

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Good evening. Welcome to the Massillon City Council meeting for Monday, May 19, 2025. We have in attendance the following City officials: Mayor, Jamie Slutz, Chief Counsel, Earle Wise Jr., City Engineer, Alex Pitts, Director of Development, Ted Herncane and Fire Chief, Matt Heck. 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, please.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Holly Bryan-Huth, Jill Creamer, Seth Marcum, John Paquette and Eric Ray

Roll call of 6 present

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. I make a motion that we excuse from tonight's meeting Councilwoman Cunningham, Councilwoman Harwig Smith and Councilman Lewis.

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

6 yes to excuse Councilwoman Cunningham, Councilwoman Harwig Smith and Councilman Lewis.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Councilman John Paquette.

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILMAN JOHN PAQUELET

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILMAN PAQUELET

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Councilman Paquette.

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

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No 36 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 36 – 2025

BY: POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to accept a donation from Greif Brothers Packaging, on behalf of the Massillon Fire Department.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Marcum.

COUNCILMAN MARCUM – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 36 – 2025 has received first reading. Ord. No. 37 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 37 – 2025

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the purpose of the Massillon Fire Department, for the year ending December 31, 2025.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, Mr. President. First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 37 – 2025 has received first reading. Ord. No. 38 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 38 – 2025

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the purpose of Income Tax Refunds, for the year ending December 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 38 – 2025 has received first reading.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

US Bank Equip. Finance - \$ 127.00 – May Invoice for copier submitted to the Auditor's Office for payment April 30, 2025

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. I make a motion that we pay the bills.

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

6 yes to approve payment of the bills

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk. The Clerk will pay the bills and charge them to their proper accounts.

11. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Our next Work Session will be Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

13. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

14. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 15 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 15 – 2025 **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
Tabled May 5, 2025 until May 19, 2025

AN ORDINANCE amending the Zoning Map of the City of Massillon, Ohio, by rezoning a certain property from R-1 Single Family Residential to A-1 Agricultural District.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you, President Slater. As stated, this is a rezoning request. The address is 2240 – 17th St. S.W., Parcel No. 500176 which is a four (4) acre parcel located on the east side of 17th St. S.W., between Finefrock and Pigeon Run Ave. We

had a Public Hearing this evening at 6:00 p.m. here in Council Chambers. We had no residents present in opposition or in favor. There were no questions from Council. So, based on that information, I would like to make a motion to bring forward Ord. No. 15 – 2025 for a vote.

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

6 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 15 – 2025 has passed.

15. THIRD READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

CARL BALTZLY – I am in Ward 2. My property is in Ward 5 on 5th St. S.W. between, actually, 5th St. and 4th St. S.W. and I talked to the police officers in our City and they asked me to come down and address you guys. We have some young people that love to ride dirt bikes and they keep getting in trouble because everywhere they ride is not legal. I have a vacant property next to mine of 5th St., 518, actually, it's 528 – 5th St. which I gave them permission to ride, but it's not big enough for them to ride. So, they wanted to know and I wanted to know in behalf of the parents of those kids, if there was any property in the City of Massillon that you guys could think about possibly that they could ride on without getting in trouble? I live in Ward 2, my property is right above the Bottoms Park and there's probably about five (5) acres below my house that's wooded that lines along with that Towpath Trail; it goes along there, that the City owns that they could ride on, if you wanted an idea. It's wooded; we could make paths in there, if that would be legal. They could sign waivers; the parents could sign waivers so Massillon wouldn't have any liability if they got hurt on the property. I just wanted to throw it out to you just to give the kids an idea of something you guys might be able to do. I did promise the kids, because a lot of them are single, single moms that I would take the kids somewhere else and ride with them because I have some dirt bikes of my own. But that's not going to happen every day, obviously, because I can't do it every day. But, just to give them an option. The moms want to keep the kids off of drugs, keep them off the streets and give them something to do. So, I just wanted to bring that to your attention and see if you guys had any ideas. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you.

18. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Paquelet.

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

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

6 yes to adjourn

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

MIKE SLATER, PRESIDENT