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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, July 1, 2019. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Mayor, Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Safety Service Director, Barb Sylvester, Law Director, Andrea Scassa, Economic Development Director, David Maley, Police Chief, Keith Moser and Income Tax/Budget Director, Lori Boron. 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: Sarita Cunningham, Mike Gregg, Dave Irwin, Ed Lewis, Linda Litman, and Paul Manson.

Roll call of 6 present

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to make a motion that we excuse Councilwoman Creamer and Councilwoman Litman.

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

6 yes to excuse Councilwoman Creamer and Litman

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Councilwoman Creamer and Litman have been excused.

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILMAN MANSON

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILMAN MANSON

4. READING OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – I just want to mention that tonight is probably going to be a relatively short meeting because we do not have a quorum. Madam Clerk, are the minutes of the previous meeting transcribed and open for public viewing?

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Okay. Do you know when they might be done?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – They should be done tomorrow when Engineering gets my computer and printer and scanner connected again.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you.

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

ANDREW WESTON – 836 – 11th St. N.E., Massillon, Ohio. I'm here to talk about the project at Duncan Plaza. There's a lot of factors as to whether or not we should do the plaza project. Duncan Plaza is already a nice park used very often by City employees; probably the most by Judge Elum for the last fifty years or so. He raised some great concerns that most of us probably shared last week. It was clearly constructed with care and quality, all the utilities work and there's no drainage issues. We should do as he suggested and try to get the same craftsmen to do the improvements. I think the new plan does well, keeping a few aspects of the current plaza he mentioned as important. A space for folks to eat lunch or use on a daily basis in the preservation of a buffer zone and for the Veterans Memorial so that it can stay protected when there are events there. I'm not a fan of taxes and wasting tax money, but I feel like this grant is going to go somewhere and it should go to Massillon; not some other city. If we split the money up into smaller projects, I just don't feel like it'll have the impact that the bigger project would have. We need a big project like this because it'll bring customers to downtown businesses and bring new businesses into Massillon. Most of us were at events at the Massillon Museum about the survival of small towns and most of us learned and I learned through research afterwards that attracting or keeping the small families and young families in Massillon is integral to our survival. Our City is getting older and older as the years go on. Our graduating classes are getting smaller; and to attract those people and keep them from going to places like Jackson and North Canton and suburbs of Akron and Cleveland; we need more modern entertainment and more contemporary food and drink. Massillon's starting to get some of these things. New restaurants, new projects, new stores and I feel like this project would just add to that and bring more people downtown. Small families aren't just important for growth. It's also important because a lot of entrepreneurs and CEO's are young families and they're not going to move to a town where they're not enjoying themselves. If they can enjoy themselves in North Canton or Jackson, they're going to move there and they're going to put their business there. So, I just feel like this is a good chance for us to bring some of those people to Massillon and if I were on City Council, I would approve this amphitheater project. I would make sure that Judge Elum's concerns were addressed throughout the project and I'd see what other city regulations may inhibit business at the project and then maybe even petition the State to relax some of their regulations that may inhibit it. And it's not just about young families. I think we could have a lot of older people who need better entertainment in this town too. We can't have just LaFlavour and the Massillon football rallies. That can't be our only entertainment for an entire year. I think we need to have more entertainment in Massillon for everybody. We could bring all types of different acts. Not just for young families. We could even have, since it needs to be turned into wheelchair accessible anyway, we could have the biggest handicap event ever. Maybe we'll have the biggest elderly event because now we'll have a plaza that can have people that are in wheelchairs. Thank you, I appreciate your time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Andrew. Is there anyone else that would like to come forward and speak on a topic that does appear on tonight's agenda? Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes, Madam President. Let's kind of talk about this quorum and stuff before we move on. I'd like to get the Law Director, if we could, to explain to everybody. Because we've been through this once before. Andrea?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Ms. Scassa.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Just so everybody knows, I'd like for you to inform us.

ANDREA SCASSA – Okay. Pursuant to Council Rule No. 25, and I apologize, I'm looking at this on my phone. I guess, if you're asking to suspend the rules, in order to pass anything on first or second read tonight, you would need three-fourths of a vote, which you do not have tonight. You would need three-fourths. Now, as far as...we don't have anything up for third read tonight.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – No.

ANDREA SCASSA – So, you're not able to, you would need a majority to vote on that, but you would need two-thirds with regard to the emergency language that affects the thirty-day time period for ordinances to go into effect.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – So the reasons we have to have three-fourths for a quorum?

ANDREA SCASSA – No. You have to have three-fourths to suspend the rules that require three readings.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I was just going to say that the issue is not quorum; we have a quorum. We can pass things and start our meeting. We just can't suspend the rules.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you for the clarification.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 91 – 2019 **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement to transfer hospital equipment items from the City of Massillon to the Community Improvement Corporation of Massillon, Ohio (CIC), and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 91 – 2019 has received first reading. Ord. No. 92 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 92 – 2019 **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement to transfer hospital medical equipment, furniture, furnishings, and other non-essential items from the City of Massillon to the Community Improvement Corporation of Massillon, Ohio (CIC), and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 92 – 2019 has received first reading. Ord. No. 93 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 93 – 2019 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1240 Veterans Park/Duncan Plaza Improvement Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 93 – 2019 has received first reading.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMINCATIONS

9. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Graphic Enterprises - $125.00 - Service call

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

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

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

6 yes to pay the bills

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

10. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Treasurer's Report - May 2019

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Our next Work Session will be next Monday, July 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. And I believe we have something at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. I was just going to report that the Finance Committee is having a meeting at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of that meeting is to review the revenue that is brought in with our current tax credit for out-of-town workers and to review the revenue that has been brought in for the streetlighting fee that we have and I want to thank the Auditor's office and the Income Tax Dept. because they have both been able to supply those revenue numbers to me and we'll be able to discuss them at the next Council meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you.

12. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBER

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes, Madam President. The Mayor gave me this tonight. Do you want to comment on this tonight at tonight's meeting?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR CATAZARO – PERRY – Good evening Madam President, Members of Council. After being the Mayor for eight years, I have watched our community to see who participates in our Health Fairs and also our Job Fairs and I really don't see a great deal of participation. And so, we are piloting a program this year, Aultman and MCTV are both sponsors of this event and it's called the Neighborhood Community Fair and we're going to start in the southeast part of town and if this works out well and we get the response that we're looking for, then we'll move to southwest, etc. So, what we've done is we've invited SARTA and we've invited United Way. Some of the trades will be there. Colleges will be there. We just are trying to connect our community with resources. So, the other day I helped a young man fill out his FAFSA and we have a lot of students that could possibly go to college, but it's hard for them. That FAFSA is hard for me to fill out for my kids. And so, we're going to try to connect our community with resources for them to either with for the trades, the JOBS program will be there as well, and also the colleges. So, if someone would like to go to college, we have two colleges committed to coming; Walsh and Kent State and we're still waiting on Stark State. A high population of our community does attend Stark State, so, I think it would be good for them to be at the table. We're going to be giving away a television from MCTV. We have bikes and bike helmets; we have two bikes that we're going to give away. We're going to have a nutritionist there and I'm going to donate two insta-pots so that we can teach people how to create healthy meals and so we'll be giving those insta-pots away. There will be some fun things there. The football team is going to come out. The basketball team, there'll be some fun things for the kids. We'll have face painting, I think we have secured a DJ as well as a bounce house for the kids. So, we're really just trying to get the community come out and

connect them so that if they have desires to a change in their life that we're able to provide that avenue for them.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Does anyone have any questions for the Mayor, from Council? If this is successful, how soon would you have another one? Would you do it every couple of months?

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – We would, again, have to find some sponsors. It was difficult to get individual tents and that really where our costs is, it's the tents. So, we are having a large tent so that everyone will fit underneath that tent. If it rains, you'll notice on here that we have a rain date of July 20th and that's already been secured and we're also working with Walnut Hills Neighborhood Association. So, Diana Pachis has been instrumental on helping. We have a committee. So, it's really exciting how this is coming together and the excitement that we're seeing. So, we're hopeful that we'll be able to connect our community. Especially for, again, young people that want to go to college. SARTA will be there to talk about bus routes and there is a way, if you want to do something, there is a way to do it. But, I think that we, as the Administration and Council members, we need to help them get to where they want to be.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – I just want to clarify. This is all totally free of cost to the community; is that correct?

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – It is. We have sponsorships from MCTV and from Aultman and those items that they are donating are no cost to us. Aultman is also bringing apples and oranges; fresh fruit, hot dogs and water. So, we'll also be giving some food out as well. It should be a nice day. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you.

13. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

14. THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 77 – 2019 **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to accept a grant from the First Energy Corporation to be used for the City's Renaissance of Duncan Plaza Project.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Thank you, Madam President. We will be giving this second reading, but I just wanted to know did everybody receive this communication from Laura Tubo from First Energy Service Co.? I think I'll read it just so everybody else, if maybe some of the people that are here that had questions didn't see this. "At last week's Massillon Council meeting, an item in front of Council discussed the acceptance of a $10,000 give from FirstEnergy Corp. to the capital fund for the Imagine Downtown Massillon-Renaissance of

Duncan Plaza project. Public comments at the meeting appeared to confuse the originator of this gift with FirstEnergy Solutions, its pending bankruptcy case and an ad campaign for a bill before the state legislature to provide funding to keep nuclear plants operational. Please note that FirstEnergy Solutions, which owns two nuclear plants in Ohio and has yet to emerge from bankruptcy, is a separate legal entity and unrelated to FirstEnergy Corp., which is making this gift. We are grateful to FirstEnergy Corp. and the FirstEnergy Foundation for their many gifts over the years to numerous organizations and agencies in Stark County to help us build a stronger community for all residents". For that reason, we'll give it second reading and we'll vote on it, all of this stuff will be out of the way anyhow and we'll have a third reading next meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 77 – 2019 has received second reading. Ord. No. 90 – 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 90 – 2019 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE amending the WAGE SCALE of Section 2(D) OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES of Ordinance. No. 127 – 1997, 305 POLICE DEPARTMENT, specifically only the positions of POLICE CHIEF and POLICE CAPTAIN and enacting a new WAGE SCALE of Section 2(D) OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES of Ordinance No. 127 – 1997, 305 POLICE DEPARTMENT, specifically only for the positions of POLICE CHIEF and POLICE CAPTAIN in the City of Massillon, Ohio, an declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 90 – 2019 has received second reading.

16. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

L. J. DELUCA – Madam President, thank you. Council, City Council members and my other fellow members here of the City of Massillon. The Mayor is right; Mayor, you are right. There hasn't been a lot of young participation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Excuse me.

L. J. DELUCA – Yes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Please state your name and address.

L. J. DELUCA – I live at 2954 Veterans Blvd. S.E., Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you.

L. J. DELUCA – Thank you, Madam President. Mayor, you are right, I agree with you. We don't have very much participation in downtown Massillon. We don't have, as the gentleman

spoke, a lot for the handicapped people. I visited in the Legends of Massillon. I visited the University Village and also visited Danbury and I talked to the owner who lives in North Canton, who owns all of these. We need to get more people and more events for our handicapped folks who helped build Massillon. And I think we need to get on it pretty quick with that. As far as young people, we don't. As far as your Streetscape is concerned, I think it's going to be beautiful when it's done and I give you a lot of kudos for doing that. However, when I look at this, the big picture, because I visit Cleveland quite a bit and I'm on business in other states, we don't have anything to drive business to downtown Massillon. I know most of all the business owners downtown. Communication hasn't been that great, okay, I have to tell you. There's been meetings and that; meetings on top of meetings for this and I've talked to business owners by themselves and in groups. In your video that you stated about Streetscape, you stated that you visit Smiley's once a week and I know you get your food delivered at home, whatever, but there's not enough business to bring the millennials downtown. Smiley's isn't going to do it. My friend that owns the barbeque place. Bender's isn't going to do it. Bill with the flower shop isn't going to do it. I know we need more businesses, that's bringing my point; I think it's great that you're doing Streetscape, but we got to have something more than that. It all gets down to the business development department. I like David Maley just like the next guy; just like all the people I talk to in Massillon. I've said this about two or three times in Massillon; Dave needs help. We're not bringing in any more businesses to Massillon which is revenue which will help with your Streetscape. And I'd like Duncan Plaza to go along with that. But, Dave needs, he told me; he's running thin. I said, Dave did you get this? He told Myra comes and sits in his office. We don't need Myra to sit in his office. We need to go after the business. We can't just sit and wait until the businesses come to us and Dave needs help. This is the fourth time, now, I've said this. Maybe Dave will get some help or maybe they'll find it in the budget because I know City Council probably has to pass it; and that's what I see. But I think the Streetscape downtown is going to go good, but what about those businesses? I understand you and Dave Maley were going to walk and talk to some businesses, Dave told me. I haven't seen anything going on. We still have empty spots down there. My friend that had the jewelry store; I don't know what's going on with that. Millennials are not going to come down. This is not E. 4th in Cleveland, but I think we need the Streetscape to append to that, but we got to find out these businesses that are going on in here. But I think you're doing a great job to get this Streetscape. Thank you and that's my opinion.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Anyone else?

18. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN MANSON – I make a motion that we adjourn.

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

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT