

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, May 7, 2018. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Safety Service Director, Joel Smith, Auditor, Jayne Ferrero, Law Director, Andrea Scassa, Economic Development Director, David Maley, Income Tax Director, Barb Sylvester and from the Parks and Rec. Board, Ed Grier. We also have present tonight representing the City of Massillon, David Dingwell and Lee Plakas. 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**

**COUNCILMAN PAUL MANSON**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Yes, thank you, Madam President. We have with us tonight James Knight from the Stark County Prosecutor's office. He has a short presentation he would like to give to us about County and Prosecutor's office.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

**JAMES KNIGHT** – Thank you very much, Mr. Manson, City Council and our Mayor and our Safety Director and Law Director. I'm the Crime Prevention Specialist. I coordinate the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program for the Prosecutor's office with all law enforcement agencies in Stark County. I also work with our Community Initiative to Reduce Violence or CIRV Project Director, Pastor Walter Moss and our whole focus is trying to prevent and raise awareness about gun and gang violence and trying to do what we can to promote non-violence. One of the big hurdles that we found is that when crimes are getting reported or not getting reported is that many are fearful of coming forward to share what they may know about a crime, especially if it's a violent one. There's a fear, a very understandable fear of retaliation and I've heard of and been aware of, some of you may have seen this in the paper, I'm going to leave these articles here. But, about Crime Stoppers, an international organization and there are chapters in Cuyahoga County as well as Summit County and there have been for years, but not in Stark County. And CIRV Project Director, Walter Moss, knew about it as well and as the City of Canton had seven unsolved homicides for 2017. That was just a one thing. Because we serve all of Stark County, we knew it was time to act. He knew that in these types of cases, whether they're homicides or thefts, somewhere somebody knew something and that the police needed their help, but many, again, were afraid to come forward. So, he approached Prosecutor Ferrero and our supervisor in the victim/witness division and they approved Pastor Moss and investigating it and now we are moving forward. But, we're just getting started. Crime stoppers, it's a private, non-profit and its purpose is to assist law enforcement in solving crimes such as homicides as well as thefts and illegal drugs, drug trade amongst others and it gives witnesses to anonymously submit a tip and receive a monetary reward. The plan will be for a tip line which we're going to be working on which we will promote through local media as well as social media, in print, paper and online and the radio

and this tip line is going to be anonymous and we wanted to be, like I said earlier, for the whole County and Crime Stoppers, itself, will receive distributing the reward money as it's a non-profit, private organization. When police departments, if they were to issue reward money, it has to be traceable because police departments are publicly funded and subjects to audits as a public record. So, the callers will be labeled by numbers so that they can remain anonymous and what Summit County has done, once they call in and their tip is successful, a plain clothed detective may meet with the source or the tipster and at a neutral location, provide the reward money. Also, in Summit County, tips can be sent online. Some cases, though, some people don't; they remain anonymous. They don't even try to claim the reward money because some of these cases, they just want burn or turn a criminal in. So, that works just as well, but, we want this to be a way for the public to feel comfortable coming forward. And like I said, we're still in the planning stages and as this is a private non-profit, we are in the midst of putting together a Board to oversee things. Like the funding and where and what the tip line is going to be, where it's going to be stationed and what's going to be the highest potential for the reward money that comes in. How much or how high can the offer go based on what types of crimes and the tips that come in and we've already received several resumes and we still need people both in the business and the community who know people and are active in the community and can help either fundraise or just get involved and help spread the word. And just for anybody that's interested or wants to get involved or maybe see about serving on the Board, we are planning an organizational meeting for this Board to get itself started on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority office and that's at the corner of Tuscarawas and Cherry. So, if anyone is interested or wants any more information, I've left my contact information up here, but, we're pretty easy to get a hold of. Just contact Pastor Moss or myself. He's speaking in Alliance tonight and we've already spoken at Canton City Council, but we just want, we know its been in the paper, but we just wanted to do our part to get the word out there, just to let people know that this is coming. If anybody wants to be a part of it, just let us know, but we just want to work to do all we can to help make Stark County a safer place and if there's anything that we can do, please let us know. We want to work with everybody. So, thank you very much.

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

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 not.

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

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

**RITA GEISSINGER** – My address is 2811 Emily Cir. N.W., Massillon, OH. I'm not a public speaker, so I apologize. But, I would like to thank you for this opportunity. I was an employee for 38 years at Massillon Community Hospital, aka, Affinity Medical Center. Needless to say, for me it was more than a job; it was my life. So, when the hospital closed, not only did I lose my employment, but more important to me, I lost, or my family lost their hospital. It was the place where we felt secure with our healthcare needs and the doctors and staff that we knew and felt comfortable with. I'd like to thank the Mayor for all your hard work, your diligence and I'd also like to thank the Council for your commitment to our City. Our city is known as the City of Champions. How could it be a champion without a hospital? I would just like to urge you to vote in favor of the hospital tonight. Our lives are counting on it. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Rita. Is there anyone else that would like to speak?

**WARREN RENDER** – I live at 1440 Keuper Blvd. N.E., Massillon, OH. I'm kind of against; I was for the Massillon City buying the hospital at first. But I've kind of thought about it and gave it some thought. I kind of figure that there's too many loose ends. The company that went bankrupt and was losing the hospital, they couldn't find anybody to take it off their hands. So, I

just feel that we're not going to buy this hospital for \$1.00. You've already spent money to retain lawyers. You're going to allocate over \$600,000 for three months. Unless you've got an ace in the hole, an insured buyer; that could go on for six months, nine months, a year. Then we're looking at a million, two; two million, four. That's a lot of money. And why would we ever want to get into the hospital business, a city? It just kind of reminds me a little of the Affordable Healthcare Act that the government passed; Affordable Healthcare, excuse me. We all know how that's working out. I just say I'm against it. I was for it, but, I'd like to have a little more time before I think we jump. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Warren.

**ED GRIER** – 227 Dwight Ave. S.E. To me, this is the most important issue that all of you are going to vote on in your career on Council. I don't care if you stay here two years or twenty years. This is a life and death issue. If I'm sick and I got a heart attack and it takes eight to ten minutes to get to Canton, seconds count, much less the minutes. Yeah, we know we're going to have to spend some money, but what is a life worth? You can't put a price on a life. So, I'm here to speak up for the elderly, the poor who don't have a chance to maybe come to a meeting like this and express their concerns. But, everybody that I've talked to and I mean everybody, there was nobody that was opposed to this. So, what's the alternative? We need a hospital. People come in here like industries that want to bring people in here for jobs. They look at schools and they look at the medical facilities. If you don't have one or the other, they're going other places. I want to congratulate the Mayor and her staff for all the hard work that they've put into this and I think this needs to be a unanimous vote. I think you need to vote for this. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Ed. Anyone else wishing to speak?

**HOWARD KEMP** – I live at 888 – 10<sup>th</sup> St. N.E., Massillon, OH. I was employed at the hospital for 45 years and have volunteered ever since. I stay in touch with all of the volunteers that lost their family and their life there at the hospital because it was all some of the employees had. And they are ready and waiting to come back to the hospital to volunteer and they're very concerned about their healthcare having to go to Canton because of age, not being able to drive and many other things and because of the excellence of care that everyone received at the hospital. I think we owe the Mayor a lot of credit for what a lot of people would say that are against it, that she's sticking her neck out. Her being a nurse as well as dedicated to the City of Massillon, she knows that we definitely need a hospital and she's done a lot of due diligence. She hasn't just decided to bring this issue to the City because to make herself look good. She's done it because she knows, as a city, we need a hospital and I hope that each and everyone of you realize what is needed here in our city and vote "yes". Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Howard.

**LEE BRUNKHART** – I reside at 343 Korman Ave. N.E., Massillon, OH. Everybody, including myself, that's sitting in this Chamber this evening, everyone here wants a hospital. I guess what irks me the most is no one in this Chamber has told us, the people, that we come meeting after meeting, that we are going to get a hospital. And no one has seemed to wonder why the hospital we had, left. And economics played a very large role into this. Quorum said that they had lost millions, each and every year, more and more money. And that is why they have pulled and economically if we look at the demographics, the Canton Repository has run two articles on the fact that Stark County is getting older, it's shrinking and we're getting poorer. And that's probably a very large reason that was played into why Quorum left. They were for profit. One of the largest reasons that Aultman and Mercy do as good as they do is because they are non-profits and because we have not been told what we are going to be receiving in this, basically what the Administration is doing is asking you, the Council, to vote on something for \$30 million dollars that you really don't know what you're voting on. Supposedly, there's these handful of people, businesses that want to buy it. What are they? Are they for profit or are they non-profit? If they're for profit, I don't really see them coming in and opening a hospital. I see them looking at more or the money-maker part of the hospital. I see them possibly wanting an emergency room, obviously. They want the brand new cardiac ward that's there and possibly the ICU. And why I'm leading this way is because I actually picked up the phone and called a former Board member and his greatest concern, Board member of the hospital, let me clarify that, was that medicine is changing. Where you used to go to the hospital for all of your procedures, such as CAT scans, we don't do that no more. Now, we go to Stat Care because it's cheaper. We used to go to the hospital for our knee surgery. We don't do that now. We now go to Spectrum because it's cheaper. Eye surgeries

were done at the hospital. Now they're done at Ohio Eyecare. The concept is that a lot of these procedures that hospitals made their money off of, we don't do at hospitals anymore and I think before we vote, we the people deserve to know, I understand we can't release names and that kind of stuff, but we deserve to know what we're getting ourselves into. You of Council, I agree with the person who said that this is the largest vote that you're ever going to take in your career. You need to truly know what you're voting for or is this just going to be another "We got to pass the bill to see what's in the bill". We've already heard that from Congress. We know how that turned out. So, what I would urge Council to do this evening is to have their legal counsel go and file a stay in court, doesn't do anything but postpone it until Administration can inform us exactly what we're voting on. Because everybody that I've either talked to or I've seen on Facebook in their videos, they have said, we've been told nothing. How can you vote on nothing, because that's what you've told us and I'm sure that our elected representatives wouldn't lie to us? So, if that's truly what you've been told is nothing, you have nothing to vote on tonight and I would urge legal counsel to file a stay. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Lee. Is there anyone else wishing to speak? Seeing none, before we do the introduction of Ordinances, Mr. Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Yes, thank you, Madam President. I'd like to make a motion that we move Ord. No. 40 – 2018 forward to the front of the agenda. The first issue under Item No. 6 on the agenda.

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

9 yes to move Ord. No. 40 – 2018 forward at the beginning of the agenda with the ordinances

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 40 – 2018 has been moved to the front of the agenda. Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – This is third reading for Ord. No. 40 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 40 – 2018**

**BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to accept the final settlement agreement from DHSC, LLC dba Affinity Medical Center and authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents of the final settlement agreement from DHSC, LLC dba Affinity Medical Center with regard to Stark County Court of Common Pleas Case No. 2018 CV 00096, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Yes, Madam President. I would hope that we have maybe a little discussion here before we vote among the Council people. I know myself, I have some stuff I wanted to say.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Are we amending it for the date change? The settlement agreement has changed slightly.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Oh, I'm sorry. Do we have to amend it on that?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Can we just call the Law Director forward, please?

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

**ANDREA SCASSA** – Thank you. With the packet that went out on Friday, that the Council Clerk sent out, the settlement agreement went that had the May 11<sup>th</sup> date on there to reflect the new date. Previously, it had April 27<sup>th</sup> and that is on page 14, I believe, under 6.6. It should have a new date of on or before May 11<sup>th</sup>. That should be on there and then in the spirit of transparency, if you look at the exhibits, Exhibit "E" was added which is approximately seven pages. Under Exhibit "E" that's owned Personal Property and that is all of the equipment that the City will be receiving. And that was added based on requests and

conversation that was had with the City. So, the exhibits did change as well. There's Exhibit "A thru E" now, whereas, that was not in the prior agreement. But that just lays out everything that the City is getting. So, we would ask for you to make a motion to amend.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I make motion that we make the changes that the Law Director, Mrs. Scassa, recommended.

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

9 yes to amend Ord. No. 40 -2018 per the Law Director's statement

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 40 – 2018 has been amended. Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Now, does that go back to first reading?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Yes.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I would like to make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three separate readings and bring Ord. No. 40 – 2018 forward for passage.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Are we going to have any questions or conversation? Seconded by Councilman Irwin.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Point of order. We've already amended, correct?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yes.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Taking it back to first reading. If we move to suspend, that's going to take us right into a vote and if so, we should stay off that and allow us to have discussion first. I just want to make sure we don't get ourselves into a voting pattern and then not have discussion.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – What do you mean by a voting pattern? I'm sorry, I don't understand.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Well, if we vote to suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing it forward for a vote, we've all have to vote yes or no to that and some people might want to discuss before they decided whether or not they want to suspend the rules. I don't mean to be a nuisance. I was just saying that it might be more beneficial to discuss now and then just do all of the voting at the end of the discussion.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Ms. Scassa, do you have a feeling on that, if we should suspend the rules first or after we discuss?

**ANDREA SCASSA** – Procedurally, I would say it's up to you. I mean, I can see Councilman Lewis' point, but, Councilman Manson made the motion, but, like I said, I see Councilman Lewis' point that someone may want to have discussion before voting on the motion to suspend.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – It doesn't matter to me, but, if that's the way you want to do it, fine. I don't care. I think either way is just fine.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Procedurally it appears that it's the same. So, which ever way you want to go, Mr. Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – If we have some people that want to open it up for discussion, let's open it up for discussion now.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. Any questions? Anybody would like to come forward? Councilwoman Creamer.



**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Yes. I have a couple of questions for Administration or the Law Director. First, I'd like to know if we have a market analysis completed document in our hands? I know, we've had a healthcare facility in Massillon. We all know the situation with Quorum. Healthcare is changing. I would feel better if I had a document in my hand stating that the need to have a facility and sustain healthcare for our citizens, I would appreciate that. So, I would like to know is there a document with a market analysis stating that there is a great need to have this facility in Massillon.

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

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Good evening, Council President, Members of Council. We don't have the actual document, Mrs. Creamer. What we do have is that we have five entities that have inquired about the property and everyone has done their due diligence on the demographics and if it could support that in this area and the answer has been "yes".

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – My concern and my question is, we have interest in this facility, what type of services are they going to provide? Do we have a letter of intent that list the services for this facility?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – We have sent out a letter of inquiry to all of the facilities. You may have all seen that letter; stating what we would like to have in the City. Which includes an emergency room, an ICU and OR and patient beds as well as diagnostics and outpatient labs. So, those are the things that we are requesting. Not everyone is going to do what we request and so, we've not chosen an entity at this point. When we can bring them to you, we will be bringing them to you and you'll be voting on that. So, it won't be just the Administration that has input, it will be all of you as well.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – I guess that is my concern. Without a market analysis stating what we can sustain, what we want and what can be a sustainable for a facility, the type of healthcare, the type of services. We don't want the same situation that happened with Quorum to happen with the next possible system. So, that's my concern. I don't have anything in front of me to make an educated decision on what can we have here in Massillon. What does this market show? What can we provide to our citizens? We all need healthcare. I'm not against healthcare. We all need healthcare. But, what can we keep in this community and it provide the care for our citizens?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – The demographics, according to all the companies that we're working with, support that. That we can sustain a full hospital.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – But, that's just verbal or is there something...when any facility does a market analysis, there's a document to show the evidence.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – I think I've answered that, Mrs. Creamer. We don't have it in our hands at this point. We will get that with each company that we're working with. We're not to that point yet. To be able to get to that point, we've got to vote tonight and then we'll be able to continue to work with each of these entities in a more intimate way and we'll be able to bring those to you. But, we have sent out what we've requested. And everyone has said, I just want all of Council to hear this as well as the audience. Everyone that we have worked with has shared with us verbally and congratulated this Administration on the things that we were able to secure in the hospital. Meaning we negotiated and that's what's taken so long. A full ER, we've been able to negotiate four OR's. We've been able to negotiate a 12 bed ICU. We've been able to negotiate keeping an MRI and a CAT Scan in the hospital. So, we've worked diligently to allow the next entity to be able to set up shop as quickly as possible and I can't tell you how hard this team has worked and I'd like to congratulate and thank them publicly because it has been, and everyone says that this is amazing the turn-around time. Because these acquisitions take months and months, if not in fact, years. And we were able to do it with the help of our legal counsel in such a short amount of time. So, we're very pleased with where we are today. I know you want some document and we'll get you that, but we do not have that today. But, I can tell you that every entity has said that Western Stark County can sustain a hospital and I will also share with you that the timing for our patients from Western Stark County, the hospitals are fabulous, don't get me wrong. But the time for the ER is much longer today than it was when we had our ER here and I can attest to that because my Administrative Asst. took her mother to the hospital and called me crying six and a half hours later. That's why we're fighting so hard is that we've got to have a hospital here in our City.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Any other questions for the Mayor? Ms. Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – I do understand that the hospital itself is required or wanted but is it true that any variation of the hospital facility, even if an entity would come in and not be able to accommodate all of the wishes that we would have, in my opinion, it is still better to have some of those services right here in our community than none of them in our community. And, of course, I'm a council person for the far west side and I have spoken to many of the residents in my ward and their concern is certainly the time that it is taking emergency squads to go from Rt. 93, which, of course, all of that just east of Rt. 93 is still part of the City and all of our City services are to be covering that area as well, that there is a concern as to the life threatening situations, specifically, but really all medical situations that the time that it's taking for squads to get from that far west side over to either Aultman or Mercy, have created critical situations.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – I agree with that statement and when this was happening, our Fire Chief spoke out about it. Me being a nurse, I understand that four to six minutes, I've taught ACLS which is the higher version of BCLS, which is CPR, I taught that. So, I know it firsthand. Four to six minutes is timeless muscle and it's very important and that's why I'm so passionate. That's why I'm fighting for this for our community because I know; I know. I worked in the hospital almost 20 yrs. So, I know this and I know people in the audience that have worked in the hospital can verify exactly what I'm saying. It's very important and I will tell you, also, as we get closer to this vote, we had another entity reach out to us. So, I think sometimes people are sitting on the sidelines just waiting to see what's going to happen, but we have another entity that's very serious and has expertise in turning around hospitals that have failed. So, I think we're in a great position.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. I have a couple comments and will eventually get to some questions. First off, it was mentioned already tonight that Stark County is shrinking and becoming poorer and I think most of us are concerned with that. However, my understanding of economic development and community development and growth of cities would lead me to say that things such as hospital facilities are key to growth. You lose a hospital and the medical facilities, people don't want to necessarily move in. So, what we would see in the City of Massillon, I would believe, would be an economic development loss through new housing structures, new people moving in. We'd also experience even greater brain trained than we already do because the young people that want to pursue a medical profession would not have a facility within the City to be able to do so. Without that facility, we're losing income tax, I believe, they were a top five employer for the City of Massillon and we're fighting for jobs, at that point. So, it's bigger than just fighting for lives and fighting for the facility. We're fighting for the economic future of our city because of what a hospital means to us. I agree with Councilwoman Litman when she speaks of Rt. 93. I'm going to expand on that and say this isn't just a vote for the City of Massillon. It's for townships that surround us that use this facility. Those people and their lives also matter and we are in a unique position that though we are elected and represent the City of Massillon, we do have a responsibility to be a good neighbor and this is one of those aspects that we are contributing to. Also wanted to point out that earlier this year we had discussions about the Fire Dept. on Wales Rd. That was a highly applauded and supported initiative that we started to do and that is a \$650,000 renovation, possibly more, not to mention the increase of EMS workers and the cost of those personnel related to that and there was no question or asking for marketing analysis to prove that we need that many more workers or that that particular site is best suited. We just all agreed that due to public pressure, that it was needed and that \$650,000 we are spending. I think that money would spent and we'd end up finding ourselves having to buy, not buy, but spending the more money on EMS personnel because now we have to make up for the wait times of going all the way to Canton. So, some of this money we're going to spend regardless. So, I'd rather spend it on restoring the facility in the City of Massillon instead of spending it on having to send people to Canton and losing lives in the meantime. So, that's my big speech on that.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – And I would like to comment, if I may, on the Strengthening Stark Report. I've study that immensely and I've look at our population and we've only lost about 500 people over an eight-year period. So, we actually are going up because we had one year where we dropped significantly. So, I just wanted to let you know that that's really not an issue for us. We have quite a few housing starts every single year and we're gaining people. We just had another allotment going in that we're going to fill with 90 homes. So, it's

positive right now for Massillon and you do fluctuate. But right now, I think Strengthening Stark is really about the entire county as a whole, not really specifically about Massillon.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – So, with that said, I think we need such things as hospitals and those facilities to keep it going. Lastly, a lot of conversations have been had, and Mayor either you can address these or I know, Mr. Smith has discussed a lot of this with us as well. But, the \$624,000 or there's about balance we would have to approve tonight, my understanding is that some of this is up-front cost such as the title insurance. There's some initial cost that would not be recurring past the three-months, so that number could, potentially, reduce and not, you know, it's not simply saying \$625,000 multiply that by four and that's our annual cost. Because we do have some cost that would reduce. I also want to give you an opportunity to speak to possible revenue strings because there's seem to be a lack of reporting that there are also leases owed to the City, not just leases that the City would have pay so it would offset some of that. There's also property that could potentially be sold that would cover some of our cost and the leases that are possibly will be able to be restructured or would be falling off after so many months. I know that's a lot, but if we could summarize some of that to let people know some of those details?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – I'd be happy to. So, we're gaining quite a few facilities throughout the area and our goal is to put those up for sale immediately unless the entity that we're working with would like to use those for physician offices. So, we've worked with Bob DeHoff. We tried to find someone local, but nobody really does the commercial. So, we were referred to Bob DeHoff and he is going to be marketing those properties as soon as we receive them and they come into our name and he's got a great reputation. We're really excited to be able to work with him. We also have some leases that will be falling off. We've also had great conversation with some township trustees in Jackson as well as some other business leaders for that property on Dressler and I call that property on Dressler that we're receiving that we're getting the signed lease to; that is the most marketable piece of property that we're getting and we've already had inquiries about that. So, I'm not afraid to say that I really believe that because of where it's situated, it's going to be taken up very quickly. So, that's good news for us. The entities that when we take on these leases for like the Cath Lab, the entities that we're working with, they want to assume those leases. So, that will be taken off of our plate and the one lease on the property on Lincoln Way, will fall off in September. So, we'll really only have that large lease for 'til 2026, but, we've had people say not to worry about it. We'll work with you and we'll get it filled up and you can sublease that. So, I really feel that we're in a great position, again, on the leases. One of things that we talked is we have 830 Amherst. There are people in there that will pay leases to us. The property on Marion, there's several doctors in there that will be paying leases to us. And, again, that building is going to go up for sale. We don't want to own those buildings unless the hospital affiliates that we're working with need that property for their physician offices.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – And back to that property on Dressler.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Yes.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I mean, I am not a commercial real estate guy, but just my understanding of Stark County, I would think that Belden Village is probably one of the most aggressive markets that we have and highly sought after. So, actually, we can look at it as a large number lease or we can also look at it as the City acquiring property in one of the most favorable markets that the County has to offer and therefore, it could turn out to be very favorable for us as venture.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Absolutely. And we're feeling very good about that. We have already had an inquiry that we've talked to. Yes.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Obviously, we are all optimistic that if the City does take on all of these properties that an entity is going to come in and take them off of our hands, including all the equipment. My concern is, what is the timeline looking like if we cannot get an entity involved in this? If every possible deal falls through, what's the City plan then? What are we going to do with all this equipment, all of these buildings? Do we have a rough idea of how long until we have to say, this isn't going to work and we need to sell things off or do things like that?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Well, we have an entire inside facility of all kinds of equipment that we can also sell. But, that has to be, in my mind, the last resort. We will let our residents



down if we don't give this 150% effort on bringing someone in and with the people that we're speaking with, one called me yesterday and said we are almost done doing our due diligence. Meaning, they don't want any time to be exclusive. They're almost ending their due diligence and the numbers are looking good. That, to me, is very positive and that is the same company that has the experience of turning around hospitals that were in the red.

**COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM** – Not so much a question, Mayor, but last week I phoned four physicians and three of them called me back and every one of them said, absolutely, if this is feasible, you have to do this for the citizens. They also mentioned, one physician told me there was study done and about 99.9% of every hospital in the United States had an average growth, a profit of 6.9%. The fact that Quorum kept saying how they lost all of these millions of dollars, everyone of the physicians said that it was so poorly mismanaged that they could not understand why they did not make any money. And we had one open meeting where we had a worker in here that told us how she found one of the codes that they just had hundreds of thousands of dollars owed and they never went after it at all. I also spoke with past employees. The loyalty that these people have for this hospital in this community, many of them said they'd even come back because of the loyalty that they have here. So, I just wanted to share that.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Have any of these entities given you any type of idea of how long it would take them to get off the ground and running from the time, say, we enter into a deal with an entity; how long it would take them, so the City would know a rough time period? Six months? I don't want people thinking that this is going to be a hospital in a month. So, I guess that's my concern. What's the timeline we're looking at? Has anybody indicated that?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – We had one that indicated that once their due diligence was complete that they could have it up running within 90 to 120 days. That, to me, would be the quickest because there are things that you need to do to set up. You need your IT and so, I would be happy, very happy if we were able to set something up within six months.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – I have another question. Kind of pig backing what Ms. Starrett said regarding our plan for the City. Yes, we would like to move forward with this, but sometimes things don't happen the way we want them to happen. So, I would like to know or hear from the Auditor regarding what is our plan? Do we have a six-month plan? Do we have a year plan, do we have a two-year plan? Because if we are going down this road and we are not getting what we expect to be getting, how are we going to afford this? We have X number million-dollar carryover. I don't know what the dollar amount is today, but when do we cut it off, depleting that carryover and have it a burden on the taxpayers? With so many other projects that we want to achieve to be the Champion. We are the City of Champions. So, I need to know what our plan is because we can't jump two feet in and not have a plan. And that's what I need. I need that plan. I need that safety net to say, okay, at month six, month five; when do we stop? Because we can deplete it 'til we're red and we've done such a great job getting out of the red and being out of fiscal emergency and yes, kudos and congratulations to your Administration. You are doing a fantastic job with this situation. I don't want to take that away from you, but I need to know how we are going to make this happen, make this happen with the money we have and I don't want to deplete this for the taxpayers. That is something that I have to be fiscally responsible for and unknowns. I'm all about evidence, market analysis. I need to know the need and I need to know how we're going to afford this. So, I would feel better.

**JAYNE FERRERO** – Well, you all know that we had a 5.1 million-dollar carryover and we had \$840,000 in 2017 encumbrances. Which that left us with 4.3 million-dollars. City Council has already approved to spend 1,097,998.81. Leaving our cash carryover to be 3.3 million-dollars. Now before you today, you have this \$626,649 piece of legislation and if you pass that, you will have 2.7 million-dollars. I want you to know also, you have \$700,000 that's going to be coming before you at next week at Work Session for the fire station for \$650,000 and \$50,000, another piece of legislation for police and clerk of court supplies. And, so, that would leave you with approximately, after all of those appending appropriations 1.236 million-dollars.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – And how long can we sustain these bills for this situation?

**JAYNE FERRERO** – Well, as you know, I think that Mr. Smith has said to you that most of those costs are a three-month cost and some of those figures that he included in there are a one-time cost, like the title insurance and those kinds of things. So, you have 2 million-dollars that we have. I would caution you as you go on and Council not to spend that carryover money until we find out what's going on with the hospital, but that's just a cautionary thing on my part. But what you do, you're the ones who makes those decisions. You make the financial decisions for the City. All I can tell you is that the money is there or if the money is not there. And, right now, with all of this going on, you would have a 2 million-dollar carryover.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – So, roughly, two years with this amount of money we have before we deplete our carryover?

**JAYNE FERRERO** – Well, if you want to look at it like that, I guess.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – That's what I'm looking at. The worse case scenario in case we have interest, but we don't have a letter of interest, intent to purchase if this approve tonight. That's kind of where I'm going with this. A letter of having all of ducks in a row before this decision.

**JAYNE FERRERO** – But, as the Mayor said, they have a lot of information coming through their office of doctors that are going to help with the cost of leases and those kinds of things and all of that, I'm not on that committee that is planning the sale of the hospital, so, all I can tell you is the money that's available to you for you to appropriate.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thank you.

**JAYNE FERRERO** – Sure.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Chovan.

**COUNCILMAN CHOVAN** – I have a lot of the same concerns as you do, Jill. But, I don't think, if we accept this settlement, I don't think we're going to come to a point where we shut it off. Once you're in there, you're committed. Once we've spent a million dollars, you can't just pull the plug and throw it away. So, in my mind, we have to either decide we're going to do this and know we're in it for the long haul or vote no and don't do it all. I mean, I just can't see getting half way through this and then pulling the plug on it. It is a lot of money; however, the carryover is what we've carried over from last year until now. We'll have that again next year. One of my biggest fears, though is that we have a major employer in the city back out just like Affinity did. Because if that happens and we lose somebody, then our whole financial picture changes right now and we could head back towards fiscal emergency. But, I've gone around and around with this thing for weeks. I mean, every 10 minutes I'm changing my mind on what I'm going to do here. But, I think tonight I will vote to support this. When I sat down here tonight, I wasn't going to, but I think I am going to vote to support it simply because I think we do need a healthcare facility of some sort in Massillon. Personally, I don't think we need inpatient beds. I'd like to see us have our cardiac center, our ER, our operating rooms. I'd like to see more of a trauma situation. If we could do that, we have enough other inpatient beds in Stark County that can take the overflow. Maybe someday, whatever entity it is that's coming in here would agree that they might want to have inpatient and make it the hospital that it used to be. But, I think initially, my feeling is that we can support the emergency area with what we have coming from Western Stark County and so, if we're going to vote on this tonight, I will vote to support it for that reason.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – I have a question and a comment. Question, first of all, we've been talking about the ongoing cost depleting our carryover, but, I just want to clarify that we will have revenue coming in during that time, correct?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Yes.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – So, it's not like it's going to be that you sign on the dotted line today and then that's all going against our carryover. That money can be replenished as we go along, to some degree as we go along. I'm with everybody else. This has been a momentous

decision. I've been going back and forth on it myself. I've heard from citizens and I guess I go back to my background in finance and business. I look at it as an investment. I think that I'm all about jobs for our City and our area and first of all, if this facility were to open up, it would create jobs immediately. But I agree that in order for the growth of the City to be sustained, we need to have a facility like this that will attract young people, young families, or at least, give them a reason to stay and not a reason to leave. So, for that reason, I feel that we need to look at this as an investment and in my entire career I've always been told and I've seen it to be honest, without risk there's no reward. So, this is very much a difficult, risky proposition, but I think we have some fortitude and think of what's best for the City. That's my comment.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – I just had one more comment. I think that our priority is to certainly to have the hospital in whatever form that it is able to be negotiated, but, in my mind, I think there is a Plan "B" that we are acquiring \$25 million-dollars' worth of property and buildings, so, I think that in the event, worse case scenario that one of these entities are not coming into the City that there is a plan to perhaps sell that real estate. Have the developer come in or maybe we can have interest of another type of company to come into either use that building and reconfigure it or even different types of services. So, in my mind, I think a hospital certainly or a medical facility of some type is certainly priority in Plan "A", but in my mind there is also a Plan "B" if the time comes when that's not a feasible option for us. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – I just have a few questions. Regarding the revenue, yes, we will be getting revenue from some of those buildings, not all, it's not going to be a wash. But do we have an update regarding, in the packet that we received, in Section 4, regarding that settlement? Because that was kind of a piece to the puzzle regarding moving forward with this. If we could have the Law Director up, please.

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

**ANDREA SCASSA** – You're referencing the Kathryn Seymour Trust?

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Yes.

**ANDREA SCASSA** – I have been in discussions with the various attorneys involved because there are several representing the different parties and in talking to them, I, representing the City, do not wish to protract any litigation. However, I was sort of in a position where I couldn't really discuss formal resolutions until I figure out what happens tonight. Because as we've discussed, we don't have an assignment of DHSC's interest until you vote. So, I let them know what was going on and let them know that we want to honor Ms. Seymour's intent with her trust and what she wanted to see happen. But, I hope to have more fruitful conversations depending on how the vote goes tonight. So, there's the possibility of the City, potentially, getting a portion of those funds. I can't speak to exactly to, one, if that will happen or two, to that amount tonight. Because like I said, this the first step in that.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thank you.

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

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Yes, thank you, Madam President. I just figure I'll have to make my comments. I know all these things are a concern. Like Milan said, ten minutes later he might change his mind about it and I think that's only natural going into this. There are so many things that we can't guarantee, except we can take control of this and that's what I've always believed. I believe that we are in a much better shape if we take control of that real estate. It will be better for the City of Massillon. I know people have talked politically about some of the things that have been done, but I think the City has been pretty successful at rebuilding itself and this would be a big negative. We don't need this. We need to try to make this thing work. When we started about two months ago on this thing, people wanted to talk about maybe we have a couple of parties interested. Now, if I'm hearing things right, over the last couple of week, there's a couple more that have come into the picture. So, to me that's good. They can't really deal with us until we take it over. This can't get really serious until we have a vote and we take control of it ourselves. And I know I look at all these things I hear.

Some people say that the population is shrinking. Well, that's not true. We shrunk through the 60's and 70's until about, if you go by the census, and go back and look, starting somewhere between 1984 and 1985, we bottomed out below 30,000. We're back somewhere around 32,000. We're doing a pretty good job. Plus, what you talk about Western Stark County, Tuscarawas Twp., North Lawrence and places like that; they're growing. So, Western Stark County is a hot development area; it definitely is. You see people business-wise trying to come in here and residential. We continue to build houses through the worse of the down-turn over the last eight or nine years. So, you have to take a little risk once in a while. If things don't work out, we can't predict exactly how this is going to go, but, as we go through this thing, every three months, we're going to be looking at these things and if we see it's starting to drag, we're going to have to start making some tough decisions on how to tighten our belts. But, I think it's worth the risk and like I said, I believe in taking control and that's what we will do here. So, I'm in favor of it. I voted for it two months ago and there's nothing that I see that will change my mind now.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Well, I guess, Mr. Manson, I'm not a risk taker, but I know that healthcare, we have to provide healthcare for our citizens and healthcare is a very, in today's society, it's very difficult to make that 6.9% growth, I want to talk to that doctor, I want to talk to that doctor. Because if a facility, if a non-profit has a 6.9% growth, I want to talk to that doctor. Because healthcare is very difficult. It's very difficult to survive that's why you're not seeing small community hospitals anymore. In order for them to stay afloat, they are being merged with a larger system to help reduce costs and still provide that quality care that we owe our citizens. So, that is something that as a councilperson being fiscally responsible, we have so many things that we have to do for our City. We have paving project, we have downtown Massillon, we have Rezzy. We have so many projects that the Fire Station; I struggle with that because we only have so much money to go around and in order to jump into this situation and being responsible, it's a difficult decision. And Milan, I'm right with you; I just keep swaying from one side to the other because I look at that money and look how quickly that money can be depleted and yes, we have to provide this, but if I know that at a certain point, we're going to stop. Like we were give a list of expenses that we were going to stop if six months or eight months we don't have anything, nobody's biting at it; we have to reduce that. That would make me feel better. If I can hear from the Administration that we can have that, that we could stop at a certain point, because we have so many other things to do in the City. So, Mr. Smith, if you would like to communicate that.

**JOEL SMITH** – Well, just to your point, if Council will have a voice as we go forward, you certainly will. Because as we gave you, you have legislation in front of you for three months and probably in two months, we'll be in front of this body laying out what we're going to need going forward or in that time element, we're going to be in front of this body, hopefully, with the presentation from an entity that's going to be taking it. So, certainly, this Council has a voice in when we stop. Like I said to you in past meetings, all the entities that we've spoke to have said, it has to happen fast if we're going to do it. I believe in two to three months, we'll know whether we're going forward or we're not. I really believe that and I know the Mayor believes that. So, this is a three-month proposal, the money and certainly, this Council will have a strong voice in how we go forward because I will be in front of you laying what we'll need to continue if we don't have a proposal. So, to your point, you certainly will have a voice.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – As you are looking at the, say we actually pass this this evening and the City then owns the property, will Council be involved with the various entities and the various potential structures going forward or, what you just stated with that Administration would be basically narrowing things down to a presentation for an entity that would be chosen, basically, to take over the hospital. Could we potentially be involved with more than just the end transaction?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – We're going to, Mrs. Litman, we are going to look at every entity and everyone has a fair chance at presenting what they would like to do to the Administration and we actually have several people that are going to be sitting on that. Community and business people as well as our Law Director and we're going to be looking at those as far as what they plan to do with the facility. If it doesn't align with what we think that



could be there; then they may not get to your desk. So, we want to be able to find someone that's going to feel the need that we've kind of outlined and we're willing to negotiate, don't get me wrong. But, we want to be able to get the most out of our list of requests that we can get because that's what's in the best interest of Western Stark County is to have the most that we can get that an entity believes is sustainable. So, we're also looking at sustainability as well. We don't want to be in this position a year from now.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Mayor.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Yes, ma'am.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Those community businessmen, are any of them medical experts?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – We do have one that is a medical expert.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – In healthcare, hospital, or other facility?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Yes, ma'am.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Okay.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – So, you already have the committee chosen?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – We do.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – How many is on it?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Excuse me, I believe nine.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – And what were the qualifications to be on this panel?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Well, it's our team here that we have. Our attorney, David Dingwell, is going to sit in as a resident. We have a past chairman of the board from the hospital that was there in place. Do they have medical expertise? Probably not, but they have knowledge, historical knowledge. And then we have another entity that we have reached out to and believe he is going to sit on as well and that's the medical expert, yes. So, and if he declines, Mrs. Creamer, we will find someone to replace that person. But, we have made that contact.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – So, just to be clear, we have a list of services that we would like to see in this facility?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – David, do you have that? Did you bring that this evening? Those things that I listed, ER and OR and you know we have 156 beds. We're not expecting to have 156 beds, again. We know that we need to change. We know that that's not the wave of the future anymore, we understand that. We've learned more about hospitals. Kind of like the water treatment plant, when you learn and you talk to them, you know more than you want to know, but we know quite a bit now about where we need to head.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Well, I just want to understand. Each emergency room in each facility may have a different level of care. So, I don't want citizens to get their hopes that, well, they promised me an emergency room and we can only provide certain services. You know, we may not agree to have surgery based on whatever system presents us. So, that's my concern.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – I understand.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – That we're will to negotiate and yes, this is our list that we would like to see, but at the end, if we are fortunate enough to have a system present a letter of intent that we're willing to let go of our original services.



**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Yes. And I'll give you an example of one of the things that we're fighting for and why we're fighting for it and I'm going to use my daughter as the example because it's personal and you'll understand and I won't have to use someone else's example. But, my daughter when she was 15 had a stomach ache and I told her to go on upstairs; she's going to be fine, she'll feel better in the morning. Now, I'm a nurse, so, gone upstairs, go lay down, you'll be better in the morning. She came down at 4:30 a.m. in excruciating pain. I took her to Affinity Hospital and she was in surgery at 7:00 a.m. that morning for her appendix. That is why it is so important. We would not want to stabilize her in an ER and transport her to another facility for the surgery. That's why I'm fighting so hard is for families that may have a situation like that that they can have that urgent care and they can be diagnosed and get the surgeon to come in and get to the OR. So, yes, we will be able to negotiate, but we do have some standards that we're going to have and we'd like those entities to come in and meet our standards.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – So, by that statement, you're looking at a trauma level II or III and that's where it's going to stop, versus a trauma level IV which is having a patient come in and stabilize that patient and send them to a facility?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Right.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – So, you've already made that statement that you're not willing to negotiate now because you want a level IV?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – No, that's not a true account of what I just said. I'm going to fight for that.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Okay.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – I'm going to fight for that for our residents.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Alright, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I don't know how much more conversation we're going to have but I want to make sure we have conversations pertinent directly to this because I'm worried that we're getting to the point where we're putting the Mayor in a position where if she does get to negotiate, they're going to use statements that were made tonight against her. So, we have to be careful what we do. The statement has been that we have our wish list. We'll negotiate to the best of our ability to get what we can for what best for our community. Much more detail than that, I think, puts a negotiating team in a compromising position, in my opinion. I wouldn't want to have to sit out here and start putting out my game plan in front of everybody. You might as well go and tell everybody what you want and what you'll accept and what not. That's not how the game is played. You got to leave some mystery.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? Councilman Manson, I believe we have to go back to the motion to suspend the rules because that didn't go forward.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three separate readings and bring Ord. No. 40 – 2018 forward for passage.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Again, seconded by Councilman Irwin. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage (APPLAUSE)

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 40 – 2018 has passed. We will recess for five minutes. Let us reconvene, please. Ord. No. 43 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 43 – 2018**

**BY: RULES, COURTS & CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 2(D) OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES of Ordinance No. 127 – 1997 by repealing Section 2(D) OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES, and enacting a new Section 2(D) OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES by adding 915 HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT, in the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Madam President. This piece of legislation goes along with the piece that we just passed. I think that with the passage of the last ordinance No. 40 that this, as I said, goes along with that and that there's no reason to delay on this one. So, I make a motion that we suspend the rules for three readings of the legislation and bring it 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. 43 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 44 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 44 – 2018**

**BY: RULES, COURTS & CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 2(D) OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES of Ordinance No. 127 – 1997 by repealing Section 2(D) OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES, and enacting a new Section 2(D) OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES to increase Class Grade pay schedule within the 415 BUILDING DEPARTMENT, in the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Madam President. This piece we discussed in Work Session regarding increase in pay for Building Inspector, I believe it was. My understanding is that this is not as urgent as some of the legislation that we passed tonight, therefore, I'm going to give this first reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Ord. No. 44 – 2018 has received first reading. Ord. No. 45 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 45 – 2018**

**BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFICE & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE to accept the replat of part Out Lots 591 and 592 and the dedication of sanitary sewer easements and public access easements located on Bridgton Street N.E. and Mill Ridge Path N.E., Massillon, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Thank you, Madam President. This ordinance simply deals with the replat and dedication of the out lots in this area of Bridgton and Mill Ridge. It's off of 27<sup>th</sup> St. N.E. I wasn't here at the last Work Session, so I believe Mr. Manson, you handled this. Are there any questions or concerns from the last Work Session that need to be handled?

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Well, we looked at the map and we had a little bit of discussion. I think, I don't know if Mr. Maley might be able to give a little help with this.

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

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – I think personally, it's routine.

**DAVE MALEY** – Yes, it's sort of routine. It's just creating two buildable lots.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I was just going to say that the owner of the property just sat through an hour and a half of discussion about the hospital to find out tonight, so, that shows some dedication, I suppose.

**DAVE MALEY** – And he's making several improvements to the property and he was here and commented at last session.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – I just wanted to comment that I talked to the developer. There's a little bit of urgency. They want to get going on construction. So, if we could pass this, that would be wonderful.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**COUNCILMAN MANSON** – Yes. All this is for growth and that's what we want.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – And just for the record, this has already been passed by the City Planning Commission. So, are there any other questions or concerns? Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 45 – 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. 45 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 46 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 46 – 2018**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into contract with Central States Land Title Agency for title insurance for the value of real estate pursuant to the Stark County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This is the title insurance related to the acquisition of the land commonly referred to as Affinity. It is to insure the property at \$25,880,000.00 at the cost of \$64,062.75. Any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 46 – 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. 46 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 47 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 47 – 2018**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This ordinance is related to the initial expenses of the acquisition of the properties referred to as Affinity in the amount of \$621,649.00. Any questions? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 47 – 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. 47 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 48 – 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 48 – 2018**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund and the 3112 Diversity Scholarship Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. Section 1 of this ordinance references materials that were sold that were assets to the City. Whether they were scrap or no longer needed and were sold through Govdeals for the total of \$4,923.00. We're just accepting that money and placing it into the proper accounts. In Section 2 is the Diversity Scholarship which are donated dollars to the City for the use for our safety services and giving them their proper credentials and things of that nature. Are there any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 48 – 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. 48 – 2018 has passed.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**9. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS**

The Repository - \$ 598.40 Publication of March 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** – The bills will be paid and charged to their proper accounts.

**10. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Mayor's Report - March 2018  
Auditor's Report - March 2018

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – 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.

**11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Our next Work Session is next Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Councilwoman Cunningham.

**COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM** – We will be having that A.L.I.C.E. training on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – At 5:30 p.m.

**COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM** – Yes, at 5:30 p.m. Thank you, Councilwoman Cunningham.

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

**13. CALL OF THE CALENDAR**

**14. THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

**15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**16. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

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

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Manson.

**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