

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Good evening. Welcome to the Massillon City Council meeting for Monday, January 5, 2026. We have in attendance the following City officials: Safety Service Director, Renee Baker and Director of Development. Under #5 on the agenda is where the public can speak on any topic that appears on tonight's agenda and under #17 is where the public can speak on any topic that does NOT appear on tonight's agenda. I'd like to remind you that if you have a cell phone, please set it to mute, vibrate or turn it off. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Roll call, please.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Holly Bryan-Huth, Sarita Cunningham, Mike Gregg, Julie Harwig Smith, Seth Marcum, John Paquelet, Mandwel Patterson, Eric Ray and Tony Townsend.

Roll call of 9 present

A. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEM OF COUNCIL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – I'd like to nominate Councilman Michael Gregg for President Pro-Tem of Council.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilman Ray. Roll call.

8 yes; 1 abstention to appoint Councilman Mike Gregg as President Pro-Tem

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Mr. Gregg. I appreciate it.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you.

B. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PARLIMENTARIAN OF COUNCIL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – I'd like to nominate for Parliamentarian of Council, Councilman Seth Marcum.

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

8 yes; 1 abstention to appoint Councilman Seth Marcum as Parliamentarian of Council

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Councilman Marcum. I appreciate it.

C. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – As my duty as Council President, I have passed out my suggestions for the standing committees for the Council. If all are in agreement, I'll need a motion from Council to accept my suggestions for the standing committees of this Council. Councilwoman Cunningham.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – I make the motion.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilman Marcum. Roll call.

9 yes to accept the Adoption of Council Committee Assignments

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Council.

2. **INVOCATION**

COUNCILMAN SETH MARCUM

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

LED BY COUNCILMAN MARCUM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Councilman Marcum.

4. **READING OF THE JOURNAL**

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

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Yes, they are.

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

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – No, there are not.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – If not, then the minutes stand approved as written. Thank you, Madam Clerk.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – You are welcome.

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

6. **NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – The Waffle House will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 12, 2026 between 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

7. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

A Request for the Transfer of a Liquor License from DAV Chapter 0038, located at 821 Erie St. S., Massillon, Ohio 44646 to VFW Auxiliary 3124 Massillon, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, located at 821 Erie St. S., Massillon, Ohio 44646. Permit Class is D-4 and is located in Ward 4.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Townsend, did you received a copy of this?

COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND – Yes, I have it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you.

10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

11. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Treasurer's Report - November 2025

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Our next Work Session will be Monday, January 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

13. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

14. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

15. THIRD READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

18. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Marcum.

COUNCILMAN MARCUM – I would move to adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilman Ray. Roll call.

9 yes to adjourn

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

MIKE SLATER, PRESIDENT