

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Welcome to the rescheduled Massillon City Council Meeting for Tuesday, January 18, 2022. We have in attendance the following City officials: Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Safety Service Director, Barb Sylvester, Community Development Director, Samantha Walters, 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, Julie Harwig Smith, Ted Herncane, Ed Lewis, Mark Lombardi, Jamie Slutz, Mike Snee, and Jim Thieret.

Roll call of 9 present

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILWOMAN JILL CREAMER

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER

4. READING OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Councilwoman Creamer. 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 corrections or additions to be made?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – No, there are not.

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

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

6. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – I asked Mr. Lewis if he would give us his evaluation of how the sound system is working since he did it from home last week.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – From listening in, it was mostly inaudible and very hard to follow along; could not understand what was being said and if I wouldn't have had the agenda on my phone, I would have had no idea what was going on throughout the meeting. The one thing I will say is that there were a couple of people that you could hear; Mike Gregg and Ted Herncane and I'm not just trying to say that everybody else sucks, but they seemed to speak directly into the mic and loudly, so, when we speak, we probably need to make sure we are right on top of that mic, speaking clearly and loudly. Otherwise, the minute you turn your head away like this, you're not hearing it all through the broadcast.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And I'm guilty as well, so, let's all work on that, please. Anything else for New and Miscellaneous Business?

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 1 – 2022

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending the Zoning Map of the City of Massillon, Ohio, by rezoning certain property from R-1 One Family Residential to B-3 General Business District.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – I'm going to call on Councilwoman Creamer in just one second. For the new people, when someone makes a motion, the person that I call for to second it is someone from that committee. So, for instance, if Jill would bring something forward, I would look to either Ed Lewis or Mike Snee to second it. I'm not snubbing anybody; we like to have it from someone on that same committee. So, don't be bashful. All right. Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you, Madam President. This request we discussed at the Work Session comes to us recommended by the City Planning Commission. The applicant is Alrashdan, LLC. It is Lot #478WH of Parcel #610533. I believe this parcel has been vacant over a six-month period, so it does revert back to its original zoning. Does anyone have any questions regarding this? Seeing none, I will ask Ms. Rolland, we need to schedule a public hearing 30-days from today. I have the date of February 22nd. Is that correct?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Correct.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – So, we will have a public hearing on February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers in order to move this forward. So, tonight I will be giving it first reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 1 – 2022 has received first reading. Ord. No. 2 – 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 2 – 2022

BY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with Jennifer Perko to provide an economic development “inducement grant” to fund start-up costs including build-out, equipment, etc. for Luvih Yoga Studio located at 15 Federal Ave. N.E., Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Herncane.

COUNCILMAN HERNCANE – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 2 – 2022 has received first reading. Ord. No. 3 – 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 3 – 2022

BY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with Joyce and Judy Phillips to provide an economic development “inducement grant” to fund start-up costs including build-out, equipment, etc. for The Good Way to Shop, located at 104 Cherry Ave. N.W., Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Herncane.

COUNCILMAN HERNCANE – Thank you, Madam President. First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 3 – 2022 has received first reading. Ord. No. 4 – 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 4 – 2022

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to accept the dedication of a sanitary sewer easement for Candell St., S.E., Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Thieret.

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Thank you, Madam President. First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 4 – 2022 has received first reading. Ord. No. 5 – 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 5 – 2022

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to accept the dedication of road right of way and approve the Replat of Out Lot 927, Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Thieret.

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Thank you, Madam President. First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 5 – 2022 has received first reading. Ord. No. 6 – 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 6 – 2022

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to accept the dedication of sanitary sewer easements in the City of Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Thieret.

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Thank you, Madam President. One more time, first reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 6 – 2022 has received first reading. Ord. No. 7 – 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 7 – 2022

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1203 Community Development Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. I believe this was discussed last week at the Work Session. I would ask are there any questions or discussion this evening? If there are none, then I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 7 – 2022 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. 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. 7 – 2022 has passed. Ord. No. 8 – 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 8 – 2022

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund for the Sidewalk Replacement Program, for the year ending December 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes, Madam President. I would like to start with if there's anyone from the Administration that could give me justification for the need of an emergency, considering that these funds will be disbursed for well beyond thirty-days.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISNTICK – Thank you, Mrs. Sylvester.

BARB SYLVESTER – Good evening. The emergency language is on there because the program only runs until April 30th; the ordinance states that's the date for the applications to come in. So, the other reason is that we have received a lot of calls in our office and in Engineering that people are anxious to see if the program is moving forward this year and we'd like to see it move forward. But, of course, we need the funding for it. But, that's the reason that it's on there.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Okay. I understand that and that's what I assumed. But I'm just thinking that, I don't mean to be picking hairs here, but if we vote tonight and it passes and you're assured the money, you just won't have it released to you until February 18th; you won't disburse funds until this summer, correct; until work has begun?

BARB SYLVESTER – Well, as soon as weather permits for cement to be poured. We do it immediately. If we get warm weather in March and they're pouring cement, you can do it as early as then.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – That's correct.

BARB SYLVESTER – February would be nice if we got warm weather in February.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I think I'm inclined to take the emergency language out just because the funds would become available mid-February, no one's pouring cement between now and mid-February. You'll have the insurance that the funds are coming to you and by the time everything comes together, the money would be there regardless.

BARB SYLVESTER – And also, it would be nice for the Engineering Dept. and because again, we receive all the documentation from them. They have to give us at least two proposals, the photos, the videos, so, we still, the Engineering Dept., does still go out and verify everything. So, it would give them time to get everything in line that goes approved. It also would help a lot of our city contractors that do the work because, like last year, it was a lot of work for our city contractors. Which was good for them, but, this way we could, at least, spend it down a little bit, the sooner that we have it. Good things go organized and approved and as soon as weather breaks, they'd be able to start.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Does anyone else have any questions?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – When did you say the deadline was?

BARB SYLVESTER – April 30th.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – That’s all the questions I have. Seeing the explanation given, but it still seems that passage tonight, if we were to move forward on it, would still mean that the funds are coming, the program is approved for the year, I don’t see justification for emergency language. If anyone else is opposed to that thought process?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – I just need to clarify. I believe at the Work Session I ask the question of the Safety Service Director that posting this on the website, if the application was posted for residents to start applying and I was under the understanding that nothing was being posted until it came and it was approved by Council. But, I may have misunderstood something, but that was what I understood. Because I have residents calling me also and I haven’t responded back to them because I want to make sure that application is posted online in order for them to proceed. So, that’s just my concern at this point.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lombardi.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – Just for clarification; should we take the emergency language off and we pass this tonight, the ordinance is passed and the program is going forward, the money will just not be available until February 18th; is this correct?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – That would be accurate. They could post it, they could accept applications, they could do all the work leading up to it, they just can’t cut a check until February 18th.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – So, that’s the only hold up on the emergency language; so, I don’t see any reason why we need to put emergency language with this.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Thieret.

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Thank you, Madam President. That was my understanding, also; we kind of want to be able to make sure that the funds are there and available to them before they posted it on the internet to accept applications. So, by delaying our voting, we are kind of tying their hands, if you would. So, that’s why I thought that this was a go. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Herncane.

COUNCILMAN HERNCAINE – Thank you, Madam President. I will say that I don’t have a problem with the emergency language being on. I think we’re going to pass this one way, shape or form. I don’t think they’re looking at expending funds any time in the near future. I don’t see any reason why we just can’t go forward with this tonight.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? So, Councilman Lewis, without the emergency language, if it’s passed tonight, do they have to wait thirty-days?

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I'm just going to move forward as it is because, obviously, it's a confusing point and I don't want anybody to be confused. But, for a matter of the fact so that everybody knows, all the emergency language does is make it go into effect immediately, meaning the money would be available to them tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m.; that's all that does. When we take the it out, it means the program has been approved, they can go ahead and work on the program, take applications, accept applications and grant money and everything, they just can't cut a check for thirty-days. That's all the appropriation does and the only reason I even brought it up was because we do try to be somewhat mindful of the fact of how we use emergency language. I noticed that Ordinances No. 1 thru 6, they didn't have emergency language on any of those. So, I was just trying to be mindful and two of those are economic development grants, so, the way they are now, they won't get their money until the end of February. So, we might want to look at that too. Just to be mindful of that, that's all. If nobody cares and they're okay with the emergency language, we'll just leave it in. I just wanted to point that out real quick. I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 8 – 2022 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. 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. 8 – 2022 has passed. Ord. No. 9 – 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 9 – 2022

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to exercise the option to renew for the fifth year under the terms of the Agreement originally effective January 1, 2013, with Kimble Recycling & Disposal, Inc. for the collection of residential and commercial refuse and recycling for the 2022 calendar year, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 9 – 2022 has received first reading. Res. No. 1 – 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – 2022

BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A RESOLUTION appointing **DIANE ROLLAND** as **Administrative Assistant/Clerk of Council** of Massillon City Council and establishing salary for said job, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Are there any questions? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Res. No. 1 – 2022 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. 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. Res. No. 1 – 2022 has passed. Res. No. 2 – 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – 2022 **BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

A RESOLUTION commending **MEGAN E. STARRETT** as a Member of City Council of the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. We'd just like to thank Mrs. Starrett for her eight years of service to the City. Are there any comments or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Res. No. 2 – 2022 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. 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. Res. No. 2 – 2022 has passed. Res. No. 3 – 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – 2022 **BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

A RESOLUTION commending **LINDA K. LITMAN** as a Member of City Council of the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. We'd like to thank Mrs. Litman for her six years of service to the City. Are there questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Res. No. 3 – 2022 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. 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. Res. No. 3 – 2022 has passed. Res. No. 4 – 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – 2022

BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A RESOLUTION authorizing the sale, during calendar year 2022, of city-owned motor vehicles and equipment which are not needed for public use, or are obsolete or unfit for the use for which they were acquired, by internet auction, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Res. No. 4 – 2022 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. 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. Res. No. 4 – 2022 has passed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

US Bank Equip. Finance	-	\$ 127.00	January Payment for Copier
Diane Rolland (Office Depot)	-	<u>34.00</u>	Wall Calendar for Chambers
Total	-	\$ 161.00	

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. 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

Approval of Mayor’s Appointment to Historic Preservation Commission:
Gary Miller

Approval of Mayor’s Appointments to Stormwater District Review and Appeals Board:
Mike Knight, Dave Irwin and Gary Miller

Mayor’s Report - December 2021
Auditor’s Report - December 2021

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. Was the Clerk referencing that we need to actually approve these appointments or are these appointments just notifications?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – You actually need to approve the appointments. There were the Mayor’s appointments approved during the Work Session when you weren’t here last Monday. So, I think you do need to vote on these to approve these appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Stormwater District Review and Appeals Board.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion that approve the Mayor’s appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Stormwater District Review and Appeals Board.

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

9 yes to approve the Mayor’s appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Mayor’s appointments to the Stormwater District Review and Appeals Board

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. The Mayor’s appointments have been approved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion that we accept the Auditor’s Report.

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

9 yes to accept the Auditor’s Report

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. The Auditor’s Report has been accepted.

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Our next Work Session will be Monday, January 31, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. When there are five Mondays in the month, we have Council on first and third Mondays and Committee Meetings on second and last Mondays.

13. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

14. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

15. THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

JOE SCIERRETTI – 3596 SR 39, Dover, OH. I'll be very brief; thank you, Madam President and members of Council. I represent the Kimble Co. We do have significant property in Stark County off Rt. 800 and the Canton South area. But our home base is Dover. Thank you very much for your attention this evening. I have been working with Barb. I'm new on the account for Kimble, but I understand that there had been a number of communications even before working with Barb. We have a renewal increase in front of you. Hopefully you've seen that information and it's something that had taken place back in 2012 when Kimble won the bid. It was a ten year bid with five year renewals. So, five years and then five years thereafter, each year was 3% maximum or the CPI. This year, in particular the CPI is pretty significant. So, it's 7%, December to December. It comes out each month on the 10th. So, November you may have seen 6.8%. It went up .2%, so we're at 7% now. And I say that because the citizens of Massillon, their increase will not be 7%, it'll be that 3% ceiling where the Council at that time had the wisdom to say that we want to ceil this off at 3%. Even in the face of inflation which was 6.8% last month and then we know 7% from the 10th. The darkest days are behind us, I think, in terms of what we've gone through for COVID, I hope. We've seen a little bit of bounce back currently with quarantining. But, I hope and we all hope, the whole industry hopes that the darkest time of the night is gone. We went through two years; it was very challenging. Not only for our workers and their families that were getting sick, but certainly the families that we were serving and we did everything with reassignment over a time that we could possibly do. But the truth of the matter is that our workers, at fourteen hours, they're cut off. The Federal government, you may or may not know this with COVID, they increased that time two hours. So, it was twelve hours and these guys and ladies were out working fourteen hour shifts collecting refuse and recycling in grim conditions sometimes like we had yesterday. And so, we service a number of communities in throughout Northeast Ohio. Our home base is in Dover and that serves us well because of I-77, but we go all the way up to the lake and all the way down beyond Marietta, into West Virginia and have a strong presence in Eastern Ohio. So, we're honored to serve the citizens of Massillon. We hope we can continue to do that. We are receiving calls at our home office because goodwill Massillonians, they want to pay their bill. They're wondering why we haven't sent them a bill. Because, typically, we would pay it up front and then we would collect into those three months. So, typically, they're used to receiving that bill in January. I appreciate the first reading this evening, but I also appreciate Barb and the Mayor going through as emergency legislation because it's something that we want to make sure we're giving you all of the facts and we're doing everything on our part and that we can continue to service Massillon. Any questions? Thank you.

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

L.J. DELUCA – 2954 Veterans Blvd. S.E., Massillon, OH. Thank you, Madam President and Diane, Madam Mayor and also our very good Safety Service Director, Barb Sylvester. I want to say a few things about Kimble. I know the Kimble Co. years ago, called on him, sat in Keith Kimble's office. There's an Italian guy there, like myself that handles the City of Massillon. It's a great company. I want to continue with Kimble here and I'm sure all of the residents of Massillon do. Let's give them what they want. They're a great family company. Massillon is a great family city. Jaime, Ted, you know that. Anyhow, I want to continue on here. I'm going to go like I'm on a snowmobile, here; so hang on, okay. I only got a little bit of time. We finally got it right, here at City Council, so I'm real proud. Ted Herncane, the head, I believe, Chairperson of the Economic Development, we got that right. Thank you everybody who got that or had anything to do with Ted Herncane. We got somebody who has experience and he's going to take us the right way. I want to talk about the take away from Mayor Kathy Catazaro at the State of the City address. There's a lot of rumors out there. I just think we need a lot of transparency from the Mayor's office to get right. Residents from Ward 4 want more. Residents from Ward 6, residents from Ward 3, want more. I appreciate Michael Snee. I've known him for a long time with the other person that was running. Julie, I talked to you. I want to congratulate both of them for what a great thing. I'd like to see a state of economic department, state of the City records, state of City marketing things; some of the things we did. I heard the Mayor's City Address up in Akron, State of the City, it was great, I liked it. I thought it was great. I got all of the facts and figures, I have them here. I'm not going to bore you with that because I listened to them and I like that. I want to talk about Nixel here. Some folks thought it was a store at Belden Village Mall. That means we're not doing very good with transparency. Nixel is not a store at Belden Village. Although, I talked to the mall manager, he said that would fit in real good, but I said, don't do it, you can't do it. Nixel is an alert for local cities like Massillon. You text your zip code to 888777. You get mobile alerts. Well, you say, L.J., what kind of alerts do we get? The Massillon Recreation Center is closed today 1/17/22 due to inclement weather, we apologize for the inconvenience. Snow parking ban, here's another one. Snow parking ban in effect at 6:00 p.m. 1/16/22 until further notification from the Safety Service Director, which is Barb Sylvester, Ord. 35. So you get a lot of this. How about what the Mayor said about our new Duncan Plaza she's done a lot for. We get those alerts too. The summer concerts series, the Monday night concerts, Santa Cottage at Christmas, the Fun Fest, Massillon Museum and all that. Also, I want to talk about QR codes and then I'll end it up. We all use QR codes, I do myself and I'm guilty about that. But companies QR codes like mine to point consumers to their apps and track packages and do menus. But the problem is now that these QR codes can't be read by the human eye, they never could be, okay. But a lot of people are scamming us on that. They're scamming us on that, on these QR codes. Are you aware of that? We don't know what's going on and I never thought about that. And ending it up, Massillon is a girl scout proud. I'm really proud of this. We have a lot of girl scouts in our area. We love the girl scouts and the reason why I say this, they became unique, the girl scouts. In the COVID-19 pandemic, they found good ways and unique ways to do that, to sell the girl scout cookies and I just want to mention to you, some of those, they figured out ways, these girl scout cookies. This is what we want from young people here in Massillon. They're pros, like I said. They found new ways, they implemented new ideas in 2020. They used drive-thru cookie booths. Used door hangers and they used, as I mentioned, QR codes. But with the girl scouts, it's legit. Let's help them out. I think they are \$5.00 a box and even if you don't know a girl scout, you can get involved in that. Thank you very much and have a great day. One other thing I want to say to my fellow business owners, I want you to stay sharp, be visual, keep your overhead low and your service excellent. With COVID-19, we're

going to win it. Thank you, Madam President, Diane and Madam Mayor. Have a great day everybody.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, L.J.

18. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – I make a motion to adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT