which can be very significant.

**CHRIS REMARK** – Thank you, Dr. Meshekow. Our plan would be to have 24/7 availability of a unit on the premises.

**DR. MESHEKOW** – Availability meaning in the parking lot at all time, 24/7?

**CHRIS REMARK** – Yes. One of the things we heard from the City, both City Council and from talking to the City emergency responders is the amount of time hat it takes for them now to come to Canton.

**DR. MESHEKOW** – Right.

**CHRIS REMARK** – Not only in an emergency, but them coming back and the cost of that.

**DR. MESHEKOW** – So, would this be an ambulance owned by Aultman or City EMS?

**CHRIS REMARK** – We will most likely be collaborating with an ambulance operator.

**DR. MESHEKOW** – Okay. And my second point, from what I'm understanding what you're saying, you have no plans for the Affinity Medical Center building as of now, other than to gut it of material?

**ED ROTH** – Our purpose would be to purchase at fair market value any of the equipment that we may be able to use at Aultman West, if the City is interested in that part of the proposal. But we don't have any plans to utilize the facilities or he campus.

**DR. MESHEKOW** – Thank you.

**ED ROTH** – Thanks, Dr. Meshekow.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? Okay, Council, questions? Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you, Madam President. My first question would be the urgent care that is currently at that location. Has there been any thought to keeping it at that facility and then directly the patient; whether they need to go to the emergency room side, versus the urgent care side?

**ED ROTH** – That's one option that we're considering as well as relocating it in another part of the City. Those are the options that we're looking at right now. We haven't settled in on that because we haven't finalized the inside plan yet. And I think we want to make sure we understand where those patients will come from in the future and make sure we have it sited in the right place. There's a new development going on at the corner of Wales, where Wales ends into Lincoln Way with Akron Children's Medical Center. They're our partner, on the Aultman North Campus, they're our partner and on the Aultman Hospital Campus and we may be able to partner with them on the campus that they're building there. That's another option for us. So, those things are all in discussion and we haven't made that final decision yet. But we will continue to operate the immediate care center during the time of construction and we will continue to have an immediate care center somewhere in the City or on the campus there in the future.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you.

**ED ROTH** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – When you say, future, that's not within the nine period?

**ED ROTH** – It will remain open during those nine months. Between now and that period of time, we'll have to make a decision whether we keep it on the campus of the Aultman Massillon Campus or we look at another site within the City. We won't have two. There'll be one located either on that campus or somewhere else in the community.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Any other questions or comments, Council? Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – From my understanding of this proposal that we're putting forth, the intent, just to summarize just a little bit, is for Aultman to expand their current operation that their existing facility to essentially, almost or pretty much meet what was being offered at Affinity with maybe a little bit of a scale-back to meet the actual usage. Because, obviously, we weren't using all of it.

**ED ROTH** – So, from a space standpoint, we'll need less space to do what we want to do because we have space already built there. From a services standpoint, this is not the same level of service that was at Affinity Medical Center. Most of those services we offer at our main campus at Aultman and so, we're starting with the emergency services, the critical services that we think the community needs and we can see it from our own emergency room services department now. But Ann listed that there are some ideas for the future and again, those have to, again have to be planned and thought about from the standpoint that when you're building a medical service, it would be very difficult for anyone to come in and restart the Affinity Campus. And I think that's why one of the reasons that Aultman is tonight. Because it's difficult to re-start a hospital. Most of the employees have jobs in other places. The physicians who need their patients to receive care have lined up with other hospitals. So, it's a very difficult re-start. We feel that the investment of \$8 million dollars is significant on our campus at Aultman West and it will give us an opportunity to grow that campus. It's close to where most of the physicians in the community are located today along Wales Rd. So, that makes sense to us and it's a newer facility. It's only 20 years old and we know the facility because we've cared for it and we own it. And so, it's not the same level of service that was provided at Affinity, but, from the emergency room standpoint, observation beds, stroke care, heart care and an ER, it would be very similar.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I'm trying to recall, fortunately, I haven't had to visit very often.

**ED ROTH** – That's good.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – They do have a rehabilitative already there, at some level? Because I know you guys had a fitness facility, so you have some physical therapy kind of care.

**ED ROTH** – Currently, yeah. We have physicians on-site, office space. We have physical therapy and rehabilitation area with a nice rehabilitation pool and then we've got our pain management center is located there also.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – So, and I guess the reason I'm asking is because some of the reoccurring things, something that maybe a citizen of Massillon would have to visit maybe a couple times a week, it would still be local, but I think services such as a surgical, may end up being in Canton?

**ED ROTH** – Surgical services would be in Canton at Aultman or Mercy or maybe outside of Canton.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – But for convenience, there's still services?

**ED ROTH** – Right. But we do have four surgical rooms, right Chris? There in the facility and they're well maintained and cared for. That's something that, again, that whole business has changed also. As more businesses moved outside the hospitals, a lot of businesses now in different types of spaces aren't owned by hospitals. So, Aultman has outpatient centers. But other physicians and other entities are also building outpatient centers for surgery and other services. So, it's a very different landscape than it was even when we built the Aultman West building just 20 years ago. Things are changing dramatically with the technology that's available and the ability to do cases outside of the large institutions.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Chovan.

**COUNCILMAN CHOVAN** – Thank you. Under what situation would, say our EMS unit picks somebody up in an emergency. What situations would they transport someone to your main campus?

**ED ROTH** – We'll let Ann answer that question, if that's okay. Ann, did you hear the question?

**ANN GUNTHER** – What was that?

**ED ROTH** – Under what conditions would someone go directly to emergency at Aultman?

**ANN GUNTHER** – Sure. So, I could see someone with an acute stroke. I mean, it's obvious as well as a heart attack. If there's major trauma, more than one type of symptom going on, definitely, they would need to transport to a higher level of care. And our EMS system, they're well-trained in the field to make those choices as to where to go. So, it would be those obvious, very critically illness or medical condition that really need to go to the main campus versus that emergency department.

**COUNCILMAN CHOVAN** – Thank you. I just wanted to clarify that so that the public which needs to hear that or read this or whatever, understands that there are situations where we're not going to transfer to Aultman Massillon, lose precious time before you put them in another ambulance and get them to the main campus.

**ANN GUNTHER** – Correct.

**COUNCILMAN CHOVAN** – I just wanted you to clarify.

**ANN GUNTHER** – Correct.

**COUNCILMAN CHOVAN** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Just to piggy back off Mr. Chovan's question. Is it going to be the EMS transporters making that decision? Is there going to be open communication where they can call? For example, they're not 100% sure, so are they calling Aultman



Massillon speaking to an emergency room physician to kind of, while they're driving to make that decision. Who's in charge of determining who goes where?

**ANN GUNTHER** – Well, certainly there's medical control that around Stark County and we would be training those EMS providers as to what type of condition that emergency department at Aultman Massillon would take versus transporting directly to the main campus or to Aultman Main. So, we would be providing education to the local EMS system, plus with medical directions going on. We certainly feel very confident that they'll know exactly in the field, what type of issue is occurring that where the most appropriate place for that patient to go.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you, Madam President. You had mentioned that after Phase One, there potentially would be a Phase Two for additional, more expansive services. Do you view that the current facility is sufficient for the additional services or would there be an additional build-on necessary?

**ED ROTH** – For some of the services, we have the space available. There may be services that we haven't thought of yet that might need additional construction. But, for the services that Chris listed and Ann listed up there, we have the space available inside. Again, we have the operating rooms. We have eight inpatient beds available there at Aultman when we built the facility and we used to do short-term recovery of orthopedic cases and surgical cases in the facility for about 10 years or 12 years or so, we did that. And then we're talking about the low-risk cath lab, our EP lab, electrophysiology center, there's space for that also. We get into additional beds and things like that in the future, we might have to build on.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you.

**ED ROTH** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Yes. I have some comments. Somebody just asked me this and you probably said somewhere. What's the level of trauma care that this is considered there?

**ANN GUNTHER** – Can you clarify that question?

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Somebody asked me if it's 2, 3, or whatever it is?

**ANN GUNTHER** – Okay. So, at our main campus, we are a level 2 trauma center. At the Aultman Massillon site, we would look at probably a level 3 to a level 4. We're all certified through the American Surgeons on trauma care and we would follow those standards.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I'm just going to go through them. I'm sure we hit some of them before, but maybe by the time we get to the end of this, I'll be supportive. I'm not exactly on board here, but I don't want to be too negative about it, but I do want to get my questions answered and maybe it'll change my mind as we go through it. Some of these things just don't make sense to me. One problem that I brought up and I can expand on it or we can talk about it later, but part of the building is not annexed and I don't understand why it never was, it should have it been. And if we're going to make this Aultman Massillon, I think that really should be a serious consideration to finish part of that off and part of my reason is because we have a lot of people that are going to be working in these rehab places that you're talking about and in the first care place that the receptionist and all these nurses and stuff like that, and they will be paying City income tax, but this one little section doesn't pay City income tax. And if you're really into our community, I want to see people pay City income tax. I pay it and I think everybody should pay it and I don't like that it's just dodged. The other part of this problem that I have is the non-compete clause. The five-year non-compete clause. This kind of goes with what is up there. I can't understand why anybody would build a first care center on Lincoln Way that's probably just as quick to get to you guys as it is to get to the old Massillon Hospital in the area Wales/Lincoln Way. I mean, straight up there, it's probably no more than a mile and a half you talking. Maybe it's only a mile and a quarter. Why are they building something like that there and we have a facility, even if you tore down a bunch of the hospital, it was still a state-of-the-art building three or four years ago. I just don't understand that. Why are we talking about another first care some place? I'm having a real problem

dealing with that and the non-compete is part of that. There might be somebody that would be interested in having a first care up there. And the other thing is, I can't figure out what, with this proposal, when we started there's three things. You can find somebody to come in to operate it, you could repurpose it or you could tear it down. Nobody really talked about tearing it down, but we are at repurposing or tearing it down. And I don't see what's wrong with repurposing the old emergency room and that area as a first care and going out a building this other one. You could still tear parts of the hospital down. This still doesn't make sense to me. Say pluses; it's more than what we have right now, I admit that. But there is going to be additional time getting seriously ill people a higher level of care. And some people I've talked with said we need to get to a level two level at some time. And that's bothering me when we're talking about three and four. I guess that's all I have for now. I'm sure after the meeting tonight, I'll think of more things that we can talk about at the next meeting. But, if you wanted to talk about any of those, I'll listen.

**ED ROTH** – Talking about the first question was annexation. When we built Aultman West, there was a portion of that land that was in Jackson Twp. and the physician office building was constructed on that land in Jackson Twp. At that time, we did not annex that land into the City of Massillon. We have long-term leases with the lessees who are in that facility, so, it would be difficult to go back to them and say we're going to change the rules now and look at annexing into the City and change their cost structure and, it's a timely process and we were really trying to get our proposal to the City in a way that we could move forward and begin our service construction. The second point is something, Mr. Manson, that we looked at very critically. And that was, and I was the only one at Aultman who was beating this drum for a long time about using the existing facility. I really pushed hard on our team about that and the understanding really came to us when we had a chance to go through the building. The newer parts of the Affinity campus are beautiful. The emergency room, I think, is only three or four years old; maybe five. The outpatient center and the heart care area are outstanding, what they did there. But they tied all that into the old infrastructure in the older parts of the building. That's sixty or seventy years old and so, you have all of your heating and cooling, your water systems, everything to do with electricity, coming out of the big building into those. Because we thought, maybe we could take down the older part of the building and use the spaces that we wanted to use for the services that we're talking about here. But when it really came down to it, we really couldn't do that. It would be very expensive to rebuild all of those pieces while taking down the pieces that wouldn't be used. And that's back to really the whole idea of a sustainability of where we're going. You know, we bought the hospital in Orrville a few years ago and it's been about six years ago now. And Orrville, the Dunlap Community Hospital Board came to us and said we'd like to work with you. And so, we had a chance there to take a hospital that was still operational and struggling, but they had the people. They had the doctors, they had the campus and we've been able to really turn that situation around to where we have a financially, sustainable operation there today into the future and we've brought services to the community that they didn't have before and stabilized the services that we have. This is a little different situation because the hospital is closed and the re-start, as I said, you have the re-start of the hospital that's going to be expensive and then you have the ongoing cost of caring for the campus. And that's why we settled in on Aultman West. As far as the immediate care center goes, I think, one of the questions that the Mayor asked us is can you can any services, would you be able to get services into the main part of the City? We realize where we're at. I mean, we are in the far northwest corner of the City of Massillon. The City of Massillon extends across the viaduct and down towards Navarre and I grew up in Richville and it's almost down into Richville now, where I grew up. And so, we understand where we're located and sighting the appropriate services, whether they be physician offices or another immediate care center, somewhere out in another part of the community is something that we'll have to look at as we move forward. And that's why it might be best to keep it on the campus, the immediate care center. But it may be better for the community to put it out somewhere else in the community. We just have to decide that. But we wouldn't see putting an immediate care center and trying to run it out of that building. If rest of the building was operational and someone wanted to utilize it for that, that would be different. But you'd have to find someone to take up about 250,000 to 300,000 sq. ft. of space. It's difficult in cities where the hospitals have closed and you have an example of that just a few miles over in Perry Twp. where very little has been done on that campus. Even though someone says that there's an owner now that was promising to bring some behavioral health services there, but those still haven't arrived and it's been several years now. So, it's very difficult to bring these big buildings back. That was the biggest concern that we had.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Chovan.

**COUNCILMAN CHOVAN** – Thank you. The one thing that you've said all along that makes perfect sense to me and I hope that everybody picked up on it is you talk about ways to bring sustainable care to Western Stark County. I mean, there may be other people that think they can take over the Affinity complex, have all the services that were there before, they may be willing to put a lot more money into the City maybe than what your offer is here. But, for how long? I mean, eventually, and this is just strictly my opinion based on discussions we've had, I can see where eventually they're going to decide that it's not going to work and they'll back out and we'll be right where we are now. So, your idea of sustainability is not falling on deaf ears.

**ED ROTH** – I think sustainable, I think that's very important, but I also think it's important to have people in the community operating the medical facilities. It's difficult when your hospital is owned by someone that's located in Tennessee or Minneapolis or Phoenix or wherever the company happens to be located. And those decisions that are made are tough decisions for those companies, but they're tougher on the communities where the decisions are made. For us, our footprint is basically five counties. We get the majority of our business from Stark County and about 20% of our business from the outlining counties. So, that's where we tend to focus. And as I said, we're in each of these communities. We're working close in Alliance now and in Carroll County, Carrollton, and working close, like here in Massillon and working close in North Canton. So, those are the communities that we serve. That's where our patients come from. Our decisions are made by a board of, the Aultman Health Foundation Board of 44 people, they make the decisions about where we'll invest and the Aultman Hospital Board makes the decisions about where we'll provide services and we have a terrific medical staff that Dr. Meshekow has been a part of. Those are important. I started at Doctors Hospital in 1976. I worked there for five years and I went to Aultman and they haven't kicked me out yet. I've been there a long time and it's a great organization because we've been in the community since 1892. Just like your hospital here, I don't know when it started but it was in the early 1900's and there's a long history of what was provided there. But we have to bring it back. We have to build it back up and we have to go a step at a time and make sure that we do things that are sustainable over time so we don't end up in a situation again where the City doesn't have key services. That was our focus the whole way along. It's been our focus from the first time that we met with the Mayor and her team. And we're not here to try to put a spin on anything. That's where we've been from the very beginning. But we did try hard to utilize the existing facility, but it just doesn't make economic sense for us to do that.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Thank you. Obviously, we know it's going to be heartbreaking to the citizens of Massillon, knowing that this Affinity building is no longer going to be used. But I do want to just, again, Mr. Chovan said that, you know, we are bringing sustainable services back to the City of Massillon. The citizens need healthcare. They need available healthcare. It's hard for citizens to get all the way over to Canton to Mercy and Aultman and this is a step in the right direction to rebuilding and bringing healthcare back to the citizens that's close to them and within our City walls and I think this is the most viable option we have right now, and, yes, it's heartbreaking to hear that Affinity may not be used. That building may not be used in the way that everybody wants it to be used, but, at this point, I think we need to focus on the fact that we're bringing healthcare back to the citizens, close to the citizens, accessible to the citizens and I think that's the bottom line in this.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Just a financial proposal; it's not really a question as much as an additional comment. When I'm evaluating this, what I see is a proposal that is essentially \$2 million dollars which exceeds our current expenditures on the property that the City has incurred. The lease piece which they discussed and that's a lease, I believe, is \$400,000 a year, so it frees us of that. So, that's essentially almost adding \$400,000 to that number.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Isn't it like \$32,000 per month?

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yeah, something like that. And there's like eight years left or something.

**ED ROTH** – Yes, eight-year lease.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – So, I mean, that frees us and that has a value to us. I mean, it doesn't show up in that \$2 million-dollar number, but it has value, additional value. And then

there's "X" dollars yet to be determined on the equipment. So, this does allow the City to not fall in the whole. It meets us and it helps us regain our expenses and maybe come out a little bit ahead. But, none of us went into this to make money for the City. We just wanted to control our own destiny. The flaw with Doctors Hospital is that it's privately held, so, it just sits there and nothing is happening. At least through this particular situation, while everything might not be as ideal as we would like, we do get to have a say in what happens and we get to decide who we partner with and if we decide on Aultman, they're deciding to partner with us and expand their services for our community. So, that's a nice incentive.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Yes. I have to go back to the annexation again that we talked about here. You know, if this was on the edge of something, I would not have a problem with this. And whether it's Jackson Twp., I don't really care. I mean, we've annexed the plan from Jackson Twp. and I'm sure probably part of this land that was annexed for the facility on Wales was probably in Jackson Twp.

**ED ROTH** – Or a strip along the front there.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I'm sure it was, yes. And I have a problem. I've been in this town for 70 years. Maybe I wasn't paying much attention the first 20, but I saw my dentist move out of town. I saw my doctor move out of town and it bothers me that you'll have all these people that are working for \$25,000, \$30,000, \$40,000 a year paying City income tax, but the other people are not. And this isn't exactly the same as it was when this all started out. You had Spectrum in there with, I don't know how many doctors you had. But you had a number of doctors in there and that's a lot of revenue. That's a lot of income tax dollars that are not going to the City of Massillon and I think that's a very strong consideration and I still think it still makes no sense to tear down a multi-million-dollar facility. I have a hard time believing there's no way to handle the heating and the air conditioning if somebody would want that facility.

**ED ROTH** – There's a way to handle it. The cost would be expensive.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – There's always a way of handling something and I don't want argue about it. I just want to see these points come out. There's negative ones. There's positive ones. I think it's a good business deal for you, what you're doing. But, I'm not happy with the care level of being 3 or 4, truly. And that was brought up to me. It has to be at least a 3. But I think it should even be better than that. We talk about the time here. We service people up here at this hospital that will be coming from North Lawrence and these places. So, you're talking about a 25-30-minute ride if they have to go to the main campus; if they have a stroke or a very serious heart attack.

**ED ROTH** – I'm going to ask Chris to address your issue on the level of the emergency room.

**CHRIS REMARK** – Because it's already come up a couple times. The thing that's critical to know about without getting into too much detail about the levels is the services behind what we're doing that are required to meet a certain level. And so, Ann described some of the services that we may look at in the future. Those are the very services that would be required for us to move from a level 4 up to, maybe, a level 3 or a level 2. And so, without those services there, it's not even feasible to have a level 3 or level 2 type situation. And so, as Ed said, as we watch sustainability and if it makes sense that those services such as surgery and other key services that we add, then we quite possibly could look at the level of the emergency room or trauma level. But right now, with the services that we'll have there, we would not even be able to meet that type of a level 2 or even, quite potentially, a level 3 service. But, over time, it's not out of the realm of possibility.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – At one time, we had a number of the services you've been talking about already. We had minor surgeries and stuff being done there. With hip replacements, knee replacements.

**CHRIS REMARK** – Yeah, we did. And we are hoping to be able to bring some of that back.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – And like you said, that's a hope.

**CHRIS REMARK** – Yes, it is.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – And all this stuff is driven by the need.

**CHRIS REMARK** – Right now, it is those critical services.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Just a couple of points again. I agree. I am concerned, somewhat, with the level and so I would be, I mean, honest, tonight guys can't speak with all that, but if we can get some more information as to what those services are that help determine between 3 and 4. Just for our knowledge, I think that would be beneficial in our decision-making, that's a concern of mine. I'm less concerned about the annexation piece, but I do ask, that part of the building that's being referenced, do you know how many employees are over there? Just the piece that still sits out as the City?

**ED ROTH** – I'd say it's about 30. I don't know for sure, but I'd say about 30 people.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – And we're talking about a couple physicians and...

**ED ROTH** – There's 3 or 4 physicians and some advanced care providers as well as the staff. So, probably 20 FT's, maybe 30 people. This is an independent group of physicians, they are not employed by Aultman and so they're independent in the community.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – And I understand your point where you're saying you have long-term leases with them and I could see where the contractual complication comes if you all of sudden permit an annexation to the City, changing their tax structure and how that affects them. Because that's essentially what would happen then.

**ED ROTH** – It would be a conversation we would have to have with them.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – My follow-up point is you had mentioned that there'd be approximately 80 employees additional.

**ED ROTH** – Additional? Yes.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – So, this all makes sense to the income tax question piece. When you take 80 employees and I'm just going to multiply that by the medium average income which is around \$40,000 for our area, you get \$3.2 million dollars of income. When you multiply that by the .02, because we have a 2% tax, it's \$64,000 dollars. If they're going to have a piece of the property that has less than half of that in it, I would really hate to see that if this is our best option, we end up throwing a wrench in the plans over \$30,000. That's my only point. I understand the principle that's being stated, but when we're looking at what's best for the City and making sure that we preserve healthcare and financial stability for the City, and we want \$30,000 to get in the way of a multi-million-dollar deal. It's just my personal opinion, if math is right; I could be wrong. I had Mrs. Istnick.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I think it is significant. I think the people that are working at Mercy West out in Brookfield, I met those two doctors there that I know for sure; I bet they're paying city income tax. And we're back to talking about a bunch of people making \$25,000 to \$40,000 that are going to paying and if you talk about doing some of these other things, you may have quite a number more physicians operating in there and physicians don't get \$30,000 or \$40,000. You could be talking about a couple of million dollars more on top of the three you referenced right there and those things add up. They want to be in Massillon, it should be considered.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Paul, just to clarify. If we add emergency room physicians and advanced nurse practitioners those new employees that are part of the 80 employees are going to be in the City. I just wanted to clarify that. That we are adding high dollar, if I can say high income type positions within the City that may equal or be above those four providers in the Jackson Twp. Building. Correct?

**ED ROTH** – It would be a combination of physicians and emergency room physicians, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, nurses and then the support team techs and housekeepers and other people. So, it's going to be much higher than a \$40,000 average wage area. I couldn't calculate the number right. We could get it for you, but, yes, any of the new jobs will be in the City of Massillon. Any of the new development that we do would be in the City of Massillon. It's just that one component there that is not today. And, again, we're also concerned about the lengthy process to do that and we're really working towards meeting the needed goals of the City to get a proposal that addresses the critical needs and that was part of our decision process too.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you, Madam President. On the five-year restriction, I notice in this presentation it said emergency room services.

**ED ROTH** – Yes.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – So there's no restriction for the City to repurpose that building into a rehabilitation center, a nursing facility?

**ED ROTH** – No. Those would all be complimentary to what we do and if that happens, that would be a great thing for the City.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – And the land included.

**ED ROTH** – And the land included.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – So, if there was a repurposing of the real estate itself, that would be nothing that would be falling under that restriction, is that correct?

**ED ROTH** – Correct.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I just want to make sure we read and clarify too that point. The Letter of Intent speaks to imaging services, emergency services, emergency room or department, urgent or other immediate care services. So, that's what would be excluded. So, that's all-in emergency related. I know we have the paper here and just for the record to show that.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. I have a question. Recently a friend of mine had a stroke and she went to Affinity and they gave her a shot and I don't what the shot is, but it stopped the effects of the stroke. Now, if someone is going to have to be transported to Canton, would have enough time to get there to get the shot?

**ED ROTH** – I'm going to have Ann answer that. When I came to Aultman in 1981 they made me promise that "You're not a doctor, you can't treat any patients". I know the answer to this question, but I'll let answer it.

**ANN GUNTHER** – So, yes. They could actually receive the medication at the Aultman Massillon emergency department. We would deliver that medicine and immediately transport. We would have that on-site ambulance service that we would start the infusion of that medicine and we would transport them over to the Main Campus.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – So they would have to go to Aultman Massillon first?

**ANN GUNTHER** – They could go to Aultman Massillon. We could mix the medication called TPA and start administering that and then transfer over.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – So, they would have to stop here first, there's no way they could do that in the ambulance?

**ANN GUNTHER** – No. Not in the field, but if they transported the patient to Aultman Massillon, they could start that medication and then we would transfer over to the Main Campus.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Anyone else? Do you have any final comments?

**ED ROTH** – My only final comment would be that we really appreciate the opportunity to stand before you tonight and offer our ideas and our proposals and we stand ready to continue the discussion and we appreciate everything that you do on behalf of the community as well as the Mayor and her team. It's been a really good opportunity for us to work together. I hope that we can continue the discussion and we'll answer any questions that you have tomorrow or any day in the future and we appreciate your time tonight. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. While we're still under Item No. 5, if anyone in the audience would like to come forward and speak on any topic that is still on tonight's agenda that no longer is in reference to the hospital, please come...

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Point of Order.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Technically, we did read the ordinance. We have to take action.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Oh, alright, thank you. Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Okay. Like I said, we're not going to vote on this tonight. We will be having another meeting next Monday and we will have another open discussion for anybody that wishes to come and like I said, I brought a list of questions tonight, but I know I'm going to have more of them when I leave. So, first reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Ord. No. 157 – 2018 has received first reading. Now to finish with remarks of Delegations and Citizens, if there's anyone that would like to come forward and speak on anything that still appears on tonight's agenda, please come forward and do so. Anyone? Seeing none, we're going to move on to Ord. No. 158 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 158 – 2018**

**BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 90 – 2018 regarding the transfer of 2860 Lincoln Way E., Massillon, Ohio, Parcel #4318240, from the City of Massillon to the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) of Massillon to reflect an amended real estate purchase agreement, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Before we proceed, if anyone is not still with the Council meeting, if you could go out in the hall, please, so we don't pick up all the background in our minutes, I'd appreciate it. Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – First reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Ord. No. 158 – 2018 has received first reading. Ord. No. 159 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 159 – 2018**

**BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) for professional services provided by Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) for the City's housing programs for the year ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Thank you, Madam President. Would you please ask Lori Kotagides-Boron to please come up and explain this to everybody?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. If you'd please come up, we'd appreciate it.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – If they have any questions.

**LORI KOTAGIDES-BORON** – This is a contract we enter into with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission on a yearly basis and what they do is they facilitate our HOME dollars which is our dollars that we use for our rehabilitation and our first-time home buyers and this is a contract that we pay to them. It's been the same amount of money, I think, for the last three or four years. They do all the professional services for the rehabilitation. They do all the on-site inspection, they all the estimates. They go in the course of the time of the construction to make sure that everything is to code. They do the inspection at the end to make sure everything is to code. So, it is to pay for those professional services.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Does anybody have any questions that would prevent us from moving ahead on this? We'll get to look at this again next year, right?

**LORI KOTAGIDES-BORON** – Yes. And hopefully it's the same amount next year, too. It's been the same amount for the last three years.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – If not, I intend to move it forward unless somebody objects to that. Thank you. I make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three separate readings and bring Ord. No. 159 – 2018 forward for passage.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Chovan. 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. 159 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 160 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 160 – 2018**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to approve the prisoner transport agreement between the City of Massillon and political subdivisions using the City's prisoner transport service and authorizing the Auditor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to deposit said funds into the 1100 General Fund and the 1401 Capital Improvement Fund effective January 1, 2019, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This ordinance pertains to when we have someone that needs to be taken to Stark County Jail or whatnot. The City has a vehicle that is able to transport, and in many cases, the prisoner that is being transported comes from a district outside of the City of Massillon and this contract is what we use to charge them for our services. Are there any questions or discussion? Otherwise, I plan to move forward this evening.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Madam President. Just a question. Has there been any increase in these fees that we're collecting on this in the last couple of years? It's same amount of what we received last year?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – We have the Chief coming forward.

**CHIEF MOSER** – The amount is the same as we charged last year. Our costs are basically the same and increased just a little bit, about \$5.00 per transport. But the amount that we're charging still covers that and still allows for us to create that capital account for van maintenance and replacement.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you.



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 160 – 2018 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. 160 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 161 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 161 – 2018**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE reducing the appropriations in the 1342 OPWC Loan Payments Fund and in the 1340 Tax Increment Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This is reduction of the appropriations in these accounts, balancing them out for the year. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? One of them is for four cents. I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 161 – 2018 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. 161 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 162 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 162 – 2018**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain transfers in the 2018 appropriations from within the 1100 General Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. These transfers are being made, actually, I'd like to call up Mr. Smith.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Mr. Smith.

**JOEL SMITH** – These transfers are being made to place \$30,000 into the Services/Contracts line for the Police Dept. For the most part, this was due to when we set up the 2018 budget, once the Street Dept. split off and the 1201 Fund was created with the increased income tax, in the past, the garage which was part of the Street Dept. paid for all repairs to all vehicles across the City. But once we had this 1201, we felt we needed to split that out. So, the individual departments were given money within the General Fund to take care of their own vehicle maintenance, but when we did the calculations and the Police Chief is here as well, he can speak to, but somehow, we kind of missed the PD or we didn't calculate enough money with PD to take care of their fleet of vehicles. They have had a lot of breakdowns. We had a

couple of cars, one was totaled and I don't think we got an insurance pay out on that, did we? The one that was totaled on the west side on the pursuit?

**CHIEF MOSER** – Yes, we did.

**JOEL SMITH** – Oh, we did get some money there? But there were greater anticipated expenses to the police fleet, and again, if the Chief wanted to come forward, he may be able to give you more information than I can. But, again, we did not appropriate enough money at the beginning of the year to cover all those expenses and now we're finding ourselves a little bit lower.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Last week the debate wasn't so much on the validity of the request, I don't think anybody questioned that. But what caught my attention and I think a couple of others attention was that the \$15,000 coming from Street Lighting Services.

**JOEL SMITH** – Correct.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – And the question was, is that fund, the revenue that comes in through the street lighting fee that is on the waste water bill?

**JOEL SMITH** – There is revenue that comes in from that billing, but all that revenue comes into the General Fund and therefore, can be utilized in whatever purposes. I know that Barb sent out an e-mail to all of you that showed the original legislative piece that describes that fund. This is a utility fund, so you don't know for sure exactly what that cost is going to be and then there is a part of that, that we repair, well, Ohio Edison repairs streets lights that if someone crashes through a pole in this City, and there's insurance or there is someone we can go after, First Energy will do that. But, if there's no one, no insurance or it's a hit-skip or whatever else, they bill us and that's part of our contract for reduced electrical rates on those street lights. So, we never know year-to-year of those we'll have to pay for and then, since I've been here in the three years, there's also part of that account that goes into maintenance and/or the addition of additional street lights and since I've been here, I think I approved five additional streets over the course of three years where residents would call or a business would call and say, hey, we've got real problems here, it's really dark on our street. I would go out and assess that and make a decision and say, yeah, I think this needs an additional street light. We put three down on Ninth St., down in that open area that was down beyond where the business section is off of Finerock there. Because there was a problem with people dumping down there and it was really dark down there. So, we put three down there and like I say, a couple of residential streets where those things occurred where we decided to go ahead and increase that. So, it is a budgeted item. It's not an exact science, so, as you've seen with all the transfers that we've made throughout, certainly there's areas where we can reach in where we realize we're not going to spend that total amount, but I think Barb would be able to maybe answer, specifically to the legislation if you'd like those.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I don't know if I need to go down the whole rabbit-hole of it, unless someone else wants to. I guess what would satisfy me is if maybe at the Work Session next week, we could just get a three-year report of the revenue collected through that particular line and how it's dispersed.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – We can also give you a breakdown of the other times that money may have been transferred out of it.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Okay.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – But, the 1100 is the General Fund.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – It is its own fund. It could have been transferred for the Fire Dept. or any of the other department. So, I can check that out.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I just want to make sure that if we're going to be on the bill charging citizens that 100% of it is used for that and if we are billing in excess of what is needed, even if it's just taking a quarter off, you know, then let's peel it back if we can. If not, then fine.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – I did send you a copy of the ordinance. That account was set up as the 1100 Fund. It's not a separate fund.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – That's fine.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Yes. I just wanted to make sure that, as Barb had indicated in her e-mail that 10% of those fees that you're referring to does go to a separate line item, 1401. So, 90% goes into the General Fund and 10% going into 1401 and when I look at the 1401, we've \$309,000 in there.

**JOEL SMITH** – That may be a total on the 1401. That wouldn't be specific to that Capital Improvement line, I wouldn't think.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – You're looking at a revenue account. This 1401 is an expense account. Again, they're two complete separate accounts.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Oh, okay. Well, maybe...

**BARB SYLVESTER** – 10% goes to a 1401 revenue account. So, the 1401 has a whole lot of accounts off of that that are paid off of that. If you look your budget that I gave you, the 1401 the first set, that is your funds and then you're going to see the departments and then you're going to see the expense account, if you're looking at the fund part. If you're looking at the cash, you're going to see just one cash account all of it goes into. Just like your 1100. If you're looking at your cash report, you'll all that goes into 1100. Now when you look at the expense side of 1100, you've got fire, you've got police, you've got other departments that come out of that 1100 expense; it's totally separate. There's a revenue account and expense account.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Okay. So, my questions are, where does those funds get sent?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Well, those funds, as the ordinance says, those are to be spent for infrastructure such as Joel just said. Say for instance, the 1100 account, if he needs four poles to come out of that, he needs to replace something...

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – It'll come out of the 1401, not the 1100?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Well, it can come out of both, basically.

**JOEL SMITH** – It can come out of both and we utilize both. Depending on how much money is in each fund. So, you're right, the 1401 does pay for the infrastructure, improvements unless we would run out. It's amazing how many uninsured drivers are hit-skip crashes that we have in the City, unfortunately.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Do you have a rough idea of what one these poles does cost us when we have to replace, like \$50,000.

**JOEL SMITH** – No, no, it's nothing like that. It's usually around somewhere between \$2,000 and \$4,000, depending on what's on the light pole.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Yes. I have a question of Mr. Smith. So, when you're looking at placing additional lighting because of concerns from residents, do we look at also crime in that area or are we just looking at the spacing of the poles? Because I didn't know we had that authority to place the poles.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I'm just going to interject really quickly here. Due to the question we've completed, we have to watch our line of questioning. This has absolutely nothing to do with the ordinance that we're discussing. And I know I started it because I inquired about the

fund and that was because I was inquiring about the funding that was involved with the appropriation. Now, we're starting to go down where we're inquiring about how things are decided that are not related to this ordinance at all.

**JOEL SMITH** – How about if I get you this report that you've asked for? I can work with the Auditor's office and Barb and we can continue these conversations next week.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Okay. I'd like to talk to you.

**JOEL SMITH** – Sure.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I think it was a good education for us.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Are there any other questions pertaining to the ordinance? Alright, I'd like to make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 162 – 2018 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. 162 – 2018 has passed.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

A Request for a New Liquor License for Ventura Communications, Inc., located at 45 – 1<sup>st</sup> St. N.W., Massillon, Ohio 44647. Permit Class is D3 and is located in Ward 2.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Has the Councilperson received a copy.

**COUNCILMAN IRWIN** – Yes.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. Then it will be read into the record.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Madam President.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Just to comment on that. That is where T-I-G was and that's what Sarita talked about. She heard it was going to reopen. That's may be what happens. That's not for certain, but that may be what happens.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Do we know reopened as what?

**COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM** – T-I-G.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – T-I-G is reopening?

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Possibly. That's not carved in stone yet, but that's what that license is for. That building there.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. Oh, I'm sorry. Councilman Chovan.

**COUNCILMAN CHOVAN** – I just want to make a statement. The owner of T-I-G is not the one getting this liquor license. This is Han Rhee and so since the owner cannot have a liquor

license, he's a felon. So, he can't have it. So, I guess whether he's going to reopen or not depends if Han Rhee can get a liquor license that would allow the owner to operate as Han's agent, manager, if you will, to operate that. That's the only way legally he can operate it, but, if Han does not get the license then I don't know if he would reopen.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Councilman Chovan.

**9. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS**

The Repository - \$530.40 Publication of October Ordinances

**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** – Thank you. The Clerk will pay the bills and charge them to their proper account.

**10. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Treasurer's Report - October 2018  
Mayor's Report - October 2018

**11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Our next Work Session is Monday, December 10, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I was just going to report about the Finance Committee, if that's okay?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I did receive communications back from Judge Eddie Elum regarding, you know, my communication to him stating that you'd want to communicate anything to us about the budget for the Court and given an opportunity for him to speak to anything that they intend on doing in the future and just to kind of tell us a little bit. He did refer us back to the informative packet that we received, typically, I think, in the Spring from the Clerk of Courts, Mr. Johnnie Maier. He said that that would contain most of the information that we want. If we did have any specific information or questions that we could recommend and he would do his best to respond and he also wanted to make sure that we noted that as a separate branch of government, he doesn't necessarily have to do some of the same processes as the department. But I told him when I e-mailed him that I'd read the whole e-mail into the record this is the clip notes and statements, but they open to questions if you have any specific questions.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else?

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Mr. Smith seems to have a question.

**JOEL SMITH** – I know that we're, who do you want or what this Council, what directors would you want to have next week?

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I believe Police and Fire next week are what we're looking for.

**JOEL SMITH** – Okay. So, we're still bringing them in. Anyone else that anyone specifically would want to talk with?

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I think those are our major ones. We've already heard from Wastewater. If you could maybe speak a little bit to Engineering, I'm sure that would be beneficial as well.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else?

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – I'm sorry but I don't have a copy of that report that he would have referenced by in the Spring of 2018. Is there anyway to get a copy of that, that being on record?

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I have a copy of it and I get a copy for you.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Okay, that would be fine, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? Councilwoman Cunningham.

**COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM** – I just wanted to congratulate the Tigers on a wonderful and it came up a little bit short, but they gave us a whole lot of memories to keep us warm over the winter.

**13. CALL OF THE CALENDAR**

**14. THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 138 – 2018**                      **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE to adopt appropriations for the operating and capital expenditures of the City of Massillon, Ohio, for the fiscal year 2019.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I make a motion that we table Ord. No. 138 – 2018 until the meeting held on December 17, 2018.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Manson. Roll call.

9 yes to table Ord. No. 138 – 2018 until December 17, 2018

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 138 – 2018 has been tabled until December 17, 2018. Ord. No. 143 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 143 – 2018**                      **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 143 – 1976 to enact a new Section "ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – INCOME TAX" by repealing Section 13 – "ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – INCOME TAX" and enacting a new Section 13 – "ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – INCOME TAX" and repealing Ordinance No. 147 – 2017.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes, I make a motion that we table Ord. No. 143 – 2018 until the meeting held on December 17, 2018.

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

9 yes to table Ord. No. 143 – 2018 until December 17, 2018

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 143 – 2018 has been tabled until December 17, 2018. Ord. No. 144 – 2018.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to amend salary and wage schedules for the MISCELLANEOUS PART-TIME SCHEDULE, UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES, and SUPERVISORY (CLASSIFIED OR UNCLASSIFIED) – CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Alright, we're going to have to speed change here. We're going to divide the question on this. This is the ordinance that deals with the 2% pay raises for employees throughout the City. However, the Parks and Recreation Dept. has not had an opportunity to review, discuss and vote on Park and Recreation employees and as the ordinance stands, those employees are included. Out of respect of the autonomous nature of the Park and Recreation Dept., we want them to be able to have their opportunity heard. However, our Auditor would like to have as much of this passed as soon as possible so that they have time to process these so they can go into effect for the pay period beginning December 24, 2018. So, my intention tonight will be to make a motion that divides this question, taking the Parks and Recreation employees out of this or dividing this and making them separate so that we will vote on the City employees and then we will vote on Parks and Recreation employees. What I would like to see happen is to vote on the City employees as we all see fit and then I would table the Parks and Recreation employees' section until December 17, 2018. Leaving two section for the same ordinance, alright. So, with all that said, I am making a motion that we divide the question on Ord. No. 144 – 2018 into the two sections of one section addressing the concern related to employees of the City of Massillon that are not operating under the Parks and Recreation Dept. direction and that second section that is involving the employees of the City of Massillon that are operating under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Dept.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Linda, did you have a question?

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Well, I think we've had a brief conversation prior to and it would be my opinion that in order to separate the classes, per se, that we should at least identify them in "A" and "B". We're keeping them with the same ordinance, I think that's fine, but as far as identifying those that are not included and then tabling it and bringing back that same ordinance that has already been passed, I think is a little convoluted.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I spoke with the Law Director and she's going to look into it, but at this point and time, the precedence set by the City Council for the past 6 years that I've been on has just been to divide the question and not giving the designation of "A" and "B", I agree that there might be needing of additional, but at this time it's not something that I think we can answer and a motion stands on the floor.

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

9 yes to divide the question on Ord. No. 144 – 2018

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 144 – 2018 has been divided into City employees and Parks and Rec. employees. Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. Now to the portion of the Ord. No. 144 – 2018 that pertains to City employees, I make a motion that we bring it forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Roll call.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 144 – 2018 pertaining to the City employees has passed. Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – And I guess we indirectly did this for the City employees. So, to the portion that deals with Park employees, I make a motion that we table until December 17, 2018 meeting.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Manson. Roll call.

9 yes to table the portion of Ord. No. 144 – 2018 pertaining to the Park employees

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 144 – 2018 pertaining to Parks and Rec. employees has been tabled until December 17, 2018.

**15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 146 – 2018**

**BY: PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Massillon Recreation Center to extend the offer to all City employees who are eligible for healthcare benefits another two (2) year complimentary membership to the Massillon Recreation Center effective January 1, 2019, and to allow City employees to purchase a married couple or family membership and deduct the cost of an individual membership from that cost and the difference would be an out-of-pocket expense for the City employee.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thank you, Madam President. Based on our discussion and the questions that were brought up at the Work Session, Parks and Rec. Director, Mr. Steve Pedro, at our next Work Session to communicate his findings. Specifically, the questions pertaining to Mr. Chovan's questions regarding the complimentary membership. So, second reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Ord. No. 146 – 2018 has received second reading.

**16. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

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

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Before we adjourn, I just would like to admit that I made a working mistake tonight by signing all of those students' things at the beginning of the meeting. No one ever asked me before. I just got so excited. So, I believe I'm going to call Jackson High School tomorrow and report them to their teacher.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – In all fairness, they did sit through an hour meeting before they left.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – You know the teacher in me can't go along with that, don't you? Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – I make a motion that we adjourn.

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

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DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

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CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT