

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Tuesday, January 2, 2018. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Safety Service Director, Joel Smith, Auditor, Jayne Ferrero, Chief Deputy Auditor, Debbie Bonk, Law Director, Andrea Scassa, Economic Development Director, David Maley, Parks & Rec. Director, Steve Pedro, Police Chief, Keith Moser, Fire Chief, Tom Burgassar, Income Tax/Budget Director, Barb Sylvester, Civil Service Director, Joe Alessandro, Chief Building Inspector, Frank Silla, Health Dept. Commissioner, Terri Argent, Wastewater Plant Manager, Tony Ulrich, Engineering Office, Jason Popiel and Street Superintendent, Lee McBride. On the wall to your left are agendas for anyone who wishes to follow tonight's 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

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILWOMAN MEGAN STARRETT - Gave the invocation for tonight.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 ISNTICK – Then the minutes stand approved as written.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – We do now have in attendance Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 1 – 2017

BY: RULES, COURTS & CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 138 – 2017 by enacting a new Section 2(D) OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES – 510-511 AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND 920 GOLF COURSE DEPARTMENT, PART-TIME/TEMPORARY/SEASONAL WAGE CLASSES AND RATES, in the City of Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett. Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Point of Order. I believe we have to handle the business of appointing the Council Clerk, Committees and all those matters before we can go into actual pieces of legislation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Diane thought that we did that at our next Committee meeting. Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yeah, you better look into that because I asked Diane today and she said looking back at what we did last time, we waited until the next meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Yeah, I asked her as well.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – We waited until the next?

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yeah. We have a couple of weeks or so before we have to have anything final.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – What we did is we prepared a Resolution which you guys will sign off on.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Okay.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – On next Monday. Is that when we're going to do Pro Tem as well?

COUNCILMAN MANSON – I came in today and looked at it. So, I hope we're doing the right thing there.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Well then, I'd say you have to go to another committee member because, technically, Mr. Gregg hasn't been appointed as any committee chair as of this time. So, you'd have to go to another member of that committee to handle the business tonight.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Megan.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Thank you, Madam President. I can handle this ordinance today. This ordinance is merely a correction by Mr. Pedro from the Parks and Recreation Dept. He changed and basically cleaned up some class titles and job description last year, 2017, and accidentally omitted, is it omitted?

STEVE PEDRO – I had it in the wrong section.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Okay. He placed on title in the wrong section. So, this is just correcting that error, at this point. It's not adding or removing any type of job title or any position. Any questions or discussion? Alright, seeing none, at this point I would make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 1 – 2018 forward for a vote.

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. 1 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 2 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 2 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to accept a grant from Aultman Foundation for the Lincoln Way Streetscape/Downtown Redevelopment efforts.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This ordinance is to accept the \$50,000 grant from Aultman Foundation for the Lincoln Way Streetscape. Are there any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 2 – 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. 2 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 3 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 3 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to accept a donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles #190 for the street lighting project on Tommy Henrich Drive, Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This is to accept a grant from the Eagles as part of our street lights down on Tommy Henrich. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules, bringing Ord. No. 3 – 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. 3 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 4 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 4 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 2101 Waste Water Treatment Fund, for the year ending December 2017, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This ordinance is allowing the transfers of money so that we can pay for the equipment that is down at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. It was placed into escrow. The dollars are all there, it's just moving it from one account to another so that we can make that final payment. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 4 – 2018 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 4 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 5 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 5 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE reducing the appropriations in the 1421 WWT Plant Upgrade Fund and the 3105 State Patrol Transfer Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2017, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – What this ordinance effectively does is it zeroes out 2017 items in this particular line item so that we can move them forward into 2018. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three separate readings, bringing Ord. No. 5 – 2018 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISNTICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 5 – 2018 has passed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. PETITIONS & GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Request for a New Liquor License for Buckeye Club 32 DBA Buckeye Club 32, 45 First St. N.W., Massillon, OH 44647. Permit Class D4 and is located in Ward 2.

Request for a New Liquor License for Family Dollar Stores of Ohio, Inc. DBA Family Dollar 1280, 2200 Lincoln Way N.W., Massillon, OH 44647. Permit Class C2 and is located in Ward 6.

Transfer of a Liquor License from Styx Acquisition, LLC, 2226 Lincoln Way N.W., Massillon, OH 44647 to Buehler Food Markets, Inc., 2226 Lincoln Way N.W., Massillon, OH 44647. Permit classes D1, D2 and D6 and is located in Ward 6.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Irwin, did you get a copy?

COUNCILMAN IRWIN – Yes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman, did you get both copies?

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Yes, I did. Thank you.

9. BILLS, ACCOUNTS & CLAIMS

10. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor's Report - November 2017
Auditor's Report - November 2017
Mayor's State of the City Address to City Council

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – First off, while the Mayor is making her presentation, if we could look into that other issue a little bit further? While I trust that that might have been how things happened two years ago, I misspoke when I said that technically that Mr. Gregg was not a chairperson of any committee because technically, none of us are a chairperson of any committee. So, all the business we just conducted while still valid and I know it's a technicality and you guys know I'm a stickler for that stuff; we could use our time wisely while the Mayor is presenting, maybe someone could look into that a little bit further. With that said, I make a motion that we accept the Auditor's Report.

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

9 yes to accept the Auditor's Report

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – The Auditor's Report has been accepted. Mayor, would you like to come forward?

MAYOR CATAZARO – PERRY – Thank you, Madam President. Good evening. Well, I'm honored to be with you tonight. We just started in my term, your number seven, and we've made excellent progress. This past year on April 27, 2017, the City of Massillon was released from fiscal emergency and as you know, this was not an easy feat. We went through difficult times, but now, we are on the path to a healthy city. We not only live in a great city, we also live in a great country and I would like to ask the veterans here to stand so that we can recognize you. (Applause). I really thank you for your service. I'd also like to thank our Massillon City employees that are here tonight and ask them to please stand and be recognized. You all have worked very hard over these past years. (Applause). We are incredibly blessed. Everyone; our City, our City Council, our staff, the administration, our business community, our organizations and our schools and our residents, everyone is very special. We have a unique City and we'd like to thank you for all you do; day in and day out to make Massillon the City of Champions. Thank you for making a difference. Thank you for making Massillon so very special. This year we had a wonderful time planning. With the passing of the income tax increase, the .02%, you have witnessed a full paving program that we have not had in a very long time. This was exciting for all of our staff and we look forward to more roads being paved in 2018 and forward. We have also been working extremely hard on the Imagine Massillon Downtown, the Richville Drive and planning ahead for the 2021 Wales Improvement Project. We have laid out our financial plan that was supported by the State Auditor's office to show a financial responsible and balanced budget for the next five years. We have replaced many vehicles in our city. We have created a vehicle replacement plan and we have also prepare a catch basin program which we have never had. We continue to look forward to the future for our children and our grandchildren and how we can together make Massillon stronger for their future. So, I'd like to begin with the presentation now. As you can see, we have all the Council members and we thank Yvonne Daniels for her service and we welcome Mike Gregg. We also have our Auditor, Jayne Ferrero and Maude Slagle and Andrea Scassa. And we just recognized our directors from all city departments and we thank you for being here this evening. The city continues to have a strong income tax receipts for 2017 and again, April 27th was a wonderful day for the City of Massillon. If we would pave all of our streets, it would cost about \$25,000,000 and \$7,000,000 for all the catch basins and tonight, I'm hoping to show you just the dent that we have put into that. Our first tax rate increase since 1976 was accomplished and the Imagine

Downtown Massillon Project has been fully funded with less than \$100,000 from our city dollars. All the budgets have been balanced since 2012 and they look into our future. This is a great slide here. It shows you where we have been as a city and where we are going and we're projecting, and again, all of these tonight are preliminary numbers. We have not closed out the books for 2017 yet, but right now, we have a \$4,300,000 carryover. So, you've all done a great job. Looking at the income tax numbers, just liked to show you. The tax credit reduction came out this year so you can see at the top our income tax dropped just a little bit. Our local government funds dropped a little bit as well. And then other revenues, \$4,000,000 and our real estate rollback went up just a little bit. So, we still are looking really good in 2017. Here you can see where the .02% for the income tax for the Street Dept., here is what we brought in. And our Parks and Rec., \$3,100,000 and I believe that's all due to the tax credit reduction. So, we were able to bring in a total income tax collection of \$20,800,000. Here's just a slide that shows a couple of local governments funds. The dollars have come down over the years. Our goal for the city is to have 90% into our operations and 10% into the capital improvement fund and we're taking baby steps to get there and this year we're able to broaden that split to 96% and 4%. So, we're very, very pleased with that. Especially with the carryover that we have. We'll also be putting the \$30,000 into fund for our assisting fund for any type of emergency that we have. We'll be doing that again and our balance is a budgeted balance and realistic. Our infrastructure requirements from the city our being addressed and we have a strong budget forecast. We've been able to do some capital improvements throughout the city, so, we'll be focused on the Fire Dept. One ambulance, two command vehicles and we have, for this year, we have two new trucks ordered as well. Our Police Dept., two police unmarked cars and two cruisers. Right now, I can say that the Police Dept. has done an excellent job with replacing all of their vehicles. Wastewater Treatment Plant, we needed a Vactor truck. Street Dept., two dump and plow trucks, a 3500 dump truck and a plow truck. And then our Safety Dept., a bucket truck as well. So, a lot investments into our vehicles. The Building Dept. has been quite busy. Single family dwellings, 28. And our new condominiums were 10. Look at the bottom over there and out of all that \$25,000,000 went back into investing in our city. That is outstanding and we've had those numbers consistently. So, people want to do business here, they want to live in Massillon; they want to grow in Massillon. So, we're excited about \$25,000,000 being put back into the city. These are our top businesses and, again, Shearer's and Freshmark always go back and forth on that. But, both of those businesses bring in over a \$1,000,000 in income tax. They're very important to the city. And then there are many others that have a huge impact for the income tax that comes into our city to allow us to function and be valuable. In 2017, we put a total of \$1,300,000 on our roads and in 2016, \$700,000; so about \$2,000,000. Now, you probably heard earlier when I said we need \$25,000,000 on the roads. Here, in two years, we've put down \$2,000,000. And this is just a nice map; over the years of what we were able to pave. Catch basins; \$500,000 was spent in 2017 on 354 catch basins and also storm repairs. We spent \$435,000 in 2016. We have over 4,000 catch basins, as you can see, we just put a dent into it. But, that dent is important because we're putting the catch basins that are dirtier and will last years longer. So, it's really important that we continue to focus on our infrastructure meaning, the catch basins, our storm drains and our growth. We had some new hires. Police Dept., one. I will be swearing in three fire fighters on Monday and Wastewater Treatment, three and Income Tax Dept., one. We traded one permanent part-time Records Custodian, three part-time Custodians. We felt this was very important because we needed to have a presence of a custodian throughout the city in different areas and so, instead of putting in full-time with all the benefits and vacations, we decided to go part-time and that's worked out so far, very well. We also have five internists for the Street Dept. and that's going to help take off the mowing load that our Street Dept. staff does throughout the summer and allows us to focus on helping with catch basins as well as doing what we did this year. In certain neighborhoods, they were able to go out and coat some streets to prolong them until we can get to do a full rehab on those roads. We revamp classifications and positions in the Park and Rec. and implemented testing for Massillon City Secretary and Custodian positions. The Massillon Police Dept. has been very busy. Recruitment committees formed. School Resource Officer and that's paid

for by the school system, the majority of the salary and that's working out well. We purchased patrol rifles and weapon lights pending the training. Purchased and issued shotguns. We now have 800 portable radios. That is vital throughout the entire county. Body cameras, security improvement and facility upgrade and training. And we want to continue that into 2018. Fire Dept.; our EMS responses are up. 570,000 with fire and EMS. They're doing an outstanding job. EMS transports, 4,135 patients transported. And what's nice about our Fire Dept., they're knowledgeable. They're knowledgeable when they arrive. I know this first hand because I to call them about six weeks ago for someone that was attending a dinner there and they came right and took care of that patient and took them right over to the hospital. Calmed the patient down and did a fabulous job. Over \$1,000,000 collected in revenue. We received \$130,000 for heart monitors, \$282,000 for radios, hired three new employees; replaced a roof on Station No. 1. And I'm not sure that you understand how important that 800 system is, but we had to assist Perry's Fire Dept. and our Fire Dept. really couldn't communicate on the radio with the Perry Fire Dept. This allows us to all communicate with one another. Community Development; we helped several businesses with their façade improvements and purchased three empty lots with CDBG funds for future economic development. We also are restoring/design guidelines that we submitted and were approved through the Stark Preservation and now they're undergoing department web page and we're working on the tax credit. The Federal government did not take those out, they are still alive and able to function for our future which is very important for the rehab of our downtown businesses. We have 13 city homeowners receive funding for emergency and minor repairs and 15 first-time homebuyers received funding. So, those young people that are out there that are trying to buy home, this is a program that they can tap into and we can help them get their down payment for their home. And they also, they can apply for minor repair that they took purchase. So, it's a win-win and we want young people to be here in Massillon as well. And then four homeowners received assistance for projects for the city housing rehab. Either minor or full rehab. So, they've been able to really get some things done and there's also emergency programs including if somebody's furnace goes out they can contact Bev Lewis and she can help contact them to get that replaced right away. Especially in the winter with the temperatures we have today. Many of you know we are about 174 linear miles of road and that they were able to go through raked all the roads on our new Engineering Dept. and they've done a great job of that. We have a five-year street and catch basin plan and we are meeting to work on that plan for this year next Monday or Tuesday. We were able to extend the Tommy Henrich Blvd. That was really important to extend that. With the new businesses downtown, it really opened that up and then when Bob Yund's business gets really busy, there's that access for him as well. We were able to modify our salt storage facility. It was not in good condition, so, we're able to make that modification and do it cost effectively. The applications for Richville Dr. are \$230,000 our share and then the rest is going to be paid by a grant and as well as through the State. We're very fortunate to receive those dollars. The dam. That has been a hot topic for well over a year now, and we have a solution for right now so that we can take our time and decide what we want to do with that in the future. What amount of money do we spend? What do we want it to look like? So right now, we're going to drop it another set of blocks and Steve is going to get busy and get all of that cleared up. That's really been our biggest complaint is that it doesn't look pretty and ODNR told us that it was not going to look pretty until we make a decision. So, we're going to be able to get that done in the spring and again, working with the residents and our City Council and our Park and Rec. Board to see what they would like to do for that in the future. Our redevelopment, that is exciting. I remember someone saying, we have a plan. This time we have a plan and it's going to get done. It's our Phase I and then we're also working on Phase II and we know that we've applied for the capital budget from the State and we also will be going to the capital campaign for Stark County for the other share of that money. And we're being hopeful to be able to get the majority of that money as well. Now, we'll share with you that you cannot put anything into, you cannot have any...so, they always want to see that we're going to be providing some dollars as well from our State Representative and as well as the capital campaign in Stark County. So, we are going to have to put something into that, but we're going to try to get the most out of what can from others that want to support our project. We are

going to be doing intersection safety and signage upgrades. I know our Street Dept. has been working very hard. I've Margy Vogt out there and she'll send us e-mails asking us, this sign is out; this sign turned, this sign is rusty and we'll be able to get those taken down right away. So, we're working on that every day and they've done a great job and I thank you so much. Aqua Ohio, Dominion; we've been able to coordinate our projects this year which was much better than in the past and we're going to compliment one another. Meaning while Dominion's out there; they can tear up the road and then we share in the paving the same with Aqua. So, we're working together to coordinate project with both of those entities. And our signal warrant analysis of tracking. Why waste any on this, you probably wonder. Well, traffic signals are \$90,000 and buck and so we do have to really look at this. Are they warranted? Can we save money? Do we need them? Are they just in the way? And so, our Engineering Co., OHM, is working on them as well. Income tax payments are online. That's wonderful. Today, everybody is technologically savvy. You can pay your income tax online now. Confidentially, non-disclosure policy for department personnel. We needed that in place and we have that now. We've implemented into software to electronically scan and deposit checks. So, remember when we said a couple of years ago that the checks were still sitting the Income Tax Dept. and they were opening them? Well, now today, we can open them and scan and it gets deposited right away. So, we've been able to improve that process. We finalized and Council adopted an agreement with the collection agency for collection of delinquent tax payments due to the City. So, there's money out there, there are people they don't pay their taxes and we're going to go forward and have those reach us. We all pay them, everybody should pay them. The Recreation Center had a huge overhaul. The gym floor resurfaced, new fitness equipment, updated water planning system. New roof, sauna, new tables and furniture. It looks wonderful. Parks added another Seifert Community Garden at Springhill. It produced over 5,000 pounds of vegetables and fruit. 50% of the food was donated to several local organizations and we have park control during our peak hours. The Senior Center increased their membership by 25 and they have a total of 348. So, our Senior Center is still moving. It is jumping with our seniors. The Legends of Massillon. We were able to pay again this year for the operations. Revenue from 2015 to 2017 has been over \$1 million dollars. Continued to make our course and facility improvements. We are making the course more cost effective and with Tam O'Shanter closing in two years, we're gaining more and more lead. We painted the inside of the clubhouse, the online booking times are very convenient for our residents and our visitors. We've improved the front entrance and we've repaired tarp path in the parking lot. And we did that with our Street Dept. Marketing, innovation and social media. This is where everything is at today. You can get to news at a split of a second and we have our City of Champions magazine. We do have our TV show. We're going to be having the Stark Report on there next week. So, please tune in to watch that. It's really interesting. It's a report about Stark County and Mark's going to join me to put on the show. Our city website is updated regularly and we have collaborative with many of our businesses and organizations and we're working harder to be able to market what's happening in the city. I think we have a "date night" coming up in February. So, watch for that on our City News and Events. But it's going to be downtown and there's a lot of different organizations that are participating in that. We're really trying to work together and make things easier for people to get information quickly. The dam, as you can see, we did have multiple meetings and we have the current plan is to lower the current spillway and we're going to lay back the slopes. Anchor and protect the earthen embankment and create erosion projection of the stream. Why are we doing this instead of picking up one of the options? Well, I'll tell you; when you only have about 600 to 700 people respond on our survey, that's not enough to make a decision. We've heard one side of town say, they don't care about it. Some people on the east side don't care about it. So, we don't have enough knowledge of what the residents want. So, this way, we're going to out from underneath ODNR. We no longer will be under their jurisdiction and we'll provide the necessary time to make a solid decision and try to get more public input. I don't know if you've all heard what people what, but, I have a handful of people that really want it back and handful that don't care and a handful that say, let's not spend \$4 or \$5 million and put it on our grandchildren's back. So, right now, I don't think we have enough

information to make a solid decision and we all need to work together for that in 2018 and 2019. Our Neighborhood Initiative Program, so, we are working with the County and 10 houses have been torn down in 2017. Nine more have been prepared for demolition as of the end of 2017 and we'll be demolishing early 2018. We want to use the program for a total of 80 homes and 70 additional houses have been submitted to the Stark County Land Bank for demolition consideration. So, it's a long process. It takes six to eight months to take title to these and it is a very long process. So, we're very happy with what we've been able to do now. In the program that we had before that, we were able to take down 20 homes. Tonight, I am announcing that we are reopening Fire Station No. 3, with your help, Council. It's going to be between \$600,000 to \$800,000. We are swearing in three firefighters next Monday and get them trained and as you can see, their call volume is up. It's completely justified. The Chief and Joel and I have been working extensively in making this decision and we're very solid. We feel good about it. We think that this is extremely the right time to do this. Especially with the call volume up and we have a nice carryover to support that and the biggest thing is that we don't ever have to downsize and we believe that we're solid on where we are at this point. We are also committed to \$2 million dollars on our roads for 2018 and right now, we have \$240,000 in catch basin repair in the budget and we'd like to add \$250,000 more to make it an even \$500,000 on catch basins for 2018. As you can see here, that is in addition to the Streetscape which is Imagine Downtown Massillon which is a \$2.4 million dollar project as well as our Richville Dr. Project which is a \$1.6 million dollar project. So, we, and then the Wales Project is 2021. But just those the Streetscape, they'll start working on that and I wanted to clarify something tonight, so don't get your expectations up, but next year we have to do some work prior to doing our streetscape. So, all are streets need work and will be in the spring of 2019, when you're going to see our work. But they have to do all the prep. So, you'll see some of that in 2018. But, \$2.4 million and \$1.6 million on Richville, plus \$2 million that is going to be on our roads and we're finally to the point where, as I said at the very beginning of my presentation, planning was very exciting this year and we really enjoyed that. You've seen the Imagine Downtown Massillon and many of you have attended, have had input on this. We were able to put two "M's" in. It's going to be very nice and the areas where you see blue and yellow, that is where they can have café style outings for the businesses or larger areas with an outdoor seating. So, it's really going to be nice for the businesses downtown and this is Phase I and I'm sure with Phase II which is here. We presented to legislators Thomas West and Kirk Schuring and Senator Scott Oelslager, they did really enjoy the presentation. In the winter, there'll be a skating rink on the plaza and can be utilized for all seasons. So, a very exciting project and again, we will present to the Council and County and hopefully get some money to go towards this project. And that's it. Thank you very much for your attention tonight.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, David. Thank you, Mayor.

11. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Diane, did you find anything out for Mr. Lewis?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Yes. You might want to call up the Law Director.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Ms. Scassa, if you'd come forward.

ANDREA SCASSA – Mr. Lewis, although I may hate to admit, was correct. If you look at Rule 18 of Council, I do believe that the Committees should be appointed tonight. If you look at Rule 18, "the President shall not later than the first regular meeting succeeding the organization of Council, in each term, appointing the standing committees". So, at this point, I would suggest maybe taking five-minute break just if you guys need it to discuss to move on from tonight. Council Clerk also looked 2014 and 2016 and does look like those appointments as well as the appointment of Pro Tem was done at the first regular meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I would think we could probably handle that in New and Miscellaneous Business unless we have to do something to address anything that's already been passed. I don't know if we need to go that far, but.

ANDREA SCASSA – That's why I think maybe we should take a five-minute break rather than...

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Maybe we should just go into Executive Session for a few minutes and discuss it and think about it and do whatever we want to do.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I don't know if that warrants an Executive Session.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – It's still business.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – There's nothing private. It's just a matter how are we going to go ahead and rectify this. The easiest way is that we all have the Committees and we just vote on it. We amend the agenda and add the Resolution No. 1 appointing the Committee members as exhibited on Exhibit "A" which is what we all have here.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – The Council President presented it to us.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yeah. That's all we got to do.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Well, you don't need a resolution either, Ed.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Oh, okay.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – You need a nomination for your Pro Tem and then adoption of the Committees.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I say we just handle it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Mrs. Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Just a question. Does that affect any of the legislation that has passed this far; that's a question for the Law Director?

ANDREA SCASSA – I would say I don't believe so. It's just saying that "the President shall not later than the first regular meeting". So, you're doing it during the regular meeting. I guess if you're not taking a break, I would just say that because there has been no discussion on who the chairperson are, I would suggest not changing, for instance, Ed chairing Finance considering he just handled all the pieces of Finance legislation. Like I said, there hasn't been any discussions about who is chairing what or even Pro Tem, not that the Pro Tem did anything during this meeting, but I would just keep the chairpersons the same.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Just to follow-up with that. We did have some conversation and Mr. Gregg wasn't at those meetings, but I know I had spoken to him on his coming in and kind of caught him up to speed with some of the conversation that Council about how they were going to keep Committees as the previous year. Mr. Gregg would just fill in for Yvonne Daniels where she was. So, we've had conversation and as far as Pro Tem, that's a nomination and vote. I would say let's handle second readings and when we get to New and Miscellaneous we can appoint the Pro Tem and then we can appoint the Council Committees as you have submitted to us and be done with it and

move on.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Okay. Anyone else?

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – I guess I would ask the Law Director, is that your recommendation as well?

ANDREA SCASSA – Yes. I think you need to get it taken care tonight and by getting it at that point of the agenda...

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Prior to going through anything further or going through second readings and then creating that issue at the New and Miscellaneous Business?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Could we amend the agenda and just do it now?

ANDREA SCASSA – If you want to do it that way.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – We could do it.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – I would be more comfortable.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – If it doesn't affect first reading, it doesn't affect second reading, that would be may only point. So, it wouldn't matter. But if we want to amend it to make everybody more comfortable, we can do that as well.

ANDREA SCASSA – I think either way is fine because you can't unring the bell of the first readings. So, I guess, just to be on the safe side, the ultra safe side, you could do it now. Amend the agenda and do it now. As long as it's done during this meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – I don't believe a committee head has to present legislation anyways. So, obviously we also have committee members presenting legislation. So, I don't think it matters whenever we do it as long as we've had somebody on each committee that is presenting the legislation tonight, which we've had.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion that we amend the agenda for this evening, moving Section 16, New and Miscellaneous Business to follow Section 13 of tonight's agenda, which is Call of the Calendar.

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

9 yes to amend the agenda to reflect New and Miscellaneous Business, Section No. 16 after Call of the Calendar, Section No. 13.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – The agenda has been amended. Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I was just getting reading to make a motion that we accept the recommendation for City Council Committees as presented to us by the Council President on the sheet titled 2018 Massillon City Council Committees.

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

9 yes to accept the current 2018 Committee Members

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Massillon City Council

Committees, I believe you all have a copy of them for 2018. Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – I would like at this point to make a motion to nominate Mr. Manson as President Pro Tem.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Creamer. Any discussion? Roll call.

9 yes to appoint Councilman Paul Manson as Pro Tem

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Congratulations, Paul for another good year for us. Any other discussion or anything? Our next Committee Meeting will be next Monday, January 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

12. RESOLUTIONS & REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – I wanted to indicate that I was not going to be present for next Monday's Committee meeting.

13. CALL OF CALENDAR

14. THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

15. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 165 – 2017

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with Paradigm Shift Brewing to provide an economic development "inducement grant" to assist the business with start-up and build out costs at 128 North Ave. N.E., Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Thank you, Madam President. As I indicated at the last Committee Meeting that unless there's some problems, I intend to move this. We had Mr. Malinowski here three weeks ago and explained his business to us. He has an investment, I believe, close to \$250,000. A significant investment. If there are no objections or questions, I will be moving forward on passage.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – I don't have any objection to this request. However, I did want to remind Mr. Maley that we had talked about potentially documenting a methodology or a process for the recommendation of the economic development incentive grant and I'm not sure if that's moved forward at all. Certainly not objecting to what is on legislation right now, but just as a reminder if that process can be further documented, I think it would assist us in determining why certain companies are being awarded more than others.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes. I would agree. I think we need to get something on paper; some guidelines on how we use this. I think it probably should be broad. We shouldn't get too strict, but I do agree. We should have something there. At least something to start with.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – May I ask Mr. Maley of perhaps a timeline or what you might feel is doable?

DAVE MALEY – I didn't look at a timeline in the last couple of weeks.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – I'm not rushing you.

DAVE MALEY – Yeah, I know. I was planning on trying to put something together before the next request, before I submit another request, so that you guys can look at it. I would say probably within the next couple of weeks. To be honest with you, I just haven't had to work it in the last two weeks with the holidays and a lot going on right now. But, I can put something together.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Any other comments or questions? Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – I think maybe if you have any suggestions, get them to Mr. Maley. Maybe I'll get a hold of you, Mr. Maley in the next week or so and we can talk about it a little bit. Maybe we can have something for Committee Meeting in a week from now. If not, three weeks from now.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – I have some suggestions as well.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yeah, I know. I think we want them.

DAVE MALEY – That will be fine. Just let me know.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – I think maybe if we brought two Council in and we look at all the suggestions and maybe added or subtracted some things and come up with some guidelines. We've never had anything. So, it's kind of been at the Mayor and how they felt about it. Maybe want to take a look at some numbers on the amount of investment and stuff like that to help determine the size of the grants.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – We had talked about that before about the amount that they put into. Do we want to hold Mr. Malinowski's off?

COUNCILMAN MANSON – No.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Okay.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – This came up after our discussion. I think some of the one's that we've recently passed brought it out.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Right.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – But I don't think we should drag this out anymore at this point. If that's the end of the discussion, I'd like to make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three separate readings and bring Ord. No. 165 – 2017 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. 165 – 2017 has passed. Ord. No. 167 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 167 – 2017

BY: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 163 "PARK AND RECREATION BOARD" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, by repealing existing Subsection 163.02 "MEMBERS", and enacting a new Subsection 163.02 "MEMBERS", of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you, Madam President. Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 167 – 2017 has received second reading. Ord. No. 170 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 170- 2017

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1237 Economic Development Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2017, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This ordinance is the appropriation that coincides with Ord. No. 165 – 2017. I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 170 – 2017 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. 170 – 2017 has passed.

16. NEW & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Cunningham.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – If I would, I'd like to give a shout out and a happy retirement to Sargent Muntean. I understand tomorrow is his last day and to thank him for his service to the community.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else?

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

18. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – I make a motion that we adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded Councilwoman Litman.

DIANE ROLLAND, CLERK

CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT