

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, April 6, 2020. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Mayor, Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Safety Service Director, Barb Sylvester, Auditor, Jayne Ferrero, Chief Deputy Auditor, Debbie Bonk, Community Development Director, Samantha Walters, Economic Development Director, Dave Maley, Police Chief, Keith Moser and Fire Chief, Tom Burgasser. On the wall to the left are agendas if you wish to follow the meeting. Also, if you look at the agenda, under item #5 is where the public can speak on any item that appears on tonight’s agenda and then under item #17 is where the public can speak on any item that does NOT appear on tonight’s agenda. I want remind anyone with cell phones, please turn them down or set them to vibrate.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Roll call.

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

Roll call of 9 present

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Councilman Thieret.

**2. INVOCATION**

**COUNCILMAN JIM THIERET**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**LED BY COUNCILMAN THIERET**

**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** – They are, but they’re audio only.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISNTICK** – Thank you. 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. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
8. **PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

An Application for Change of Stock Ownership for Los Tres Erres Inc., DBA Buggy's Pasta House and Lounge & Patio located at 7936 Hills and Dales Rd., Massillon, OH 44646. Permit Classes are D1, D2, D3 and D6 and is located in Ward 1.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Does Councilman Lombardi have a copy of that?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – I emailed on to him.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay, thank you. Is he not with us? Okay.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I think he he's having problems which, Madam President, that's going to present us with an issue when it comes to if we have members that need to be audibly heard.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lombardi, are you there? Mike Gregg are you there? We can't hear you, Mr. Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Could they maybe just try to call in and forget about the visual?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yeah, because we do have to be able to hear you. I see that Mr. Lombardi has gone offline. So, maybe he's going to try to get in again. Mr. Gregg, do you want to do the same thing? Mr. Lombardi is trying to join.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – While we're waiting on him, I also have another request.

A Request for a Transfer of Liquor License for Dolgen Midwest, LLC, DBA Dollar General Store 8358 located at 254 Federal Ave. N.W., Massillon, OH 44747 to Dolgen Midwest, LLC, DBA Dollar General Store 9584 located at 130 Cherry Rd., Massillon, OH 44647. Permit Classes are C1 and C2 and is located in Ward 2.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Thieret, did you get a copy of that?

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Yes, I do; I have a copy.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Go ahead, Diane.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Diane, I do believe that there's a typo. Should that be 44647?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – I believe that you are correct. Thank you.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – You're welcome.

A Request for a New Liquor License for Sangria Stand, LLC, located at 39 Lincoln Way E., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Unit, Massillon, Ohio 44646. Permit Class D3 and is located in Ward 2.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Thieret.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – I have a copy of that also.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Can you hear me now?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yes, we can hear you now.

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI** – Can you hear me now, Claudette?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yes, we can. Thank you.

**9. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS**

Konica Minolta	-	\$ 116.65	Black Toner and Waste Box
Keller's Office Furniture	-	90.00	Copy Paper
Bonnie's Engravers	-	<u>22.00</u>	Rubber Stamp
		<b>\$ 228.65</b>	

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Roll call.  
9 yes to pay the bills

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

**10. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Our next Work Session will be Monday, April 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Madam President, you were going to see if they wanted to continue to have the Work Session and the Council meeting on the same night.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. I did contact most of them. At least seven of them wanted to and I didn't get in touch with the other two because they didn't answer. They said that they would prefer meeting once a week since everything is changing on a daily basis. So, we're just going to meet regularly as we have before. Is that okay with everyone?

**COUNCILMEMBERS** – Yes.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Alright.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Madam President.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yes.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – For the sake of that meeting, do we just continue to follow the same link that was sent out this week?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – As far as I know. Ms. Sylvester, is this the link that the City is using.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – It's going to be the link for all of the Council meetings. Yes, that's correct.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – You're welcome.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Do we just keep that or will we get a new one each week? Just keep it?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – You want a new invite? We can send out a new invite each week, yes. You want to do it that way? Does that make it easier for you?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Alright. Just send us one each week.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Okay.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay.

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

**13. CALL OF THE CALENDAR**

**ORDINANCE NO. 11 – 2020**                      **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Tabled March 2, 2020 until April 6, 2020**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to exercise the option to renew the Engineering contract with OHM Advisors for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. I'd like to make a motion that we table Ord. No. 11 – 2020 until the meeting of June 15, 2020.

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

9 yes to table Ord. No. 11 – 2020 until June 15, 2020

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 11 – 2020 has been tabled to June 15, 2020.

#### 14. **THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 26 – 2020**

**BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with Tremont Coffee to provide an economic development “inducement grant” to fund expansion costs at the property located at 215 Erie Street N., Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Thank you, Madam President. We’ve had significant conversation about this inducement grant earlier this evening in our Work Session. So, at this point, are there any other questions or concerns that have not been addressed. Hearing none, I would ask that we bring this forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 26 – 2020 has passed. Ord. No. 29 – 2020.

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 29 – 2020**

**BY: RULES, COURTS AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 121 “COUNCIL” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, be enacting a new Chapter 121 “COUNCIL” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, pursuant to “Unclassified Rules”, Section 121.02(r); Rule 68 of the Codified Ordinances of Massillon, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Madam President. We discussed this earlier. This is the ordinance dealing with gender in our Codified Ordinances. I think we’ve had a lot of discussion on this. At this point, I make a motion that we bring this 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. 29 – 2020 has passed. Ord. No. 30 – 2020.

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 30 – 2020**

**BY: RULES, COURTS AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 121 “COUNCIL” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, by enacting a new Chapter 121 “COUNCIL” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, pursuant to “Unclassified Rules”, Section 121;.02(r); Rule 68 of the Codified Ordinances of Massillon, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Madam President. This ordinance deals with changing the order on our agenda for Council meetings. We were moving “Unfinished Business” ahead of new ordinances and resolutions. Again, we’ve had a lot of discussion on this. I make a motion that we move this 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. 30 – 2020 has passed.

## 15. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

### **ORDINANCE NO. 35 – 2020**

### **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 1151.02 of the Massillon Code of 1985 rezoning a certain tract of land from R-3 One-Family Residential to B-2 Business, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Thank you, Madam President. As discussed earlier, at this point, I plan to table this ordinance due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. So, at this point, I make a motion that we table this Ordinance No. 35 – 2020 to June 15, 2020.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Halter. Roll call.

9 yes to table Ordinance. No. 35 – 2020 until June 15, 2020

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 35 – 2020 has been tabled until June 15, 2020.

## 16. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – I know that many of you had questions and concerns addressed to me. So, after the Mayor gives us an update, if your question hasn’t been answered, please don’t hesitate to ask it and then somebody from the Administration can answer it. Mayor, are you ready?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Yes, I am. Good evening everyone, Madam President. As you know, on March 9<sup>th</sup> the Ohio Dept. of Health announced confirmed cases in the State of Ohio of COVID-19. On that same day, Governor DeWine declared a state of an emergency

and we followed suit on March 19<sup>th</sup> and we declared a state of emergency for our City. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, the County Commissioners declared a state of emergency. What that does for our City is, if you don't know, it allows us to go after dollars, state and federal dollars to help with our expenditures that go above and beyond our annual budget. And so, we thought it was very important to put that into place right away because we truly are in the middle of a pandemic and these are very unprecedented times as you all know. I'm sure you've all been watching the news. With that, we put in place our Incident Command Structure and I have Chief Burgasser on the line to review that with each one of you. Chief? Chief, can you hear me?

**TOM BURGASSER** – Yes, I can.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Can you speak a little louder?

**TOM BURGASSER** – Yes. Can you hear me now?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Yes. Thank you, Chief.

**TOM BURGASSER** – Can everyone hear me?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yes.

**TOM BURGASSER** – Good evening, everyone. I just wanted to give you a brief run-down of where we are with respect to the City Emergency Operations Plan. Is everyone hearing an echo like I am?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yes.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Are you on speaker phone, Chief?

**TOM BURGASSER** – I am. Can you hear me now? Is that better?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Much better.

**TOM BURGASSER** – Okay. So, we're in the mitigation case of a local, state and federal emergency based on pandemic, as such, and according to the ORC and the Administrative Code, we're operating under the National Incident Command System in a unified command. Your officers are as such, your Incident Commander is Terri Argent and Chief Moser and I are in unified command. Your Operations Section Chief is Chief Heck. Your Plan Inspection Chief is also me. Your Logistics Section Chief is Dave Maley and your Finance Administration Section Chief is Lori Kotagides-Boron. Your PIO is the Mayor and your Safety Officer is Barb Sylvester, the Safety Director. Samantha Walters is our Liaison Officer. All of this is important to know because that's how we follow National Incident Command Structure and the Incident Command Structure. We are and have been operating under an Incident Action Plan for the City for the last two operational periods. Operational periods run from Friday to Friday and we're under the second operational period which started April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The IP that we are following has objectives; it's found on the City website. I can't get to my computer because I'm going to echo, so I would just ask that you refer to the City website for our Incident Objectives, but basically they are that we're going to do fire EMS operations according to amended protocols and procedures and you'll find that in the Fire Dept.'s Incident Action Plan, also on the website.

The Non-Essential City Services have been restricted for safety reasons. The Police Dept. will operate according to amended protocol based on their Incident Action Plan. The Health Dept. is the lead agency for providing information and guidance to all of us and for additional things, you'd have to consult the website. I'm sorry, if I get close to my computer I'm going to echo and I don't want to do that. Does anyone have any questions for me?

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Chief?

**TOM BURGASSER** – Yes.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – I have a question regarding the protocol itself, not so much the command order, but the actual precaution that our employees are doing when they're actually out in the community trying to do their job? Can you respond?

**TOM BURGASSER** – Sure. We are operating under guidance from the current CDC. As put out for emergency medical service operations and in conjunction with that, we are operating under the Stark County Medical Control Board's amended Procedures and Policies based on COVID-19. You'll find all of that in the Fire Dept.'s Incident Action Plan. It's on the City website.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else have questions for the Chief?

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Just one brief one as I understand that you are going to have any updates each Friday and those will all automatically appear on the City's website?

**TOM BURGASSER** – Yes. The only exception, Jim, is that we have two different versions. There is the public record version which has all of our cell phones redacted and the confidential version is, obviously, with cell phones included.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Thank you.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Thank you, Chief. Now I'd like to have Terri Argent speak to Council as well. Terri and Audrey Sylvester.

**TERRI ARGENT** – The Health Dept. is in unified command, of course, as Chief Burgasser mentioned with EMS, Police and City Administration. We are also in unified command with the other three health departments in Stark County and with the Emergency Management Agency for Incident Management. The Health Dept., they're still working around the clock monitoring COVID contacts and taking calls from the Ohio Dept. of Health, CDC, doctors, hospitals, other health departments and others about contact tracing. We are staying in daily communication with other health departments, Ohio Dept. of Health, CDC, Akron Region Hospital Association, the Stark County Emergency Management Agency, local hospitals and others. We're taking as many as five or sometimes more conference calls per day to keep up with current developments. We're also accepting and distributing PPE in conjunction with our emergency management agencies to supply hospitals and other caregivers. Citizens can bring extra PPE here and if we find them, we take them to whoever might need them at the time and/or to the emergency management agency. We're assisting businesses, homeless shelters, nursing homes and others to develop plans for increased numbers of residents and medical surge and to provide weekly updates on Ohio Dept. of Health changes and information. We're managing complaints and concerns and investigating businesses for compliance to the Governor's orders

for non-essential businesses to be closed during the “Stay-at-Home” orders. We’re speaking with the media often about the COVID-19 situation and managing numerous phone calls from concerned citizens about questions about the virus. This is all being done, of course, while we’re giving vaccines, still doing TB tests for health care workers and processing birth and death certificates, investigating businesses and providing WIC clients with food and education. Our staff through the County ICS continuity plan has been initiated for remote work to protect the safety of our work force. We are working remote from home when we can. We try to see clients only two days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays. And then we are also making sure that information gets out to the City staff and Council through the MMWR, that is the Epidemiology Report for the County. And that’s all that I have.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Are there any confirmed cases in Massillon?

**TERRI ARGENT** – We can’t give that out according to the Governor’s rules and ODH because we have very few numbers in the County. So, we are going by the County basis only and Audrey Sylvester can give you the numbers for the County. She has those.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Alright.

**AUDREY SYLVESTER** – As of today, we have 109 positive cases and seven deaths in our County.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Terri, this is Jill Creamer.

**TERRI ARGENT** – Yes.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Is there any concern regarding prisoners going back and forth? They’re having issues at Elkton Prison with COVID-19. Is there any concern with the Stark County prison having issues or are we doing anything differently?

**TERRI ARGENT** – Audrey, would you have that? That’s controlled by the County, actually; the Massillon City.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Are we taking prisoners there?

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Jill, I can speak briefly about the Stark County Jail and how it’s being handled, obviously, because I work with them every day. We are not transporting any prisoners back and forth from the Stark County Jail to courts unless it is a case where, for example, some type of hearing where they need to be able to confront witnesses. Most of those hearings, we are trying to hold off on until after the pandemic passes. So, most hearings are being done by video unless absolutely necessary to transport. They are taking prisoners and they are violent felonies, but most low-level and nonviolent things, they are trying to not hold them in the Stark County Jail at this point.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Okay, thank you.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – So, we’re doing as little transport as possible and only holding those that are necessity and anybody that shows any symptoms, I believe, are being held in medical isolation just for precautionary purposes.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Mayor, is there any word on whether or not we're going to use Affinity Hospital?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – I don't know if anyone had the opportunity today to listen to the Governor at 2:00 p.m., but they have selected five or six sites already and they are still assessing more. We had our site assessed actually today at 10:00 a.m., additional assessment. So, we're waiting to hear if we have been selected.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And if we are selected, is there any cost to the City?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – No. We made that known up front that we do not have any dollars to put towards reopening that hospital and they are completely aware of that.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else on Council with any questions?

**COUNCILMAN HERNACANE** – Madam President?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Go ahead.

**COUNCILMAN HERNACANE** – Mayor, can you give us kind of a breakdown of what, I know the Health Dept. is, obviously working, but what other departments are open? Can you talk to a little bit about the staffing of who is working; whether they be remotely or in the office?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – I'm going to have Barb answer that, but what I want to say first and foremost is that this Administration has done an outstanding job working with all of the departments to figure out who's necessary and who's not necessary; who's non-essential. It is, per the Governor, each city can decide on your own who's essential and who is not essential. Obviously, we have to have our Police and Fire and our Health Dept. and then we also have to have Wastewater Treatment Plant. We have tried to put people at home as best we can because this is very serious and young people are not taking this seriously and that includes two of my children. So, what I'm saying is that we're trying to save lives and that is our focus here at the City level. So, we have gone over and over and over, we have hours into this of who's essential and who is not essential. As Terri said, we also have multiple conference calls a day. I can tell you that my day is spent on the phone on conference calls almost all day long and I have given directives to the staff that they are to, the directors, they are to watch the Governor at 2:00 p.m. to take in any additional information that they can and I'd like to say, at this point, the Governor and Dr. Achton have done an outstanding job leading Ohio and I'm very, very proud of them. They are saving lives by trying to flatten this curve and being a nurse, as you know, we cannot overwhelm the healthcare system because if that should happen, if you're watching the news and watching New York, New York could run out of ventilators and that is a serious problem. Then you have to pick and choose who gets a ventilator and who doesn't. We never want to be in that position to have to do that with our community. And so, that is why we've worked to try to put the best people at home that we can or the most people at home that we can and then to also try to make sure that people are spread out. And now I'm going to tell you that it is important to wear a mask. So, if you're not wearing a mask or gloves, it is very important to do that to protect yourself and your family. This pandemic does not discriminate and young people are dying; a baby died. It's very, very serious and this is going to be with us for a little bit of time. This is not going to go away by June. I want you all to know that. It's not going to go away by June. And so, before I turn it over to Barb, I will tell you that I created an Executive Order that Lori Boron, she will be

approving all of the directors invoices. Whatever they want, it has to go through her. It's kind of going back to 2012 when we came in with \$400 and a lot of bills to pay. So, we are tightening up the budget right now. Nobody is traveling at all and if you heard today, if anybody comes into the State of Ohio, you must self-quarantine for fourteen days. So, if you have relatives coming in, we are following our directives from the Governor and Dr. Achton as fully as we can. I'm a real follower and so, we are following the rules. So, I want you to know that we are going to watch the budget and I had a quick conversation with Ed Lewis about that last week that we were really going to be watching, again, what we're spending. Because we're not like a township that we're property tax based for our funding. We are an income tax base. The other thing, before I turn it over to Barb is there are STA loans that David Maley has that information for all of our businesses if they want to apply and I believe we also have it on our website. And so, there are those loans out there for small businesses to apply for and they could possibly turn into grants. Depending on the criteria that would fit for each different business. So, Barb, I'm going to turn it over to you and you can talk a little bit about our department.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Thank you, Mayor. I just want to also say my appreciation, again, to Terri Argent, the Health Dept., Audrey Sylvester, Chief Burgasser, Chief Moser, Mayor and the list actually goes on and on for everyone who is reaching out and assisting and as you can see, we have very good systems in place. We are following the Governor and the State Health Director, Dr. Achton's orders to stop the spread of the Corona Virus and so, as Safety Director and Safety Officer through our Incident Action Plan, it's my responsibility and these emergency declarations to direct, to protect and safeguard our City employees, their families and our community's health as well as to save lives. So, we have taken the necessary measures for all of our employees and, again, for all our community and to go step-by-step, the non-essential workers in following the Governor's orders, the non-essential workers are not to report to work. So, with each department, that's basically what we've looked at and how we broke it down. Then the essential workers, we've looked at who could do their work remotely and then if we were not able to do that, then those persons that have to do the essential work are to follow their department's protocol accordingly which, as Chief Burgasser mentioned, that is according to the CDC guidelines. So, I will tell you that every single department is available and on-call. So, we definitely are there for everyone in case there is some type of danger to our community. Once it gets reported, we definitely fix it. We reach out and do what we need to do. As I said, we're responding to the Governor's orders. You will see that in our Incident Action Plan that is posted on our website, you will see a section in there that has been adopted and put together by the committee according to the orders that we're under as well as the Emergency Declarations as well as the CDC guidelines. We put that all out there for everyone to see, employees to see. There sections in some of our facilities that employees are not reporting, but we do still have the City of Massillon Action Plan posted in those areas. Again, just in case personnel does need to come into the facilities as well as if we had to have any visitors into the facility. But visitors would only be if we have an emergency. For instance, an elevator breakdown or something like that. But even when we do that, we still make sure that those persons are following that same protocol as far as the CDC guidelines into coming into any of our facilities where it is absolutely essential because it is an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Barb, is the Street Dept. working with potholes or storm sewers or anything?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – So the Street Dept. is the same as I just said. It's just like other departments, they are available, on-call there. The Director, Lee, is working in there when he

needs to be in there, then working remotely, but always has his cell phone available so when there is an emergency, for instance, when we had that wind storm a Sunday ago, we did have some branches down. We had some areas where we had to go out. So, he will then call in safety people as well as if there is a light out. As far as potholes, if we get a call, Lee will go out and assess it since we had a bad one on SR21. We were concerned because of the speed that people could go there that that could definitely cause some problems and was serious. So, we did bring people in. So, again, every department is available and on-call and we will respond according to if they are emergencies.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Who would people call for potholes in the Street Dept.?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – They'd call the Street Dept. and the people who are working remotely, we've got the phones so that they forward to the city worker's cell phones. So, yes, like I said, everybody is on-call and available. Everything is being forwarded.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – There is also a place on the website to put in a concern of any type that people can readily.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Yes, and those are received every day.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Director Sylvester, are employees laid-off or are they getting 100% of their pay?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Well, that basically is an administrative position that we're in right now. So, employees have received all of the information from their department and they do have benefits available to them and they have received all of that information.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – The reason why I'm asking is I understood that employees were laid-off, but when you mentioned the ability to call them in, I guess, that's kind of concerning to me if they're laid-off, but they have to be connected to their phone to be called in.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – They are basically in an unpaid status, a leave of absence, right now and then they are able to be called in as needed.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – So, would that affect their unemployment then, if they get called in for, let's say, two hours, four hours, eight hours; would that affect their unemployment?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – The employees are eligible to apply for unemployment, but the Unemployment office will determine their benefits for unemployment.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else?

**COUNCILMAN HERNCANE** – I need to get a little more clarification here, Barb, if you can. The non-essential, can you at least tell me which City departments have been deemed non-essential?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Well, it's not by department. It's by work duties and that's how it's broke down as far as each department is looked at as far as, because again, there are some

departments that do have essential workers, of course, our Police and our Fire. Those can be by departments, but still even at that, if there's anyone else in those departments that can work remotely or is clerical, we're able to do that as well. So, we look at it as case-by-case basis.

**COUNCILMAN HERNCANE** – Alright. Because the original order from the Governor when they identify essential infrastructure and who can leave their residence to provide or perform services; “roads, highways, railroads and public transportation” is included in that. So, if the State deems roads and those that provide the necessary services to fix those roads are essential, are we deeming them the same way, the Street Dept.?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Well, I guess it's from a State level, and again, it's according to what is essential to the emergency that we are in? So, if roads do need to be repaired for traffic, for vehicles, for emergency, for trucks, for delivery and so forth. That was spoke of today, actually, in the Governor's press release; then that would be considered essential.

**COUNCILMAN HERNCANE** – Okay, but the Street Dept. employees are not reporting to work every day as they did?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – They are not building infrastructure, no, they are not.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Barb, I have another question. So, if our employees are not working, are we allowing outside contractors? I know there's work being done on Nave Rd. I think it's AEP substation. So, are we allowing contractors who come into our City and work?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – In most, all of the contractors are not working. Most all of the contractors that we had in place are following the Governor's orders and have put their work on order.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – But the work being done then on Nave Rd. with the substation?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – I'm not sure what work that is that's being done out there.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Nave Rd.; they're putting up a huge, AEP's putting up a huge substation and there's been trucks there, today and I think maybe late last week working. So, that's kind of where I'm trying to understand what's being done within our City.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – I'm assuming they're not getting permits, but I don't know. I can check into it for you. I'm not familiar with that one out there. I can let you know. I'm not familiar with that work that's being done out there, but I can check into it and let you know. I can get back to you.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – That's my concern. If we ceased our operations within our City ourselves, the Street Dept. and the Engineering Dept., I'm just trying to get a better understanding as to how we're allowing outside contractors to come in and perform tasks, their work, when we're not performing ours.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Barb, I'll try to answer that.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Go ahead.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – If somebody's doing work, this is what I'm asking everyone on Council, if someone's doing work, you need to report that to us and then we have a team that will investigate that which is Jimmy Johnson and Terri Argent and they'll find out if that is essential. And so, if it's not essential, we'll shut them down. So, please if you see things going on, if you see, like today, I got a message from a lady, there were groups of kids walking together. We cannot have that and I will be able to share that with our Chief and he'll send out some police officers to break those kids up. We cannot allow that in our City. So, if there is AEP, you're saying, is out there, we'll investigate that and we'll try to understand what they're doing, is it essential, why is it essential, if they say yes and then we can determine from that point on whether we want to let them continue or not. And that's throughout the entire City.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – I received a package from Council and I think President Ichnick also received a package, probably a month ago, that it was there plan of what was going to take place here in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Okay. Well, we'll assess that first thing tomorrow and we'll determine if that's essential or not.

**DAVE MALEY** – Jill are you talking along the golf course, right there?

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Right, and near the driveway going up to CommQuest.

**DAVE MALEY** – That is not AEP. That is actually First Energy. They did come forward. We did a site plan on that project and, from my understanding, talking with Laura Tubo who represents First Energy, they are following distancing guidelines with the way they're doing their work for that particular project.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Can someone address what's going on at the golf course and will there be any openings of the golf course at all during this time or will it remain closed?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – The golf course is now open and they did \$600 of golfing. The clubhouse is closed. You have to purchase your golfing package online or over the phone and there are no carts at this time. So, the golf course has reopened and is functioning right now.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – May I ask when it had reopened?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – I think today.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Yes.

**DAVE MALEY** – I believe today.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Yeah, today.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Okay, thank you.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I'm still trying to get some clarification. I'm sorry, Claudette, were you saying something?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yes. I said it's walkers only. I don't believe you can take a cart at this time.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – No.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – No you cannot. That's correct.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I was just trying to get some clarification. I mean, obviously, the dealing with our personnel in the City is an administrative task, so, I don't want to over step. I just want to make sure I have understanding. So, we have not laid-off our people, so they could be available if the need arises that we're to make their job duty essential in that situation, but they're not being paid. So, how are they able to apply for unemployment if they haven't been laid-off? Don't they need to be laid-off in order to file for unemployment?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – No. If you follow the Lieutenant Governor's guidance and if you go out to unemployment and look, even for persons with reduced hours right now, they've made a lot of exceptions and changes during this crisis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Okay. And then, I try to keep up-to-date with it because you know, obviously, I manage a staff on my day job. But, if they were to receive unemployment, do they place their benefits at risk?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – No, they do not.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Okay. I just want to make sure. These some of the questions I've received out there like, what's going to happen? Are we going to lose some of the employees? If they lose their benefits, will they go somewhere else trying to find benefits and then up losing them when this all passes. So, I just want to make sure that I can speak intelligently to people when they ask.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – And we did give detailed information out. So, employees should have received all of that information. We've had a lot of communication with all of our employees. Even the essential employees who are working and, like I said, each department has their protocol.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Any other questions for Administration?

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – I have one more question, President Istnick.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Go ahead.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – For those employees that are working remotely, is there any security risks with the computer that we should worry about?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Well, actually how we addressed that was that we got with BPI who is our IT company that we're in contract with. They do an excellent job with that. They have very strong firewalls and so forth. So, before anybody could get any remote access, it has to be approved by the Mayor or me first and then they are keeping track of all of that. So, behind the scenes, the VIP numbers that are needed for us to remote in is through the servers and so,

they can still watch that and see that and they know then what other devices are coming into that on those servers at that time. But they are monitoring that for us very closely and then, of course, once we switch out of it, all of those types of accesses would all then go away and be denied. But they have been doing a great job for us. Making sure that the security piece of it has been really what they've concentrated on. But, yes, that's a good question because there is a lot of scamming and hacking going on right now. So, everybody needs to be careful of that.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thank you.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – You're welcome.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else?

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – I'm just wondering if there's any, I'll say, revenue modeling being done perhaps by our Auditor or her group looking at, we can almost confirm that we're going to have a significant decrease in our income tax revenue; how are we going to be adjusting budget or are we going to be adjusting budget mid-year or as we go through this epidemic and beyond?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Who are you asking, Linda? Are you asking me?

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Well, I didn't know. Jayne and Debbie were on previous, so, I didn't know if they were still on or not.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – I don't know if they're still on or not, but I can tell you that we're watching every single day. Lori's watching it. She's reporting to me. And so, we are going to have to make some adjustments. Right now, it's still looking fairly good, but that doesn't mean it's going to change. And so, we're anticipating a big change and we'll be ready when we see it coming in to change our course. But one of the things that we did right away was she has to approve every single invoice before it can be paid. So, that is a great indicator to watch our spending and we'll be doing more as we go through this.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – In talking to the Mayor last week and the conversations that I've had with the Auditor, one thing I've voiced and I think I've even probably voiced to you guys at some point or another is, you know we have that carryover, but we now, in my opinion, we can't touch it anymore because of the fluid nature of our finances. We have a carryover as long as we continue to collect taxes at the same rate of the previous year. Once you start to see a reduction in those collections, then you just start to eat into that a little bit. So, as a Council, what we can do on our part is kind of just send out a message that we want the unappropriated General Fund allocations, we want to keep those extremely limited and for emergencies and I believe the Mayor was on the same page with that, the Auditor agreed with that thought process and she does have her concerns. And I'll also point out, Mayor, you have brought this up yet, but we do still have that "rainy-day" fund. It's not a huge, huge amount, but it definitely some money there if we get into a tight position that we can access.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – That's correct.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Is there any need to adjust anything more sooner than later due to the fact that our even our City Income Tax is due ninety days later than it would have been previously for 2019?

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I can reach out to the Auditor. I think the one thing is, obviously, most of our income tax collection impact would be through the quarterly payments that we receive and we just passed March. So, you're not expecting another series for three months, but I think it's a good question to ask the Auditor what the impact of the extension of income tax filing is going to be and which reminds me; I got to go drop something in the mailbox myself.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – So, we actually have now until July 15<sup>th</sup>?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – That's correct. This going to be a really tough year and my prediction is that next year will be even tougher. And so, we want to watch all of our spending right now and then we'll have to when we go through the budgeting, it's going to be decreased for next year. I can guarantee you that. So, we just put in the Executive Order for all of the invoices to be approved by Lori and more directives will be coming so that we are staying ahead of this issue. I really am hearing that this going to come back in another wave and so, we're going to have a tough year and we all need to be prepared for that and some of you went through this with me in 2012 and we'll weather it. We will weather it but we all need to work together and really work for our residents together and we've done that before. So, I'm not; I think we'll do it again, and we're just going to have to be two years of being very, very tight with our money.

**COUNCILMAN HERNCANE** – Mayor, real quick?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Yes.

**COUNCILMAN HERNCANE** – Did the City follow, I don't know; the State following the Federal. Are we following the State's guidelines on moving the April 15<sup>th</sup> tax filing and payment date back to July 15<sup>th</sup>?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Yes. That occurred already. It's on our website.

**COUNCILMAN HERNCARE** – I guess I'll have to check the website.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – We were waiting for the State to do it and they passed it. And then soon as they passed it, we moved ours.

**COUNCILMAN HERNCANE** – Alright. Well, any information you can share with us; we get a lot of questions from people and sometimes I don't know what to tell them. But if there's any updates, I'm glad we're still meeting weekly, but if you have any mid-week updates or if there's any orders you make or any changes that we need to know about, if you could share that with us, that would be appreciated.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Well, I did a video and I'm planning on doing another one and the video is placed on our website and also out on Facebook and is shared to other sites. So, I'm planning on doing another video. It was to be vetted through the Incident Command structure of everything that I say. So that's why I haven't done another one. At this point, we

have to have a conference call, everybody has to agree to it, that's the way this Incident Command structure works and once the four people agree, then I'll go back on and do another video and I hope to be able to do that maybe tomorrow night. But, I will address some of those things and really, please tell your friends and family that you should only be going out for essentials and really making a cognizance effort to go out maybe one time if you have to go to two or three different stores; just go out one time. Every time you go out, you are at risk of contracting this and then sharing it with yourself and your family. And today, I don't know if you all watched the news, but a tiger was positive for COVID-19. So, I don't know if animals are going to be able to be carriers, I'm not sure, but that was shared today on the news.

**TOM BURGASSER** – I just wanted to add the other piece which is finance and administration. We are seeking Lori Kotagides-Boron, she is really working hard to try to find grant dollars and Federal funding, whether it's 75% or 100%, we're looking at all of those things. We're hoping for reimbursement not only for salaries, salaries for furloughed employees, salaries for quarantined employees and our PPE supplies and things of that nature. So, we're trying very hard to look for dollars to compensate for what we know is going to be an extremely tight budget year.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – And I can add to that as well as to what the Chief is saying. That's through the FEMA grant. Also, we're looking into a Fire Dept. grant, the Health Dept. has looked into a grant and I believe has actually been awarded money for that. Samantha has been working hard with HUD through CDBG. There's possibly going to be additional funding come through that. We've also even reached out to our casualty and liability through our insurance providers. So, we are reaching out to every single avenue and revenue to increase our revenue and help us through this.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Does the Mayor still have the piece on MCTV where I know there as a lot of good information that was discussed for that show? Is there an opportunity that you could maybe address the community on MCTV, on that piece?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Linda, we may be able to do that. We stopped all of our tapings for right now because they're non-essential, but what I may be able to do is video tape and have Bob Gessner put it on that channel. That's a great idea, thank you.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – You're welcome.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – And I would encourage everyone to go to our website. As Chief Burgasser said, we have our Incident Action Plan out there. We've got a lot of details, we've got information and the Health Dept. keeps us posted and gives us posting we should put out there to help us, again, from all of the different levels that the State Health Dept., our County Health Depts., all of them working together. So, we really post everything out there to try and get every piece of information because we're receiving so much and so much is changing, not even daily, but hourly. So, there's a lot of good information out there. We even, through our Incident Action Plan that we've got put together, even on our website; put some suggestions out there for people to do at home and encouragement to try and help people as we know all of our community, it's been a difficult time for everybody. So, we've even gone to that extent on our website as well to help people. So, everything that we do, we're trying to get out there as quickly as we can so everybody is kept up-to-date. And the other thing that I'd like to say is that for so many of you, when you do speak to our community, there are so many good people in this community that I really appreciate that have reached out to our Health Dept., whether

it's through e-mail, telephone call, of course, we don't want any personal visits, but have reached out and said that they appreciate, their thanks. Same thing they've done to our Fire Dept., our Police Dept. even calls into the Mayor's number. So, we really appreciate the good people who are giving us support and commending our people on the good job that they're doing. Thank you and even sending out prayers for the City. So, when you talk with those people that have been doing that, that's really been uplifting to all of our people to receive things like that. So, you can thank the people out there in the community that have been doing that.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – And you are welcome to call me. I'm a phone call away. If you have a question, you don't have to wait until Monday night. Call me, I'll be happy to answer your questions as quickly as I can, so you're not wondering for a week. We're not hiding anything; in fact, we're trying to push out as much information as we can to our community so that they know what's happening. Again, these next two weeks are going to be bad. So, please stay home as much as you can.

**AUDREY SYLVESTER** – If you have any specific health questions or nursing questions, you can feel free to call the Health Dept. as well. All of our divisions are working and answering our phones even if we're working remotely.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – How is the PPE inventory for our police and fire holding up?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Well, David, do you want to talk about our friend, Mike Farina?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – I think the Chief was going to speak first.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Okay.

**TOM BURGASSER** – I'm sorry. Dave is absolutely the correct and appropriate person to speak about this. I was just going to say that in the Fire Dept. we have maintained an inventory as part of our Incident Action Plan and right now, we have the potential over the next two weeks to triple or quadruple that through various purchases that we've already put into place as recently as two or three weeks ago. Dave.

**DAVE MALEY** – Yes, basically, I know that the Fire Dept. if doing well. The Police Dept., I believe, has 300 N95's. As the Mayor said, International Enterprises down off of Sterlite has been great to not only the City of Massillon, but I think, the entire community. I was able to pick up about 500 N95's today. We received 2,500 surgical masks from them last week. We do have several boxes of gloves. We have an inventory of stuff and we have up at the hospital. Not overwhelming, but it's good to have inventory at this point.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Dave, are the police and fire wearing N95's or surgical masks, using one per shift; are they changing in between each call and how is that affecting inventory?

**DAVE MALEY** – I can't answer that.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Chief, can you answer that, please?

**TOM BURGASSER** – I can. First of all, the City’s IAP has that all City directors will answer questions from the general public as needed. Also, in the current operational period IAP is a listing of all of our PPE and that is the document towards the end called ICS-213 PPE. And lastly, to answer your question, N95’s are being worn once per day and also, we have updated that every patient, anytime we access a patient, we’re in N95’s. That’s as of today. N95’s are being stored for sterilizations from Batel and if anyone gets any soiling or if we use an aerosolized treatment on them, we are disposing of those and getting a new one. The future, in the next couple of weeks, it looks like our FCBA face masks are going to be fitted with adaptors with APR’s P100, which is a better equivalent to the N95 masks. We had a video out regarding that. So, we may be actually wearing our air pack face masks with PAPR adaptors and that will come about probably in the next two weeks.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thanks, that’s good to hear. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Yes. I have a question? If one felt that they contracted the symptoms of the COVID-19, where would they go? The emergency room, Aultman West, Stat Care?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Terri, you want to answer that or Audrey?

**AUDREY SYLVESTER** – Diane, are you speaking of a lay person or are you asking as a City employee?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – A lay person.

**AUDREY SYLVESTER** – So, at this current time with the lack of testing, if you have what we consider, mild to moderate symptoms, the cough, the fever; things that you can manage at home, we would want you to isolate yourself at home for seven days from symptom onset and 72 hours fever free and improvement in your symptoms before we would want you to leave your house at all. If you require medical attention, if you’re calling EMS, you need to let EMS know that you are showing symptoms so that they can come prepared and then they would take you to the hospital and then the hospital, the clinicians and the State laboratories are working together to determine who will be tested. Certain people can be tested outpatient, but you have to be a high-risk person such as a cancer patient or a compromised person or third trimester pregnant lady, and so, there’s very few people that can be tested outpatient. Most of our testing is reserved for those hospitalized and require inpatient medical services at this time.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Okay, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Would the answer have been different if it was a City employee?

**AUDREY SYLVESTER** – No. We just have different protocol in place based upon first responders, healthcare workers; depending what the City employee’s exposure is and that is all guidance from the CDC.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Does our insurance, does the City’s insurance company have virtual visits that employees can contact and get advice and recommendations on the next step?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – I can tell you that my husband is doing virtual visits only. And so, if any of you are patients of his or his partners, they’re doing video conferencing or teleconferencing with their patients. So, I would say, Jill, it’s probably up to the physician that each person has.

**AUDREY SYLVESTER** – We do have a Nurse Line through our health insurance as well that you could all and get some general advice from.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISNTICK** – Any other questions for the Administration? Mayor, are you on your teleconferencing using Uberconference as well as we are?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – We do, yes.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yes; okay.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – We gave you that number specifically for City Council. So that is your number, specifically.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. I’ve noticed, I maybe the only noticing, but, at certain points, it like freezes and then it cuts in and out. Is anyone else experiencing hearing that? I see a couple head shakes, only from the people that I can see. Jill, sometimes you’re talking and your mouth doesn’t move. I think Jill has a frozen picture on her screen.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – We have not used the video conferencing. We’ve only used the teleconferencing.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. Does that work better than the video?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – We haven’t had any problems with teleconferencing.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I can tell you, Claudette, all the video conferencing companies are having problems right now. The demand that’s been put on them is more than they anticipated and from what I understand, they’re all working to increase their capacity levels. It’s just a matter of time.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Well, should we just go to talking less time?

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Well, for the record, no.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Yeah, your Law Director doesn’t want to do that. He thinks you need to be observed and heard and so, we’ll follow his lead.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. Because I was just concerned that some of them couldn’t get on the teleconferencing and I was just hoping that if we did it, everybody could get on it. Okay, no other questions?

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

**STEVE GRAZIER** – The Massillon Independent. May I ask a question?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yes you may, Steve?

**STEVE GRAZIER** – This would be for Barb Sylvester or the Mayor. I had heard that the non-essential City workers who are on the unpaid leave, is that through the month of April?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – This is a point to ask questions? Okay, through the Stay-at-Home order.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Steve, did you get what you needed? Steve?

**STEVE GRAZIER** – Yes.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Did that answer your question?

**STEVE GRAZIER** – Sure.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. Anyone else?

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – I move to adjourn.

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

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DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

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CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT