

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, October 15, 2018. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Safety Service Director, Joel Smith, Law Director, Andrea Scassa, Economic Development Director, David Maley and Income Tax/Budget Director, Barb Sylvester. Also, if you look at the agenda, under item #5 is where the public can speak on any item that appears on tonight's agenda and then under item #17 is where the public can speak on any item that does NOT appear on tonight's agenda. I want remind anyone with cell phones, please turn them down or set them to vibrate.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Roll call.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Milan Chovan, Jill Creamer, Sarita Cunningham, Mike Gregg, Dave Irwin, Ed Lewis, Linda Litman, Paul Manson and Megan Starrett.

Roll call of 9 present

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. All are present for City Council.

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILMAN MILAN CHOVAN

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILMAN CHOVAN

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Councilman Chovan.

4. READING OF THE JOURNAL

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

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Yes, they are.

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

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – No, there are not.

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

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

LARRY DELUCA – 2954 Veterans Blvd. S.E., Massillon, OH. It's on the agenda today about the Sugar Bowl and Bill Weaver. For what he's doing in this town, I just want speak on it. I know Bill Weaver personally. I think I met Bill Weaver with a lot of businessmen about maybe three and a half years ago here in Massillon. I buy flowers on a regular basis at Victorian Reflection. I see how he treats customers, I see what he does. I see how he promotes Massillon, Ohio, like I've never seen before. I know a lot of business owners in town who promote and are very much for Massillon, the Massillon Tigers and a mass of things. Just to get to the Sugar Bowl, which you probably read, it was in The Independent and The Independent Online, Bill wants the Sugar Bowl to be all that it can be. Bill has been taking extensive hits for the building inspectors. I think they're doing their job. They want to make sure that the City of Massillon has a safe building as they do. There's a lot of things that Bill has incurred; from the front to the back. The double drop ceiling. Bill has went through very extensive money and looking for tile that even matches; whatever. I've been in business, I've been a general manager of many things, I've seen nobody as dedicated. It wasn't that Mr. Weaver had something "I'm going to do this to the Sugar Bowl". You're in business to make

money. You're not in business to employ people, that's the number one thing. But, number two, he's went way beyond getting people involved in bringing back the hysteria of the Sugar Bowl. Today I was in a meeting at a business that's not even in Massillon; it's in Canton at the Pilot Travel Center. That's where I was at today. And they were mentioning "Hey, what's going on with the Sugar Bowl?". Bill's reinventing it. I just want to stick by him and to say what he has done and what he wants to do. He's so into this. He's says it's been like three or four years to try to get this thing. It's not a spur of the moment thing. He has passion, he has invested a lot of his own money into this and I'm here because of the economic grant, an economic development grant of \$15,000 or whatever it may be. David Maley knows what it is. But, I think Bill has done more, and his people, just to keep it safe and to make it as good as the Sugar Bowl has been. I don't know about the Sugar Bowl, but I heard a lot about it and I think whatever Bill does, it's going to turn out great for the City of Massillon. And I understand you're have a reading for it. I'd like for all the Council members to please think about all that Bill has done to replicate the Sugar Bowl for Massillon. And everybody's excited about it. So, when you Council members vote, remember what he's put in, the money, the time and not only that, it's been extensive for three years because I know him personally. When I go in to buy the flowers he'll say, "I'm doing this, I'm doing that". He's running a thousand ways. So, in summation, I'd just like to say that I would like to see Bill Weaver get the grant for the City of Massillon because not only has he done all the work, he deserves it and he's going to employ people, nice people. He's wants to do background checks on people, even servers. I never heard of that. I know a lot of business owners that own restaurants, a lot of them don't do background checks on their servers. Bill wants what's best and to quote, unquote, he wants it to be all it can be and I thank you and I hope it goes through.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Larry. I know I'm anxious for it to open. Anyone else?

LORETTA RITTENHOUSE – 226 – 6th St. N.E., Massillon, OH. I didn't plan on talking about this item on the agenda, but I'm going to because I've known Bill for 16 years. What I know about Bill is that whatever he touches, he creates and it works; that I do know. From our neighborhood president to the Russell House, to the Candlelight Walk we all share in Massillon; that's him. That's him. He made that corner Candlelight Walk what it is today and what we all enjoy. So, I'm going to give my approval to say you should too. Because whatever he touches it turns into something really great here in Massillon. Thank you.

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

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 123 – 2018

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to transfer Parcel No. 680622, a vacant lot located at 1428 Walnut Rd. S.E., Massillon, Ohio, from the City of Massillon to the Community Improvement Corporation of Massillon (CIC), and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Thank you, Madam President. Ord. No. 123 and Ord. No. 124 are similar. What I'm going to be saying about them will be the same. I'm going to give this first reading, but the Law Director said that she needs to get some physical description of the properties. So, it might be a little time that I'm sure we'll be looking for either second or third reading. So, first reading on Ord. No. 123.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 123 – 2018 has received first reading. Ord. No. 124 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 124 – 2018

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to transfer Parcel No. 680876, a vacant lot located on 15th St. S.E., Massillon, Ohio, from the City of Massillon to the Community Improvement Corporation of Massillon (CIC), and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Thank you, Madam President. First reading for Ord. No. 124.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 124 – 2018 has received first reading. Ord. No. 125 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 125 – 2018

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with owners, Bill Weaver and Gene Stine, to provide an economic development “inducement grant” to assist with the remodeling costs of the Sugar Bowl located at 49 Lincoln Way E., Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes. Thank you, Madam President. I just want to say that I don’t disagree with any of the comments that were made, but, my policy has been normally to give these at least two readings so that they can get in the newspaper and people can take a look at them and see what’s going on. So, first reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 125 – 2018 has received first reading. Ord. No. 126 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 126 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1234 Park and Recreation Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This is an appropriation for \$28,900. This is all coming out of the Park and Recreation Fund. The Park and Recreation Board has approved this already, so that brings it to us to get final approval. It’ll be used to continue to support salaries and capital equipment upgrades. We heard from the Park and Rec staff last week about some of the upgrades that they needed to make on their equipment. Are there any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 126 – 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. 126 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 127 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 127 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1225 Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This ordinance is to appropriate \$15,000 in Services and Contracts. This is for the Courts. They create this fund through court fees and fines and things of that nature and they use these monies to help support treatment of persons that may not have the funds to do so. Are there any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 127 – 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. 127 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 128 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 128 – 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 appropriation is for \$100,000 into Arbitrator Services and Contracts. This is to cover the cost with legal fees associated with various matters for the City. We do have Director Smith present if there are any questions or discussion for this evening. Otherwise, I will be moving this forward. Ms. Litman.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Thank you, Madam President. Just a question regarding how much of the legal fees will this \$100,000 cover? Do we have a balance remaining or is this paying up to date or for a certain period?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Mr. Smith, if you could come up. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – It might have been discussed in the last Work Session, I apologize but I was not here.

JOEL SMITH – There is a balance still in the account; it's small. We do have one bill that we can't cover at the moment. So, to cover that bill, we'd have a balance left of this. The current bill is \$36,000. That was included in the total if you read the article over the weekend that Steve wrote. That \$36,000 was included in the number you read in the article. But, it will last us for a while, I would hope. I would think it would get us through the rest of the year for sure.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Okay, thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Any other questions for Mr. Smith? Mr. Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 128 – 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. 128 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 129 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 129 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1237 Economic Development Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 129 – 2018 has received first reading. Ord. No. 130 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 130 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1229 HOME Housing Rehabilitation Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. These are Federal dollars that have been awarded to the City for our HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program which helps first-time home buyers and or such programs. All we are doing is appropriating these dollars into the account so they could be utilized as intended. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 130 – 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. 130 – 2018 has passed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

The Repository - \$ 822.80 Publication of August Ordinances

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

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

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

9 yes to pay the bills

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

10. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Treasurer's Report - August 2018 and September 2018
Mayor's Report - August 2018
Auditor's Report - August 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 Starrett. Roll call.

9 yes to accept the Auditor's Report

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. The Auditor's Report for August 2018 has been accepted.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Our next Work Session is Monday, October 29, 2018 at 6:30. We are off October 22nd because there are five Monday. Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I just wanted to make sure that everybody was aware; we did receive the budget via e-mail. If you did not, please contact the Budget office so that you can have a copy of that and we will start discussion on the 29th.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else?

12. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBER

13. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

ORDINANCE NO. 50 – 2018 **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
Tabled September 17, 2018 until October 15, 2018

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 521 "HEALTH, SAFETY AND SANITATION" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Thank you, Madam President. I'm tired of hearing about this one. Probably, if I was moving this forward right now, I'd probably recommend that we defeat it. We do have an ordinance in place to take care of the safety and stuff, but I really don't want to do that. I talked to Mr. Maley again and we had a little meeting in the Law Director's office just talking about this and I know we have some disagreements on what we think should be appropriate in front of these businesses. We had some people think things should be very uniform and then we have some people that think that it should be more individually; what they want to do. And just for a little information, I believe everybody probably knows Steve Coon, the developer that rebuilds a lot of old rehabs, rebuilds a lot of old buildings. I don't know if Dave should have told me this or not, but he did. They were going through town the other day and he made a comment that things should not be so regulated and I think he used Bender's as an example, but I'm not sure and that's what we were talking about; railings, controlling the colors and all that stuff. So, there's another person that's very deep in this type of business that has a different opinion about some of these things. So, what I would like to do is table this indefinitely and have discussions with Dave and the Law Director and maybe even try to bring some more people into this. I hate to pass something that's going to penalize somebody that's trying to accomplish something good. So, if we can find some middle ground that will work, I think it's worth giving it a try. If not, in the end we can just put it up there as presented and everybody can vote their conscious. But I'd still like to try to do that for a little while anyhow. So, I'm going to make a motion that we table this, Ord. No. 50 – 2018, indefinitely.

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

9 yes to table Ord. No. 50 – 2018 indefinitely

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 50 – 2018 has been tabled indefinitely.

14. THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

16. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Mr. Smith, if you could come up and give us an update of what's happening.

JOEL SMITH – Good evening, everyone. Our Council President gave me her list again tonight.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And you can speak on anything that's not on there too.

JOEL SMITH – Okay, great. First off, the streets that have been and two weeks ago, I did not have the list in front of me. I do have it in front of me now. I'll run through everything that we have done and what yet is to be done. It should be completing here in the next couple of weeks. So, currently, what's been paved this year as part of our 2018 paving program, 9th St. N.E. between State St. and Mathias, Oakwood Ave. N.E. between 10th and 11th, State Ave. N.E. between Amherst and Reservoir, North Ave. between 1st and 3rd St., Vermont Ave. S.E., Hickory Ave. N.E., Carnation St. N.E., Franklin Rd. N.E., Jefferson Rd. N.E., Millburn Rd. N.E., Thomas Cir. N.E., Colonial Parkway N.E., 23rd St. N.E., Virginia St. S.E., Harold Ave. S.E., Kaylynn St. S.E., Tremont St. S.E. between Hess and Lincoln Way, Forest Ave. S.E. between Erie and the end of it, Candle St. S.E., 13th St. S.E., 14th St. S.E., 15th St. S.E., 15th N.W. between Main and Lincoln Way, Auburn Ave., 5th St. S.W., 8th St. S.W., Oberlin S.W.; there's three separate sections of Oberlin that were all done. Webb Ave. S.W., Euclid S.W., Bernard S.W., Borden S.W., 11th St. S.W., 23rd St. N.W. between Main St. and Lincoln Way. All of those roads, I believe, are done. 18th St. N.W., 19th St. N.W., I think, Howard Ave. N.W., 26th St. N.W., Schuler Ave. N.W., Puritan Cir. N.W., Standish N.W., Winslow Ave. N.W. Most of those are in progress. I think the paving company was out there today, grinding most, if not all of those. They're going to start paving tomorrow if the weather cooperates. 23rd St. N.E., Euclid St. S.W., Walnut Rd. S.W. We did Walnut between Rt. 21 and 6th St. Amherst Ave. N.E. between Cherry and Lake, Albrecht Ave. S.W. Those are all done. Reservoir Dr. in the park and Lake Park Dr. in the park, I believe are probably going to be grounded pretty soon. They're both going to be done. Euclid St. S.W., Dielhenn Ave. S.E., Fries St. S.E., Harmon Pl. N.E., Gray Ct. N.E. are being done by Superior Paving, Aqua Ohio is paying for those roads to be done. That's part of the deal that we worked out with them because of all the things they do around the City. They're paving those instead of fixing a couple of things that we're taking care of as part of our paving project. 4th St. N.E., Delaware Ave. N.E., Indiana Ave. N.E., 18th St. S.E. were all done already. Southway Ave. S.E. is done as well. So, total for this year, 14 and a half miles of paving at a cost of about \$2.1 million dollars was spent on all of those projects. As part of all the paving we are doing, 207 catch basins were repaired along those roads that were paved. We've done an additional 101 around the City on roads that have not been paved this year and we're currently getting pricing, I think, for about 17 more. If we can find contractors, we will get several of those done. 24th St. S.E. is the one, we're getting that one for sure. Cypress, I think there's 3 down there that we're getting pricing for. Right now, we're at the mercy of contractors and they're very busy, so, they're trying to get it in. So, about 308, we're hoping to get about at least another 10 on the catch basins. So, that gives me the two on the first two items on our list. The fire station, really there's nothing...

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Excuse me.

JOEL SMITH – Go ahead. 14 and a half miles, is that pretty average for a year?

JOEL SMITH – No. I would say that's pretty dog gone good. It's \$2.5 million dollars, obviously, when the increase the .02% was passed, with everything that we added at the beginning of the year. We added about \$800,000 to the program that we budgeted. We're hoping to do at least that. As you know, it would have been substantially more had we got Richville done this year. Richville had to be pushed back to next year because the utilities couldn't get their work done. So, Richville Dr. is about \$1.6 million. That will be done next year and, in the budget, you'll see what we're budgeting for. We haven't completed the list for 2019. But, it's, I think, a very positive list of the roads that we got. We know there's a lot more

that need to be done and we're working diligently to get as much as we can done with the money we have available.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Yes. May I ask if that list is posted anywhere on the website for the City?

JOEL SMITH – I think it is on our website. I think the Mayor was going to try to put it on Facebook because I know a lot of people get their information on Facebook.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – I think it would be nice to direct residents to a part of the website that they can keep that ongoing, updated, so that they would know.

JOEL SMITH – Okay. And we're hoping to get it on Facebook. I think the Mayor was trying to get that through her assistant. Again, there's a few roads on the west side I think they're working on currently and the park roads will be done. We expect it all to be done within the next couple of weeks. Go ahead.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Did I miss Erie St. S.E., on your list?

JOEL SMITH – Erie got pushed back to next year because of funding down there. We didn't get all the funding from the County that we had hoped to. So, it's going to be added next year. Yeah, we were getting some funding from the County, however, we didn't get the entire amount. So, that Erie section will get done next year.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – For sure?

JOEL SMITH – For sure.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Chovan.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – I just wanted to say, when we were looking at trying to do the levy for the street repair, if that passed, I think we were feeling really good about doing 7 to 8 miles a year. So, the fact that we're 14 miles, is very aggressive. I mean, we're way pass what we thought we would be.

JOEL SMITH – Right.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – I mean, thank God for the carryover money.

JOEL SMITH – Yes. You're correct. That is correct. We did a lot more money into the projects because we had the carryover balances. Update for the fire station; there's really nothing new I can add today. I saw a lot of construction materials in the back of the station. They are still working constantly. We're on track to have it done as we've expected by late February. Downtown Streetscape, again, nothing new in the last two weeks. As I told you two weeks ago, we're going to bid that project out in January. That will be bid by ODOT. It is an ODOT project, so, that's ongoing. The reservoir update, we're still waiting to get our final inspection from our engineering firm that was hired for that and then ODNR will be up to give us their final inspection to release us from their oversight. Duncan Plaza redo, nothing new on that. We're working to finalize the plan completely. A couple of minor adjustments are going to be made, I think, but nothing new to add on that. New businesses coming in and businesses leaving, Dave, is there anything you want to add to that?

DAVE MALEY – No.

JOEL SMITH – Okay. And that's your list.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Dave, do you have anything you want to add?

JOEL SMITH – Go ahead.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – I noticed today when I went to the post office that No. 1 Fire Station is having an open house and anybody wants to see the brand-new fire trucks, it would be a good time to go see them. And I believe that it's next week.

JOEL SMITH – The 21st on Sunday I believe is when their open house is.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – What time?

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – They didn't have it listed on the sign.

JOEL SMITH – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., I believe.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – What date is that?

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – The 21st.

JOEL SMITH – Other things to add, I think we have 3 police officers in training. Hopefully they'll be done with their training by, I think I was told, mid-December. That will give us three more for the road. We're in the process of interviews. We did the test for police officers and they've set up the interview process. So, that's ongoing. Firemen, we just issued an offer of employment, a tentative offer of employment for one firefighter. We're doing interviews for our Engineering Secretary that was posted and a test was given because it's Civil Service. I think we're going to start interviews with that. The Engineering Secretary transferred to my office. My former assistant, Larry St. Jean, resigned a couple of weeks ago to take a position with the school system. So, I think that's pretty much...I can't think of anything else exciting. Go ahead.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Can you clarify, you stated that the project that is going out to bid in January, the ODOT project. What exactly is that project?

JOEL SMITH – That's the Streetscape.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – For downtown?

JOEL SMITH – Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Okay. So, we discussed regarding work time for this project.

JOEL SMITH – That's correct.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Working through day shift versus possibly working an off-shift? Is that in the bid?

JOEL SMITH – I wouldn't think so. You know, when you talk about a construction company operating 24/7, I think they would have a hard time doing that and my expectation would be that the cost would be extremely prohibited, but I can follow-up further with the Engineering office. But, I think that thought process would be tough to accomplish.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Just let me know.

JOEL SMITH – Okay.

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

DAVE MALEY – Ms. Cunningham had asked me to update you on the NIP Program. I handed out a couple of pieces. On the one sheet it gives you a list of properties and their addresses, parcel numbers. The other sheet, basically, to date, looks like 35 of the 47 properties have been demolished and you can see which ones we're talking about that had been demolished. Several of them that have been demolished we are waiting for reimbursement. So, currently, we're working on 75 properties. I think 75 is not accurate, I think it's more like 73. We had a few properties that fell off. I think people with issues with trying to acquire them. The first round of demolitions resulted in \$34,444.69 being reimbursed. The second step, 10 resulted in \$107,427.05. The third round of nine resulted in \$96,382.54. I've come to you a couple of times talking about reappropriating and that's kind of what we've talked about; the money we get back to reappropriate that back into the program. I think the fourth round, we were working

on 17. The goal, as you can see on the back of that page, the one that says "acquired", those are the ones that we actually have. There's a bunch of those that have been submitted for consideration. We don't know if we're going to get all of those. We hope to. We had to go through quite a few hoops to get those to be able to be submitted to get through their guidelines. We're confident that we will get most of those at this point. The Program, we have to have every thing down and submitted to them, I think, by September of next year. So, obviously, it's going to be a busy spring and summer. I think I mentioned this before with regard to the NIP Program, several of the criteria, they must be within the target area. There's a map and it really does encompass most of Massillon, but there are some areas that are not included. I know there was a house above Lake, I believe Kracker, that burnt; we put that one on the list. The actual map is cut off at Lake, so it did not qualify, but we were able to get that in, but that just gives you an example. Because it was already burnt, that there are some areas that we can't necessarily put into the target. It must be abandoned and it must vacant, they must be tax delinquent one year. They must be deemed beyond repair. Of course, I mean, that's a hard criteria, I think really you can repair almost anything. But, some of these properties have been sitting vacant 5 to 10 years. So, that's kind of what we're looking for and they cannot have any sort of value. The acquisition process is the legal process because the Board of Revisions and it can take a minimum six months up to nine months. So, we currently have 26 properties for review. Like I said, we hope to have them all down. The program ends next year. So, we're doing the best we can. I think that we wish we could have gotten more properties because there's some more money available. Because to fit the criteria, we did, believe it or not. I know a lot of people are comparing us to Canton and Alliance, but we had a hell of time trying to find these properties that were tax delinquent and a few of them, they have opportunities to pay or go into payment plans to get them out of the tax delinquency to fit under the criteria for being vacant and blighted and it's not as easy as it seems. The code guys really did work hard to get these properties in there. From some respects, it's actually good. Not saying that we don't have any issues. We have vacant houses, there's no question, but if they're not delinquent, we can't get them under the NIP Program. They're not blighted.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – You mind just stating where the reimbursement dollars come from and where they go to?

DAVE MALEY – Well, we pay, it's a reimbursement program, so, we submit to the Land Bank which is run through the Regional Planning Commission. So, we submit everything for reimbursement with Regional Planning. They send it to Ohio Housing Finance Administration and that's where, they send the paperwork to them and they cut them a check and we get the check.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – So, these are state dollars?

DAVE MALEY – State and I think they're funneled down. I think there may be some Federal money involved in it too, but it's no local money, no.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – And the reimbursement is to reimburse the City for the cost of demolition?

DAVE MALEY – Right.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Do they always cover our costs?

DAVE MALEY – They cover most. I'm not going to never sit here and say they cover everything, but they do cover a majority of the cost. It's great for us, to be honest with you. It's a great program. It's a lot of work, but it's still a good program.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – It was one just torn down on Lincoln Way W. last week. Is that that one?

DAVE MALEY – It's probably that one. I think it was like a yellow house or something.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – That's a pretty big lot, isn't it?

DAVE MALEY – I remember that from my code days, yeah. It used to have a big pool in the back. But like I said, I think, Paul, we were kind of talking about this today. A lot of these lots will be available for the side lot program and the Land Bank. But, they do stay in the Land Bank once they're in the Land Bank's name, they stay in the Land Bank for three years. If nothing happens to them, nobody gets them, then they'll revert back to the City.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Thank you, gentlemen. That was very informative, I appreciate that. Yes, sir.

DAVE MALEY – Just briefly; Angry Bar-B-Que got something from the owner of Angry Bar-B-Que saying that he's anticipating opening within probably the next three weeks. Aldi's has I think pretty much, I don't know if you've got a site plan for their location yet down there near Menard's, but that's a new structure going up there. And we also got some plans for a possible stat care located at the old Arby's. There's a couple of other things going on, but I really don't like to go public unless we get something like a site plan or something of that nature.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you very much. Is there anything else under new and miscellaneous business? Diane.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Yes. He's not here tonight, but I would like to thank Bobby (Jones) for diligently working with our PA system. With all that we were going through with it, I appreciate him. I just wanted that to go on the record.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Ditto. Anything else?

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

JERRY MITCHELL – I'm with the Franklin Village Association. I do have a question. The gentleman said that they completed 13th St. I don't understand what they're saying about that because it was just about 10 feet did on 13th St. S.E. The whole street wasn't done. Is that what you were saying? That's my question.

JOEL SMITH – I do want to address that because I'm sorry, you're right. When I was reading down that list, there's some of those streets that I listed, 13th, 14th, 15th Sts. S.E., there was just a small section associated with the Forest Ave. paving. So, I apologize to Council, I didn't catch that. Thank you for bringing it to my attention.

JERRY MITCHELL – Now, another question. Is that going to be completed or is that as far as it's going to go?

JOEL SMITH – For this year, that's as far as we're going to go.

JERRY MITCHELL – But you do plan to complete the project?

JOEL SMITH – At some point. We'll add roads next year.

JERRY MITCHELL – Okay. And I have another question.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Jerry, this is really not a question/answer. You may make a comment on something, but...

JERRY MITCHELL – Okay. 13th St./Walnut Rd. The streets on Walnut Rd. are terrible. Not only that, the trees are falling down on Walnut Rd. We've talked about this before. And if you have a bad storm come in, that's going to knock out all of the power in that area. And if you ride up and down 13th St. from, I'd say Harsh to Erie, you can see the trees are laying over. This has been happening. This has just been erosion for years. I've been on 13th St. for 40 years and none of that property has been maintained. And I've said something to several people about this and I don't know where to go to get that taken care of. But, it's terrible. Now I don't know because you don't live in that area, but that's one of the oldest and one of the most well-kept areas for years. But, it's eroding right now because it's not being taken care of. So, I do want you to put that on the agenda and drive by when you come from the football game, come up Harsh and Walnut Rd. and you can see the trees and stuff. If we have a real

bad storm, our area is going to be in bad shape. All the power will be knocked out. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Jerry, did you sign your name and address on the paper? Thank you.

DIANA PACHIS – 1343 – 16th St. S.E., Massillon, Ohio, and I am also President of the Walnut Hills Residents Association. My comment or appeal is to community development. The far southeast side, 16th St., Walnut Hills, have been without a gas station or a store since Shrader's closed; it was torn down and that gas station was hit and miss. He had gas one and didn't have none for weeks. But, for other people, it might not be a problem, but for the people in that area who have no vehicles who have to walk or depend on other people to get them places, it is a problem. And for years and years, we appealed and the City worked out something with the man at Schrader's and like I said, that was a farce because it never had gas on a regular basis or the pumps didn't work. So, my appeal is from the residents there that community development looks into possibly getting something on that side of town for the people on that far end for convenience. I mean, it's been a problem for a long time. There's nothing local, close by and like I said, it might not be a problem for many people in the other areas of town because there's something on every corner. But, on that far southeast, there's nothing there for us and that's all I have to say.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thanks, Diana. Anyone else?

LORETTA RITTENHOUSE – 226 – 6th St. N.E., Massillon, Ohio, and why I'm really here tonight; I am the Leadership Liaison for the Stark Community Foundation. I run the Neighborhood Association here in Massillon, Now, I see new faces, which is great and I want to thank you for your work; I really do. Because half of it is volunteer. I know you don't get paid for what you really put in, I know that. You see the dark circles, I know. But, I want to thank you for your service. I want you to know that as a leader, there's nobody that fights for the neighborhoods more than I do. I've said it for a long time. You know why they're talking? Because I've asked them "Do you know where the platform is if you have a problem?". Right here. This is the platform and you need to listen and we need to engage from community; that's our neighborhoods, right on to the top. Because without our neighborhoods, you wouldn't be sitting here. So, our growth as Massillon is starting at that level of our community and what's in the backyard and then it comes up to you guys. So, I wanted to introduce myself. I wanted to say "Hello" and I wanted to thank you for your service and if you have any questions or where to contact me, now you know where to get me. But, thank you very much.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Loretta. Anyone else? I notice that we have a few young, young faces in the back of the room. What school are you representing?

STUDENTS – Jackson High School.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Alright. Welcome.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Chovan.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – I move that we adjourn.

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

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT