

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Good evening. Welcome to the Massillon City Council meeting for Tuesday, February 18, 2025. We have in attendance the following City officials: Mayor, Jamie Slutz, Safety Service Director, Renee Baker, Chief Counsel, Earle Wise Jr., Director of Development, Ted Herncane, Police Chief, Jason Saintenoy, Income Tax/Budget Director, Lori Kotagides-Boron and Street Superintendent, Tom Burgasser. 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, Mike Gregg, Julie Harwig Smith, Seth Marcum, Ed Lewis, John Paquelet and Eric Ray

Roll call of 8 present

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Mr. President. I’d like to make a motion that we excuse Councilwoman Cunningham.

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

8 yes to excuse Councilwoman Cunningham

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, Madam Clerk.

**2. INVOCATION**

**COUNCILMAN ERIC RAY**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**LED BY COUNCILMAN RAY**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, Councilman Ray.

**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. Because of the addition of Mr. Marcum replacing Mr. Lombardi onto, we do have to go forward with assigning Committees. We passed out last week a proposed list and if you reference that, it is taking the Committees that Mark Lombardi had which would have been Chair of Police and Fire, and he had a seat on Health and Welfare and he also had a seat on Finance and what we're requesting to be done is we're making a motion to be done tonight where there'd be that Seth Marcum would go onto Police and Fire. Seth Marcum would go onto Finance, but then we would take Julie Harwig Smith; remove her from Health and Welfare and placing her onto Rules and Courts...

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – The other way around.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I'm sorry, removing her from Rules and Courts and putting her on Health and Welfare and then putting Mr. Marcum on Rules and Courts. If there's no opposition or discussion, I would go ahead and make that motion this evening.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Seconded by Councilwoman Harwig Smith. Roll call.

8 yes to adjust our List of Committees as per what motion Councilman Lewis stated

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, Councilman Lewis. I appreciate that. Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Mr. President. In accordance with Division (G)(4) of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, I move that we enter into executive session to include all Members of Council, the Council President, Mayor Jamie Slutz, Director of Safety and Service, Renee Baker, Chief of Police Jason Saintenoy, Law Dept. Chief Counsel, Earle Wise and Income Tax/Budget Director, Lori Kotagides Boron. The purpose of this executive session is for reviewing negotiation sessions relating to the Collective Bargaining Agreements with several of the City's public employees' unions concerning their compensation and other terms and conditions of their employment. Is there a second?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Seconded by Councilwoman Bryan-Huth. Roll call.

8 yes to enter into Executive Session – 6:40 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – I move that we exit Executive Session.

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

8 yes to exit Executive Session – 7:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. We are now back in Regular Session.

**7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Res. No. 4 - 2025.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4 – 2025**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A RESOLUTION authorizing the sale, during calendar year 2025, of city-owned personal property, including motor vehicles, equipment, tools, or supplies, 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 SLATER** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. We’ve passed a resolution like this over the past few years. 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 – 2025 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Res. No. 4 – 2025 has passed.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

A Request for a Stock Exchange of a Liquor License issued to Bhau Mart Inc., DBA Giant 425 (BP’s) located at 2711 Lincoln Way E., Massillon, Ohio 44646. Permit Classes are C1, C2 and D6 and is located in Ward 3.

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

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Yes, I did.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you.

**10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS**

Locali Gannett - \$ 889.04 Publication of December Ordinances

US Bank Equip. Finance - \$ 133.35 – February Invoice for Copier submitted for payment February 4, 2025

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Lewis.

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

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

8 yes to pay the bills

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – The Clerk will pay the bills and charge them to their proper accounts.

**11. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Auditor's Report - January 2025

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Lewis.

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

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

8 yes to accept the Auditor's Report

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. The Auditor's Report has been accepted. Thank you, Madam Clerk.

**12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Our next Work Session will be Monday, February 24, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

**13. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**14. CALL OF THE CALENDAR**

**15. THIRD 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** – Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Mr. President. I move that we bring Ord. No. 4 – 2025 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Seconded by Councilwoman Harwig Smith. Roll call for passage.

8 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 4 – 2025 has passed.

**16. SECOND READING 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 of 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** – Thank you, Mr. President. We all received a copy of this agreement and Mr. Herncane gave us an overview a couple of weeks ago at the Work Session. Are there any other questions or concerns you may have with this agreement? It is a five-year agreement. This is our second agreement with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. It does have emergency language. I would like to move forward if there are no questions. Seeing none, I'd like to waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 5 – 2025 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 5 – 2025 has passed. 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 the Sidewalk Replacement Program, for the year ending December 31, 2025.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. We've been doing the Sidewalk Program for a few years. This year it's going to be for \$100,000.00 based off of the current usage of what the community has requested. 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. 6 – 2025 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 6 – 2025 has passed.

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

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Ray.

**COUNCILMAN RAY** – I make a motion that we adjourn.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Seconded by Councilwoman Harwig Smith. Roll call.

8 yes to adjourn

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Meeting adjourned.

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DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

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MIKE SLATER, PRESIDENT