MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, May 6, 2024. We have in attendance the following City officials: Mayor, Jamie Slutz, Safety Service Director, Renee Baker, Asst. Law Director, Edmond Mack, City Engineer, Alex Pitts, Director of Development, Ted Herncane, and Code Enforcement Officer, Dan Fichter. 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.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Holly Bryan-Huth, Jill Creamer, Sarita Cunningham, Mike Gregg, Julie Harwig Smith, Mark Lombardi, Eric Ray and Mike Snee.

Roll call of 8 present

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Councilman Lombardi.

<u>COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI</u> – Thank you, President Slater. I'd like to make a motion to excuse Councilman Lewis.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call.

8 yes to excuse Councilman Lewis

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Councilman Lewis has been excused. Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILWOMAN JULIE HARWIG SMITH

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH

4. READING OF THE JOURNAL

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you, Councilwoman Harwig Smith. Madam Clerk are the minutes of the previous meeting transcribed and open for public viewing?

<u>COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND</u> – Yes, they are.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Are there any additions or corrections to be made?

<u>COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND</u> – No, there are not.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Then the minutes stand approved as written.

5. REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS <u>ON</u> THE AGENDA

LARRY JENKINS – Ward 2. I'm here just to give thanks to the Council Members and the different people that may have been involved in addressing this issue with Green Meadows. The cyclone noise is still there, but it's not nearly as loud as it used to be and it's, at this point, tolerable. So, I just wanted to extend my thanks to everyone here that may have taken part in that. We are still hoping to get some consideration with regards to the bright lights and I believe that we'll work in that direction to get that done. That's all I have to say. Thanks again everyone.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – I appreciate that. Thank you.

<u>CHRIS WANTZ</u> – I a Tuscarawas Twp. resident, also on 17th St. I came with Mr. Jenkins. I also want to express my deepest gratitude to the perseverance. Is that Mr. Ray?

COUNCILMAN RAY - Yes.

<u>CHRIS WANTZ</u> – We spoke before with Mr. Aaron Violand who's no longer a part of this; with the Mayor and all of the staff that really took part in having this resolved. It took a little longer than we'd liked, but, in the end, you know, it's done and we're really satisfied at this point and we do hope that, as Mr. Jenkins said, that the light thing can be something that we put on the front burner as see if we can't get that taken care of as well. It doesn't seem to be that big of a fix. So, we do appreciate what you guys have done and I look forward to working with you in the future.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – That was not on tonight's agenda, but we can accept that at this time and thank you.

LARRY JENKINS – Thank you for making that exception.

6. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – There has been discussion regarding questions for Council to our website. As President, I would like to keep this procedure in place for our taxpayers who have questions of City Council Members or have a certain issue going forward in their Ward. When questions or concerns appear on the website, the Council Clerk will monitor the website and forward these questions and/or concerns to the proper Committee Chairperson and/or Ward Person for the answer. Answers or concerns will then be addressed, for the record, and then put on the next Regular Council meeting, if needed. Are there any questions or objections to this or for this change? Yes, Councilwoman Creamer.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER</u> – I just have a question; a clarifying question. So, if the question appears on the website directed to a Council Member, but it is a question that

