MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Tuesday, September 7, 2021. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry via Webex, Chief Counsel, Bill Bartos and Economic Development Director, Dave Maley. Under #5 on the agenda is where the public can speak on any item that appears on tonight's agenda and under #17 is where the public can speak on any item that does NOT appear on tonight's agenda. I'd like to remind everyone keep your mics off until you're ready to speak, mute your cell phones and anyone calling in, please mute yourself so that we can hold all the background noise to a minimum. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Roll call.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Jill Creamer, Mike Gregg, Ted Herncane, Ed Lewis, Linda Litman, Mark Lombardi, Jamie Slutz, Megan Starrett and Jim Thieret.

Roll call of 9 present

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILWOMAN MEGAN STARRETT

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Councilwoman Starrett.

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

6. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 137 – 2021 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain transfers in the 2021 appropriations from within the 1201 Street Construction M & R Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes, this ordinance is transferring $1,000 into the refunds for income tax from the street fund to pay their portion of the refunds that are due to taxpayers that have overpaid. 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. 137 – 2021 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. 137 – 2021 has passed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMINCATIONS

Transfer of a Liquor License from Paul Karl Doering, DBA McClymonds, 14 Lincoln Way W., 1st Floor Only, Massillon, Ohio 44646 to Christopher D. Ketler, DBA Krackpots Comedy Club, 14 Lincoln Way W., 1st Floor Only, Massillon, Ohio 44646. Permit Class is D5 and is located in Ward 2.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Thieret, did you get a copy of this request?

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Yes, I did. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Okay.

10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Graphic Enterprises	-	$ 49.87	Overage Charge for Copier 5/24/21-8/23/21
U.S. Bank Equip.	-	127.00	September Payment – Copier
		$176.87	**Total**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call

9 yes to pay the bills

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

11. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor's Report - July 2021
Auditor's Report - August 2021

COUNICL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion to 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 has been accepted.

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Our next Work Session will be Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

13. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

14. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

15. THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 125 – 2021 **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with Autumn Abbott to provide an economic development "inducement grant" to fund start-up costs including build-out, equipment, etc., at The Downtown Image, located at 50 Erie St. S., Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Thank you, Madam President. This is a grant for $4,000 to Downtown Imagine and Autumn Abbott. Is there any further discussion on this? Seeing none, I would ask that this be brought forward for a vote tonight, Ord. No. 125 – 2021.

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

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 125 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 128 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 128 – 2021 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes, this is an appropriation of a total of $11,365 and this is to provide enough funding for the cost associated to a janitorial employee for the City Hall building. Are there any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we bring Ord. No. 128 – 2021 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 128 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 130 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 130 – 2021 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2021.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This is a transfer of $60,000 from the Transfer Out which will be followed up by a request to the appropriation to get the Economic Development Fund program together. Are the any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion that we bring Ord. No. 130 – 2021 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 130 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 131 – 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 131 – 2021 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain transfers in the 2021 appropriations from within the 1100 General Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2021.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – This is the second part; we're doing the transfer out and then into the transfer in, the $60,000. Questions? If none, I make a motion that we bring Ord. No. 131 – 2021 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 131 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 132 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 132 – 2021 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1237 Economic Development Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2021.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – This is the appropriation in the appropriate line for that $60,000. Questions? Seeing none, I make a motion that we bring Ord. No. 132 – 2021 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 132 – 2021 has passed.

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

L.J. DELUCA – Thank you, Madam President. I want to thank you, personally, Madam President for without a doubt, without even thinking about it, for approving the projector so that the residents can put their smartphones in. I have even something tonight, which I couldn't do, but I know we have time to tape that. I went through the lights in downtown Massillon; they all turned green all at once. Even though we had some of the City of Massillon people say that they want to stagger those lights; they're not staggered at all. It's like Indy 500. So, Larry L.J. Deluca, 2954 Veterans Blvd. S.E., Massillon, Ohio, Legends of Massillon. If I can help you with anything, I've been getting a lot of feedback, ljdeluca752@gmail.com, please reach out to

me, I'm reaching out to you. I want to talk about Chipotle today. I called them last week, I thought the problem was cleared up, but it isn't. Evidently we have a problem, Massillon. You go to Chipotle and I like Chipotle, I haven't been there recently, but I'm going to be going there and I'm going to check up on this. I understand they have a money problem. They say they're not giving back the change. For instance, they're saying the Bank of America. I did call Chris, who's the general manager there, last week and I called the manager tonight and I said that you have those signs up there that Chris told me that are going to be up there that you got to have exact change. Why in the world that is? I don't know. This is not the way to do business in Massillon, Ohio. It's not the way to do it at all, period. So, you give the people their change in Massillon, Ohio, and if you aren't going to give it to them, put the sign up all the time. I'm going down there after tonight's meeting and I'm going to check it out again. I just got off the phone with a lady, the manager and was in a dazzle. Almost twenty years since 9/11, almost twenty years, I just can't get over it. I'm very sad about it. Debbie Lindsey, vice-president of Mancan which is a Massillon based business, says she hasn't seen it like this for the labor market. Over the next year, the job market is going to be very, very tight. It's going to be tight right now as a matter of fact. I know Mr. DiPetro, Skyland Pines is having a million square feet. They won't tell us what's going in there. My guess it's Amazon. Who builds a one - million-dollar square foot warehouse at Skyland Pines. When we already have three or four that I visited in North Randall, Euclid or wherever it is. So, I do think it's not a big secret there, Stark County. So, it's going to get tighter. Our employment picture is going to get tighter, the employers are going to have a harder time like Debbie Lindsey said. Restaurant owner's I just feel, changing the subject here, are being punched, kicked, scratched just like UFC fighters. COVID-19, the coronavirus, the delta variant right now is proving even more fatal. It's going for the young, it's going for the unvaccinated, it is going for the vaccinated, but they're not having as bad of symptoms. I've talked to a few doctors here in town and it's like a water spring; out of control. We had a camp in the mountains of Pennsylvania, it's spewing that water out all over, okay. And Massillon, I think we got to take it very serious, we can't take this slightly. Want to mention Smiley's restaurant to bring out the best in the best it can be embracing the concept of family considering the customers as well as the staff he creates at his restaurant. He wanted to put this in place so everybody feels normal even though you got the PPE equipment. So, he put in these, this is the second thing, on every table, on every table. I know some restaurants I go into, because I eat out every day, they have one thing. Some don't have any at all. That shows you that they may not care as much. So, kudos out to Smiley because I've known him for forty-nine years. I started out being a dishwasher with him when I was sixteen; I've known him for forty-nine years, we did a lot of business and stuff there and believe me, he's very innovative and he's on top of it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – One minute.

L.J. DELUCA – Thank you, Madam President. I was sixteen back then, didn't have a worry in the world. We were playing, when I was working there at Doubletyme with Mickie and Smiley, there was this song "Don't Worry, Be Happy", Bobby McFerren, I think it was. I think he's died since then; me and Smiley always go over that. That was in 1988. All activity, foresight, expanding, planning, fundamentally changing direction of businesses. COVID-19, some businesses didn't take it head on, Madam President. They went around it. They got creative. We got to remember Uber, that was in 2008 – 2009. That's what forced companies to be creative. And I want to say not only Smiley's, but Norca that I went to up in Cleveland, it's a Spanish-Portuguese restaurant, they even have a special menu for the people and they said we'll deliver to you and by gosh, they had forty-five orders in fifteen minutes. So, I know a lot of restaurant owners, I know a lot of owners, period, that are having a rough with this, but, I

just want to make sure that we're not taking this likely. We have to take this seriously. So, thank you, Madam President, thank everybody and I want to thank all of the listeners for getting back with me. It does make a difference. Thank you, Madam President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Mr. Deluca. Anyone else?

18. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – I make a motion that we adjourn.

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

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT