

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Good evening. Welcome to the Massillon City Council meeting for Monday, February 3, 2025. We have in attendance the following City officials: Mayor, Jamie Slutz, Asst. Law Director, Edmond Mack, City Engineer, Alex Pitts, and Director of Development, Ted Herncane. 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, Madam Clerk.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Holly Bryan-Huth, Jill Creamer, Ed Lewis, John Paquelet and Eric Ray

Roll call of 5 present

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion that we excuse Gregg, Harwig Smith and Cunningham.

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

5 yes to excuse Councilwoman Cunningham, Councilman Gregg and Councilwoman Harwig Smith

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk.

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILMAN JOHN PAQUELET

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILMAN PAQUELET

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Councilman Paquelet.

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 – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. With the resignation of Mr. Lombardi, that does leave us with a vacancy in the role of President Pro Tem of Massillon City Council. So we do have to nominate and vote. I did speak with Councilman Gregg over the past week and told him of my intentions to nominate him. He did express that he would accept the nomination if this Council did so choose to affirm it. So, unless there's some other discussion, I would move forward a motion. Seeing none, I would make a motion that we nominate Councilman Michael Gregg as President Pro Tem to continue this term.

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

5 yes to nominate and appoint Councilman Michael Gregg as President Pro Tem

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Councilman Lewis and Madam Clerk.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 5 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 5 – 2025

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an Agreement with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office for historic reviews for the City's Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Planning and Development (CPD) Programs, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you. Ord. No. 5 – 2025 has received first reading. Ord. No. 6 - 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 6 – 2025

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the purpose of Sidewalk Replacement Program, for the year ending December 31, 2025.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 6 – 2025 has received first reading.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

A Request for a New Liquor License for Tremont Coffee, LLC, DBA Tremont Coffee Co., located at 215 Erie St. N., Massillon, Ohio 44646. Permit Classes are D1, D2 and D3 and is located in Ward 2.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Ray, did you receive a copy of this?

COUNCILMAN RAY – Yes, Council President. I received one.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you.

A Request for a Transfer of a Liquor License from Olde Timers Bar and Grill, LLC, 1st Fl & Patio, located at 1316 Tremont Ave. S.W., Massillon, Ohio 44647 to Olde Timers Bar and Grill, Inc., 1st Fl & Patio, located at 1316 Tremont Ave. S.W., Massillon, Ohio 44647. Permit Class is D5 and is located in Ward 5.

A Request for a New Liquor License for Fouad Alrashdan, Lincoln Way Drive Thru, located at 723 Lincoln Way W., Massillon, Ohio 44647. Permit Class is C2 and is located in Ward 5.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – And copies of these have been placed in Councilwoman Harwig Smith’s mailbox.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Appreciate that, Madam Clerk.

10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

11. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Treasurer’s Report - December 2024

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you.

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Our next Work Session will be Monday, February 10, 2025, 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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 4 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 4 – 2025

BY: RULES, COURTS & CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to accept and enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Massillon F.O.P. Henderson Lodge Police Officers Association, Gold Unit, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Bryan-Huth.

COUNCILWOMAN BRYAN-HUTH – Thank you, Mr. President. I was told, at this time, the papers are still in process, so it will be second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you. Ord. No. 4 – 2025 has received its second reading.

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

18. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Paquelet.

COUNCILMAN PAQUELET – I'd like to make a request for adjournment.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilwoman Creamer. Roll call.

5 yes to adjourn

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

MIKE SLATER, PRESIDENT