Administration should be responding to, will the Council Clerk forward it to the respective Administration individual versus sending it to Council?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Correct.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH</u> – Will that also apply when someone is complaining about a code enforcement or something with the streets; are you guys going to contact that department? Because letting us know, all we're doing is forwarding it. We really have no control. It goes to code enforcement or the streets. Will we be delaying things that way? I think it should be addressed right from the beginning. I mean, let us know because it's going on in our Ward, but really the person that can do something about it is whichever department.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Correct. Of course, we'll keep you in the loop and then, of course, forward it on to where it needs to be.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH</u> – Alright, thank you. I'm okay with that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lombardi.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – Yes. I do take issue with this. Each one of the Council Member's emails and phone numbers are published and if somebody needs to get something done through their Councilman, they can call their Councilman or send an email. I think opening up another venue is just going to open up a can of worms. That it's going to end up not being able to be properly monitored or properly followed up on. So, I do have a problem with this, yes.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Well, currently right now we're just in discussion. So, we're going to work out what needs to be necessary and use the proper channels to make sure that it does work out. But you will be brought forward more information to make sure before it actually goes forward of what we're actually going to do. But this right now is just discussion.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – I just liked to know what's the problem with people just calling their Councilman or emailing them? That's normally what happens with me and I get things taken care of right away.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Sometimes they do, sometimes they don't.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – I don't know of any that haven't in my Ward anyway that when people bring things to me, I get them a resolution as soon as I possibly can and that works out very well. I don't see why all these matters have to be brought to the record. It just doesn't make any sense. Somebody needs a pothole filled in front of their driveway, why do we have to make it a matter of record? We can get the pothole filled in a day and a half. If we have to wait for a week to get it through all of the channels, it's just going to frustrate the residents.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Pretty much it's simply just questions on different topics throughout the City pertaining to your Ward or whatever the case may be. Pretty much, I'd say in my mind, let's give it a trial and see what it does. At least it can do is go up or down, but I think wholeheartedly it's actually a pretty good idea. Councilman Snee.

<u>COUNCILMAN SNEE</u> – Thank you, President Slater. I agree with Mark. I also want to second object to this as well. I don't know of any issues that he's had. I have never had any issues to my knowledge, but I don't want to pre-filter in front that I have no control over between my constituents, their issues and my ability to get it resolved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Cunningham.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM</u> – Thank you, President Slater. I just recently had a constituent from the northeast side due to Wales Rd. and I immediately spoke with the engineer which I really want to thank him because he really got on the ball on it and we were able to resolve it within a matter of days. Is this possible that maybe we could try this for like three or four months and if it's not really working well, then eliminate it?

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – I'm all up for a trial. Again, we can discuss it at the Work Session as well. I don't think it's a bad idea. I'm not saying it's a good idea, but I do think that it should be out there for other people to actually address situations that may come forward. Councilwoman Huth.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN BRYAN-HUTH</u> – And this is in addition to being able to contact us via our phones and emails? This is not the only avenue? Correct?

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Correct. Now understand, we also have our own private emails here to where your personal one will not be bond like it could be. So, that could be another alternative where it goes to there instead.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN BRYAN-HUTH</u> – That's what's listed. Our emails aren't listed on the website and through the other things. It's our "at large" and "council" emails that are accessible to the community to reach us.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Correct.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN BRYAN-HUTH</u> – So this would be in addition to? I would concur that it sounds a little more cumbersome on the back end and the front end to get a resolution, but to offer another avenue would be an okay thing and I agree, I don't think a small ask for things that need repair are fixed. I don't know that they need added to the record.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER - Thank you. Anyone else? Councilman Gregg.

<u>COUNCILMAN GREGG</u> – Thank you, President Slater. I'm just wondering; was there something...what is the impetus for this? Was there a problem that came forward? I thought things were working pretty well.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Actually, they're working very well. I'll be honest with you, I do view other council meetings and I saw a council meeting that was in a different location, not in Ohio, and they had a lot of people come forward. Some didn't want to come forward

because of whatever the case may be and they just simply opened up the emails for just an extra alternative for them to ask questions. That's all it was and that's why I brought it forward.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Well, I agree with Councilman Lombardi and Councilman Snee. I think if it's now broke, don't fix it. I have a good relationship with the constituents in my Ward and believe me, they don't hesitate to contact me directly when there's an issue and then I work that issue until I can get it resolved. I don't think I need another third leg on this stool. So, I don't agree with the change, but, I'll do whatever the Council decides.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – That's okay. Currently, like I said, all it is is simply in discussion. It's not on there yet. Simply in discussion. Any more questions? Councilwoman Cunningham.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM</u> – Thank you, President Slater. The only issue that I have, a lot of people have no clue who the Council people are and a lot of people don't have computers. So, they can only call which hopefully they do, but, it's their responsibility to find out who the Council people are that they can actually speak to. Because we are there for the constituents.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Anything else? Alright. Thank you for all the responses. I appreciate it.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 43 – 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 43 – 2024 BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to accept the dedication of the proposed sanitary sewer easement for Tremont Ave. S.E., Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Councilwoman Creamer.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER</u> – Thank you, Mr. President. At the March 13th City Planning Commission meeting, they approved the said plat for the subdivision of four (4) lots on Tremont Ave. and adjoining easement. The extension of the sanitary sewer cannot be completed in the roadway due to utility conflicts. Therefore, an easement was provided at the front of the property. We did have in attendance at our Work Session Allison Harvey from Habitat for Humanity to answer any questions and expand on this request. I would like to move this forward this evening, but does anyone have any questions regarding this ordinance at this time? Seeing none, I'd like to waive the rules requiring three readings and bring forward Ord. No. 43 – 2024 for a vote.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 43 – 2024 has passed. Ord. No. 44 - 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 44 – 2024 BY: HEALTH, WELFARE & BLDG. REGS. COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to advertise for and receive sealed bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder, upon the approval of the Board of Control, for the Massillon Municipal Building HVAC Upgrade Projects, and declaring an emergency.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Councilwoman Cunningham.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM</u> – Thank you, Mr. President. We had questions at the Work Session concerning this and everything was pretty much explained to us. So, I would like to be able, does anybody have any questions or regards on this? At this time, I would like to waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 44 – 2024 forward, please.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Seconded by Councilman Ray. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 44 – 2024 has passed. Ord. No. 45 – 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 45 – 2024 BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1235 Community Health Services Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lombardi.

<u>COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI</u> – Thank you, President Slater. Could we have the Safety Service Director come forward to help explain these? The Mayor, okay. I guess you'll do.

<u>MAYOR SLUTZ</u> – Good evening, Council. This first ordinance is for the Health Dept. Community Garden. So, that will be up at, I believe, 17th St. and Main Ave. W. That's what this first one is for.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – Are there any questions?

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH</u> – I'm just wondering; for a garden how they came up with a number of \$6,200.00?

<u>MAYOR SLUTZ</u> – That, I don't have the answer to that, but if you'd like me to contact them tomorrow, I can email you with that answer.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH</u> – I mean, we can buy a lot of fruits and vegetables and give them away for that much money.

<u>MAYOR SLUTZ</u> – I believe they have to work the ground up. I think they're going to fence it in to keep the deer and everything out too.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – Thanks.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. Is this a new program for the City?

MAYOR SLUTZ – No. I believe they had that last year.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Okay. Is it the same location?

MAYOR SLUTZ - Yes.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Councilwoman Cunningham.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM</u> – Thank you, President Slater. I know there was a garden off of Cherry Rd. N. Is that garden still working?

MAYOR SLUTZ – Cherry Rd.? I'm not sure where you're talking about.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM - You know where the Rec. Center is?

MAYOR SLUTZ - Yes.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM</u> – Okay. North of the Rec. Center behind some houses, there used to be a city garden in there.

MAYOR SLUTZ – I'm not aware of any garden being there ran by the City.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – It's not there anymore?

COUNCILMAN RAY – No.

MAYOR SLUTZ – Thank you, Mr. Ray.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM</u> – Alright. Thank you.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Any more questions for the Mayor? Thank you, sir.

<u>COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI</u> – Alright. Seeing no other questions, I'd like to make a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 45 – 2024 forward for a vote.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 45 – 2024 has passed. Ord. No. 46 – 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 46 – 2024 BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1234 Park and Recreation Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lombardi.

<u>COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI</u> – Thank you, President Slater. Mayor Slutz.

<u>MAYOR SLUTZ</u> – Thank you, Mr. Lombardi. This one is for the resurfacing of the Legends Golf Course parking lot and the cart paths.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – Are there any questions on that?

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Councilman Ray.

<u>COUNCILMAN RAY</u> – Is there a particular distance? I mean, how much repaving is this covering?

MAYOR SLUTZ – The entire parking lot.

COUNCILMAN RAY – The entire parking lot?

MAYOR SLUTZ – I don't know the total.

COUNCILMAN RAY – For the carts you said.

<u>MAYOR SLUTZ</u> – For the cart path and the parking lot where our guests park to golf there. It's in pretty bad shape.

COUNCILMAN RAY - Okay.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Councilman Snee.

<u>COUNCILMAN SNEE</u> – The money for this was, correct me if I'm wrong, budgeted earlier this year, correct?

MAYOR SLUTZ – I believe so.

COUNCILMAN SNEE – Thank you.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Anymore questions? Seeing none, Councilman Lombardi.

<u>COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI</u> – Okay. I'd like to make a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 46 – 2024 forward for a vote.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 46 – 2024 has passed. Ord. No. 47 – 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 47 – 2024 BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the purpose of the Roberson Splash Pad Project, for the year ending December 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Councilman Lombardi.

<u>COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI</u> – Thank you, President Slater. This one is pretty much selfexplanatory. This is to get the work started on the splash pad. Are there any questions for the Mayor at this point? Seeing none, I would like to make a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 47 – 2024 forward for a vote.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 47 – 2024 has passed. Ord. No. 48 -2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 48 – 2024 BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Law of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a one (1) year Agreement with the Village of Hills and Dales, Ohio, for the purpose of providing prosecutorial services, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lombardi.

<u>COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI</u> – Thank you, President Slater. This one is self-explanatory as well. It's the same type of contract we use for Brewster, Navarre, Canal Fulton. Are there any questions of this? Seeing none, I'd like to make a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 48 – 2024 forward for a vote.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 48 – 2024 has passed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMINCATIONS

10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lombardi

<u>COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI</u> – Thank you, President Slater. I make a motion that we pay the bills.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call.

8 yes to pay the bills

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – The Clerk will pay the bills and charge them to their proper accounts.

11. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor's Report	-	March 2024
Treasurer's Report	-	March 2024
Auditor's Report	-	April 2024

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lombardi.

<u>COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI</u> – Thank you, President Slater. I make a motion that we accept the Auditor's Report.

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

8 yes to accept the Auditor's Report

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. The Auditor's Report has been accepted.

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Our next Work Session will be Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

13. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM - Excuse me.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Councilwoman Cunningham.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM</u> – Mr. President, I'm asking for a request for an excused absence next Monday. It's the band's award evening where I will present five (5) scholarships this year.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Granted.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM</u> – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

<u>COUNCILMAN GREGG</u> – Thank you, President Slater. Just want to report that I will not be in attendance at the meeting two weeks from tonight on the 20th. I won't be available that evening.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you. Councilman Snee.

<u>COUNCILMAN SNEE</u> – Thank you, President Slater. I do have a request for May 12th, during our meeting if you could all join me for Light Ohio Blue. It's May 8th through the 18th in honor of our police officers across the State of Ohio. I will be wearing a blue shirt that day and I would respectfully ask that all of you join me. Thank you.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – You got it. Thank you. Councilman Lombardi.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – Can we clarify that date again, Mr. Snee?

<u>COUNCILMAN SNEE</u> – It will be the date of the 13^{th} , Monday the 13^{th} and the week that they observe that is the 8^{th} through the 18^{th} . Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – No problem.

14. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

15. THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER - Ord. No. 41 - 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 41 – 2024 BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE approving the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Budget for the FY2024 Program Year, and declaring an emergency.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you, Mr. President. As stated, this request is to approve the proposed Community Development Block Grant Program Budget for the 2024 Program year. We did receive a document with the funding resources. The CDBG Program Budget; it states a dollar value of \$679,481.00. The list that we did receive was proposed projects that are broken down into activities to be undertaken by the City and those activities for which CDBG funding will be provided to local organizations. Are there any questions regarding this request from anyone? Seeing none, I would like to make a motion to waive the rules requiring three readings and bring forward Ord. No. 41 – 2024 for a vote.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Seconded by Councilman Snee. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 41 – 2024 has passed.

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

<u>CLAUDETTE ISTNICK</u> – Ward 1. Diane was nice enough to call me today or last week and ask me if I wanted to come and listen to the new sound system and I will tell you, I have sat in the audience before and it was very muffled and it is crystal clear back there if you're talking directly into your microphone and I'd like to thank Bill DeWalt for the wonderful job he did. (Applause).

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you for initiating it.

18. ADJOURNMENT

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Councilwoman Harwig Smith

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – I make a motion that we adjourn.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call, please.

8 yes to adjourn

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

MIKE SLATER, PRESIDENT