

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Good evening. Welcome to the Massillon City Council meeting for Monday, June 15, 2026. We have in attendance the following City officials: Mayor Jamie Slutz, Safety Service Director, Renee Baker, City Engineer, Alex Pitts, Director of Development, Ted Herncane and Income Tax/Budget Director, Lori Kotagides-Boron. Under #5 on the agenda is where the public can speak on any topic that appears ON tonight’s agenda and under #18 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, Sarita Cunningham, Mike Gregg, Julie Harwig Smith, Seth Marcum, John Paquelet, Mandwel Patterson, Eric Ray and Tony Townsend

Roll call of 9 present

**2. INVOCATION**

**COUNCILMAN MANDWEL PATTERSON**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**LED BY COUNCILMAN PATTERSON**

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

**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** – No, they are not. I’m still working on them.

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

**5. REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Anyone at this time?

**JANE SCHULTZ** – I live at 1221 Providence Rd. N.E. here in Massillon. I’m here to address the data center issue and I was delighted to see that we’re putting that on hold for a little bit. But I wanted to say, in researching some of this, I’m learning that there are two sites that were helpful to me. One was the University of Michigan and one was wri.org. and I’m sorry that I can’t tell you more about that, but I like the fact that they gave you the pros and cons on this.

We've all heard about the water issues, blah, blah blah, and there was an article in the Rep that was a positive. One issue we didn't address to me was air pollution and some of the heating of the air that's going to occur. I don't think that's a small issue. I'm not quite sure how big this data center is in plans and that makes a difference in how the water issue is addressed. One thing that they did make mention of was getting a nondisclosure agreement in place because you want them to report and not keep anything hidden from you. So I thought that was something I hadn't heard before and I thought that was something you should look into. They talked about different methods of water cooling and there are so many that emerging and coming on so rapidly that I think we need to really postpone this until we know exactly which water issue we're going to use. One of the ones they said was an emergent tech liquid an urgent cooling system. It's happening so fast that it isn't even complete yet. So I'm hoping we'll take the time to make sure we find out about those things and get the most efficient and ones that are going to protect our water, so we're not using watershed. I know we talked about recycling water, which I think is great, but I think they need to look into all of the emergent methods for dealing with data centers. So I'm encouraged that we're postponing this and looking into it longer and I hope we'll continue to do that because it seems like things are happening so rapidly and we don't want to miss out on the positives. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you. Anyone else like to speak?

**6. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Ord. No. 62 – 2026.

**ORDINANCE NO. 62 – 2026**

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

AN ORDINANCE amending the OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES of Ordinance No. 10 – 2026 to increase the Class Grade pay schedule for the Code Enforcement Officer within the 415 “BUILDING DEPARTMENT” from 9S CL to 13S CL, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Ord. No. 63 - 2026.

**ORDINANCE NO. 63 – 2026**

**BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY 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 Warmington Road SW Rehabilitation Project, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Ord. No. 64 – 2026.

**ORDINANCE NO. 64 – 2026**

**BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to sign the “Department of the Army License” Agreement for the City of Massillon, Ohio, and USACE to allow Stark County Engineers to reconstruct Cherry Road Bridge within our jurisdiction, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Ord. No. 65 – 2026.

**ORDINANCE NO. 65 – 2026**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Ord. No. 66 – 2026.

**ORDINANCE NO. 66 – 2026**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1414 Collection System Improvement Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Res. No. 25 – 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 2026**

**BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

A RESOLUTION extending the Stay on the development of Data Centers within the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to make a motion that we pull Res. No. 25 – 2026 out of the consent agenda.

**COUNCILMAN MARCUM** – No need for a motion, just pull it.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Res. No. 25 – 2026 has been pulled. Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring the consent agenda forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

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

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 62 – 2026, Ord. No. 63 – 2026, Ord. No. 64 – 2026, Ord. No. 65 – 2026 and Ord. No. 66 – 2026 have passed. Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Are we discussing Res. No. 25?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Right.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – The reason I pulled that from the consent agenda is that I think we need further or definitely need further discussion. So, at this point, I would give this first reading.

**COUNCILMAN MARCUM** – Wait a second. So, this is what we discussed at Work Session. The “stay” expires today. So this is the 60-day “stay”.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Oh. We have to extend the stay?

**COUNCILMAN PAQUELET** – We have to vote to extend it.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – So, I’m sorry; I withdraw my motion for first reading and instead, make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Res. No. 25 – 2026 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

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

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Res. No. 25 – 2026 has passed.

**8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Ord. No. 67 – 2026.

**ORDINANCE NO. 67 – 2026**

**BY: PUBLIC UTILITIES & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE to provide for water service to be furnished by Aqua Ohio, Inc. to the City of Massillon, Ohio, and the inhabitants thereof, and to regulate the rates under which water service shall be furnished in the City of Massillon, Ohio, for and during the period from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2031.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Townsend.

**COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND** – Thank you, Mr. President. First reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Ord. No. 67 – 2026 has received first reading.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**10. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**11. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS**

First Commonwealth Bank - \$ 78.00 Postage Stamps

**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 Councilwoman Cunningham. Roll call.

9 yes to pay the bills

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

## 12. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Auditor's Report - May 2026

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, President Slater. I make a motion that we accept the Auditor's Report.

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

9 yes to accept the Auditor's Report

## 13. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Our next Work Session will be Monday, June 29, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Council will be off the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## 14. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** - Councilman Townsend.

**COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND** – I would like to call up the Mayor or the City Engineer. I just have a question.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Mr. Mayor, you can come forward. I guess we get two for the price of one.

**COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND** – Yeah, I see.

**MAYOR SLUTZ** – Good evening.

**COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND** – How are you doing, Mayor.

**MAYOR SLUTZ** – Very good, thank you.

**COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND** – Just trying to find out what's going on with Erie St. I know it was stated last week that the project would get started today. I actually sat over in the parking lot by the roofing company and I had breakfast and lunch waiting for people to show up.

**MAYOR SLUTZ** – I will give the microphone to our engineer.

**COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND** – Alright. Thank you.

**ALEX PITTS** – So, of course this is a state project. They were supposed to get started today. I don't know at this time as to where Shelly is as far as starting. Hopefully tomorrow. I know that they put up signs last week about starting this week. So, I'll just have to get in touch with the State, honestly, tomorrow morning to see where we're kind of at with things.

**COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND** – Is that the Dept. of Transportation?

**ALEX PITTS** – That is correct.

**COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND** – Actually, I looked on their site and I didn't see the project.

**ALEX PITTS** – I know for sure that it is happening.

**COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND** – I didn't see it and then I called them and the gentleman told me that he didn't have anything. So, I don't know. It could have been just someone answering the phone. I didn't get his title and I didn't even get his name. But he said that he didn't see anything, so I called the engineer department, Stark County, and of course they said "no" they do stuff like that.

**ALEX PITTS** – Yeah. So, Stark County wouldn't have anything to do with this at all. Of course this would be between us and District 4 of ODOT. So, the project manager for the project is Michael, I can never pronounce his last name. It starts with a "P". I know he's the project manager and I have emails back and forth but their district planning director for District 4, basically, between the local share and us, I've had back and forths a lot with ODOT about this project in particular. So I know that the project is for sure happening. There's been multiple correspondences between us and them as far as it getting started. I don't know if there was maybe something that happened with Shelly or something happened with ODOT start, time and dates. I'm not too sure. However, I do know that the project is going to occur soon. I will have an answer for you probably as soon as tomorrow. I can send you an email or something.

**COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND** – And too, just to make it clear, I wasn't calling and checking up on you guys. Thank you, that's it.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you.

15. **CALL OF THE CALENDAR**

16. **THIRD READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

17. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Ord. No. 60 – 2026.

AN ORDINANCE amending PART ELEVEN “PLANNING AND ZONING CODE”, TITLE THREE, “ZONING ADMINISTRATION, Chapter 1121 “Construction of Language; Definitions”, Section 1121.02 “Definitions”, TITLE FIVE, “ZONING DISTRICTS”, Chapter 1169 “I-1 Light Industrial District”, Section 1169.03, Chapter 1171 “I-2 General Industrial District”, Section 1171.04 “Principal Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions”, and TITLE SEVEN “ZONING REGULATIONS”, Chapter 1187 “Supplemental Zoning Regulations”, Section 1187.09 “Site Plan Review” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – Thank you, President Slater. Did anyone on committee have any comments they’d like to make this evening?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Paquelet.

**COUNCILMAN PAQUELET** – Thank you, President Slater. On this issue, when we had spoken last week during the Work Session, the attorney had mentioned that some of the ideas that we had all discussed as a group would be implemented into that plan so there’d be a, to my understanding, there’d be a revision of that potentially.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Marcum.

**COUNCILMAN MARCUM** – So, that’s my understanding. However, with the 60-day stay we passed today, I believe the intention was to table this ordinance for amendments in the future so we can talk about those at future Work Sessions.

**COUNCILMAN PAQUELET** – Yeah. I just wanted to make sure that we still were going to discuss this and some of those potentially new additions added to that.

**COUNCILMAN MARCUM** – So what I would maybe recommend is that instead of saying we’ve tabled this indefinitely, maybe we table this for 60 days and then we continue to talk about it at Work Sessions.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – On the third reading?

**COUNCILMAN MARCUM** – Yeah. And hopefully we have a final version by then.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – So give it a second reading tonight?

**COUNCILMAN MARCUM** – Well, move to table it for 60 days and then in 60 days, our stay will be up because our stay expires 60 days from today and then this will be right for a vote in 60 days.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – Okay. Councilman Ray.

**COUNCILMAN RAY** – Yes. So if we call it a second reading now, we can still discuss it on the Council meeting.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – Yes. We can discuss it at every Council.

**COUNCILMAN RAY** – Right. Not to table it, though. If we just go ahead and call it a second reading, it would just be a second read. It wouldn't be third.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – I think whether we table it or make it second reading, we can still continue to talk about it.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Correct.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – I mean up until we get everything finished.

**COUNCILMAN RAY** – I'm just saying; theoretically we could potentially come up with those solutions in that one Work Session.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – And then we can bring it back sooner.

**COUNCILMAN RAY** – And then we can table it on the third if we need to table it on the third.

**COUNCILMAN MARCUM** – So we can always make a motion to pull it from the table early and then make a motion to amend and then make a motion to waive the three readings because whenever you amend something, you revert back to your readings and then move to pass. So it's a lot of motion practice but it's not impossible.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – Okay. Does anyone else have any questions?  
Councilwoman Bryan-Huth.

**COUNCILWOMAN BRYAN-HUTH** – Thank you, Councilwoman Harwig Smith. I just wanted to bring up if anyone had looked, the Ohio Municipal League did put out a toolkit last week just after we spoke. So if you haven't had a chance to look into it, it has a lot of information for us to digest and look through. A lot from the New Albany sites that different people who have been here and spoken about and a lot of other information for us. And then, Ms. Rolland, when the minutes are complete, will you be contacting Mr. Seeberger to make sure he gets those from last Work Session?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – I sent him the minutes from the Special Meeting we had back in April, the 13<sup>th</sup>. I believe it came up on the agenda first April 6<sup>th</sup>, those minutes are on the website. The Special Meeting was not and then I still have to do the Work Sessions because I don't normally transcribe Work Sessions. But I did send him the minutes from the Special Meeting.

**COUNCILWOMAN BRYAN-HUTH** – Prior. But will he have to ask for the ones again or will you send them once you are finished with last week's?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – I'll do the Work Sessions and send those to him.

**COUNCILWOMAN BRYAN-HUTH** – Thank you very much.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – Okay. Ord. No. 60 – 2026, second reading. And Diane if we two-weeks from now we suspend it, when we get to third reading and we suspend it, can you give me the date that equals out to 60 days?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Yes.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – What would you like to do, second reading?

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – Second reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Ord. No. 60 – 2026 has received second reading.

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

**GAYLE DANZY** – 2014 Tennyson Ave. N.E., Massillon, Ohio. I called the City to find out what I needed to do to get a street named after someone and it's my understanding that there's no real regulation in place now. So I was just coming to Council to ask if you would address that and kind of come up with something to let us know what we need to do to apply to have a street named after someone. That's it.

**COUNCILMAN PAQUELET** – Is it a new street or an existing street?

**GAYLE DANZY** – It's a new street because I'm not trying to change the names of people's addresses. Because I know they wouldn't really love that. No, a new street. A new street anywhere in the City of Massillon. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Anyone else?

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Patterson.

**COUNCILMAN PATTERSON** – I motion to adjournment.

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

9 yes to adjourn

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Meeting adjourned.

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DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

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MIKE SLATER, PRESIDENT