

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, July 19, 2021. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Safety Service Director, Barb Sylvester, Chief Counsel, Bill Bartos, Economic Development Director, Dave Maley and Police Chief, Keith Moser. Under item #5 on the agenda 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’d like to ask any of you that if you’re not speaking to please mute yourself so that we can hold all the background noise to a minimum. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Roll call.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Mike Gregg, Ted Herncane, Ed Lewis, Linda Litman, Mark Lombardi, Jamie Slutz and Jim Thieret.

Roll call of 7 present

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I’d like to make a motion that we excuse Councilwoman Starrett and Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Litman. Roll call.

7 yes to excuse Councilwoman Starrett and Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Councilwoman Starrett and Councilwoman Creamer have been excused. Councilman Lewis.

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILMAN ED LEWIS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILMAN LEWIS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Councilman Lewis.

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 – Yes they are.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Are there any corrections or additions?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – No, there are not.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Then the minutes stand as written.

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

6. **NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

7. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 121 – 2021 **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with Sandra Doll to provide an economic development “inducement grant” to fund renovation costs including build-out, equipment, demolition, etc., at the Social @ The Stone House, located at 824, Lincoln Way E., Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Ord. No. 121 – 2021 has received first reading. Ord. No. 122 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 122 – 2021 **BY: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE to provide water service to be furnished by Aqua Ohio, Inc. to the City of Massillon, Ohio and the habitants 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, 2022 through December 31, 2026.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lombardi.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 122 – 2021 has received first reading. Ord. No. 123 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 123 – 2021 **BY: RULES, COURTS & CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE adopting and approving the “Cash Drawer Policy”, amended June 28, 2021, submitted by the Treasurer of the City of Massillon, Ohio; repealing Ordinance No. 8 – 2021, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, Madam President. This is legislation that was discussed at the Work Session just allowing added additional money in order to make change. Are there any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I'd like to waive the rule requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 123 – 2021 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Herncane. Roll call for suspension.

7 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

7 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 123 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 124 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 124 – 2021

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1435 Park and Recreation Center Project Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 124 – 2021 has received first reading.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Yes, I know that in our last Work Session there was a gentleman that had some issues with Towpath Trail due to a detour. I was wondering if that has been addressed or is that something on the list to be addressed, regarding that situation?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – The Mayor is coming forward; thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – Good evening, Madam President, members of Council. We met with that group today. We will not be posting any signage. They can feel free to do what they want to do, but the Law Dept. and the Director is not comfortable posting that detour at this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – May I ask what their thought process was on determining that? Was it financial? Was it not our job to do?

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – There is not a safe route at this time and so, our Law Dept. and Director are not comfortable with allowing them to post that on behalf of the City. So, we are not moving forward on that.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – But they are permitted to put their own signage up?

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – Really, what we have shared with them is that we can't tell them what they can do or not do, but the City is not going to be part of that.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Thank you.

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – You're welcome.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Thank you.

9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

The Repository	-	\$ 581.20	Publication of May Ordinances
U.S. Bank Equip.	-	127.00	Contract Agreement - Copier
		\$ 708.20	Total

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

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

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

7 yes to pay the bills

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

11. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Auditor's Report - June 2021

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Litman. Roll call.

7 yes to accept the Auditor's Report

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Our next Work Session will be Monday, July 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

13. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

14. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

15. THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 102 – 2021

BY: HEALTH, WELFARE & BLDG. REGS. COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE adding a dedicated “Animal Compliance Officer” to the Code Enforcement office of the City of Massillon Building Department.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Slutz.

COUNCILMAN SLUTZ – Yes, I would like to refer to Councilman Lombardi.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – Thank you, Mr. Slutz. I spoke with the Mayor today and she made a request that we would actually change the name of the position that we have asked for to be Chief Code Enforcement Animal Compliance officer. The reason for this request, from would be multifold, number one, this will give the department freedom to use this description for more than animal compliance should we not be getting the calls for animal compliance that we’re anticipating. It also gives them the room to be able to field some of the work out to other code enforcement officers within the department. So, this person, what we’re asking for, the lead point person as part of the animal compliance part of the position, however, we’re still going to have all of the code enforcement officers to be able to take on all of the responsibilities that they’ve been trained for. Now, this position will also be able to do other code enforcement work outside of the animal compliance should they have that time. This way, there’s not a person sitting around just doing nothing if we don’t have an animal compliance issue. They’ll still be able to work with the department. So, I would like to see if there are any questions or discussion on this?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, Madam President. My question would be, speaking of money, getting our money’s worth, where is the funding for this position coming from? Is it coming from the General Fund?

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – My plan is right now for it to come out of the General Fund. However, if we, the landlord recommendation that we had discussed, if that were to pass, then it would come out that.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – And will this position be full-time?

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – No. It’ll be twenty-eight hours. We wanted to start out just part-time just to see what the need is and what the results will be.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Part-time, if that position should pass?

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – Correct.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Herncane.

COUNCILMAN HERNCANE – Thank you, Madam President. The animal control duties would take precedence over any other code enforcement duties; is that correct?

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – In this position, yes.

COUNCILMAN HERNCANE – Just a comment that I have...I do believe it will get passed.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – I do too. Once this has been created I think it will pass.

COUNCILMAN HERNCANE – I understand the rationale

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Thieret,

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Thank you, Madam President. Could you repeat the title one more time?

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – Chief Code Enforcement Animal Compliance Officer.

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Thank you, Madam President. As I stated before, I would think that there's a reason that the Dog Warden is under the Sheriff's office at the County level and I'm not sure that this is the place for an animal control officer. I know that there is another piece of legislation to be reviewed this evening and voted on this evening, but I, personally think that this animal control officer should be part of the allowances that's done for the Police Dept. and this may be exactly where it needs to be, but I'm not confident, at this point, and sure that this hodge-podge position is not going to get swung over to either of those duties as well; either additional code enforcement and/or animal control. So, I would ask that we table this legislation until we are able to determine whether we can get in a consultant to look at all perspectives of being a part of the Police Dept. to see if it is best served by the administrative position or a law enforcement position. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I understand the rationale and I'm in agreement with the need for an animal compliance officer for the City of Massillon. It's something that the citizens of Massillon have been calling for for many years and I think it's about time that we're finally able to bring this to the citizens now that we're in a financial state to support it. And I assume that you are going to amend this to change the name?

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – I will make a motion to amend, yes.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – My recommendation is, because I think there are some follow-up questions to tweak this. One is the motion and then we vote on that vote. We may just want

to go ahead and give it first read and tonight it'll go back to first reading then we'll have another Work Session to discuss those qualifying finer points and then vote on it. That would be my recommendation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Councilman Thieret.

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Do we have to send it back through the mill? We've been mulling this around for years.

BILL BARTOS – Madam President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Mr. Bartos.

BILL BARTOS - Madam President. Diane motioned me up here because we actually discussed this earlier and I think she may have raised it earlier during the legislative preparation process for this ordinance. I know that we had discussed it, but actually because this legislation is going through the Health and Welfare Committee, she caught the fact that the legislation does not include the amendment of the Occupation List of Class Titles which is traditionally the way that a position is added. That is historically done through the Rules and Courts Committee. And so, if we're looking here tonight at creating a new position, this ordinance says were creating a new position, but actually new positions are created and added to that Occupation List of Class Titles which Diane and I looked at previous positions that were added to the Health Dept. and previously added to Parks and Rec. Those weren't done through the Parks and Rec. Committee or the Health and Welfare Committee. They were actually done through Rules and Courts. And so, at the time that this was being prepared, discussion was had "What should we do?" and it is thought let's just get this on the agenda and it's on the agenda now and continue discussions. But at some point, there's going to have to be companion legislation or perhaps consideration of this piece of legislation in the Rules and Courts Committee to add that amendment to the Occupation List of Class Titles. So, perhaps Mr. Lewis' suggestion of coming back to first reading would be a good idea. Just wanted to remind you guys of that. I don't know if that discussion Diane did I summarize everything correctly?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Yes, correct.

BILL BARTOS – Okay.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – So, your recommendation is that we rename it or start over in Rules and Courts Committee? Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I would just say, if I'm following what you're saying is and I know what Mr. Lombardi, and I'm sorry if I speak out of turn, Mr. Lombardi, but the idea was you wanted to get this passed and let it be known that the Administration is caring of our community and that would give the Administration time to bodily do a department structure and then give us a proper classification with a pay scale and everything else that we would then put through Rules and Courts. We'd have a companion legislation coming in the near future, but this is Council's way of saying, let's do this and then await for the Administration to come back with a proper legislation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lombardi.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – I understand what everybody is saying about bringing it back to first reading and going back to the Work Session, however, I want to go on record to say that I think for about five years now we've been kicking this thing around and I think we're looking at excuses and we should do this just one more time. We say we're going to bring it back to the Work Session to discuss it one more time and then bring it back for a vote. Well, what's going to happen then, the next time we vote? I just think we've been kicking this down the road way too long.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Herncane.

COUNCILMAN HERNCANE – Madam President, thank you. I'd agree. I think we knew throughout this process that there would be additional legislation through Rules and Courts to establish the position with a pay rate, with a classification. I don't think there's any harm in moving this forward tonight, amending it and getting it voted upon and whatever legislation we drafted, the documentation from Administration, would go through Rules and Courts to establish the position. I think we knew that a couple of weeks ago. I appreciate that, but, I don't think that's a surprise, though.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I'll just be a little more blunt; we only have seven members here and we need seven in order to suspend the rules and we already have one member that is not in favor of this. So, their no vote on suspension means it doesn't go beyond tonight anyway. That's why I suggest that we just give it first reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – I just wanted to make my comments clear. I too agree that we need animal control in the City. I'm going to go one step further in saying that I think more attention needs to be given to that position, as I called it a "hodge-podge" position earlier. But I certainly do not want to give the impression that I'm not in agreement for having more animal control for the City. I just think as we look at more of an overall, more comprehensive look at our police department, law enforcement; that we can incorporate that position with that analysis. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Councilman Herncane.

COUNCILMAN HERNCANE – I'm going to look through the rules here, but seven members is what we'd need. Isn't it three fourths of the members attending to suspend the rules?

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Just to clarify; it's three fourths of the members of Council. So, it's seven to suspend, six to get an emergency and five to pass it. This piece in front of us is on third reading. However, when you make an amendment and the amendment passes, it automatically goes back to first reading and that's why you would require suspension. If we don't amend it, we can just move forward. If you amend it, it goes back to first reading and you would need to suspend the rules. Just two weeks ago, we had a member absent and you members voted no on suspension and we moved forward. If you're requesting that now, then you should've voted no on the piece you didn't like two weeks ago.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – So, if we moved forward on this tonight, we would need five votes for it and then you could amend it at a later date? Councilman Herncane.

COUNCILMAN HERNCAINE – Or we could pass legislation as presented and we can approve the title as identified; that would be adding to what we have done.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I would agree; that actually might be the cleanest way to do it. Because when the piece comes forward it can bear the proper name at that time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Mayor.

MAYOR GATAZARO-PERRY – Good evening, again. I wanted to let Council know that there was a training done just recently with the Stark County Sheriff and the Dog Warden with all of our code enforcement officers as well as our police department, the members of our police department. So I do want you to know that. The other piece I wanted to share is that we would probably not give a new part-time person in the police department. We probably will look to one of our seasoned members and they would be part-time on animal control and what we are looking for is that they're going to be the liaison with the community and they would do the rest of their job with the other duties. The part-time person then would really be to help with code enforcement. I shared this with Mr. Lombardi today; the reason that we're looking at it that way is because if we have someone in the target area, no one else is allowed to go in the target area because it's paid from a certain account. And so, we want them trained on animal control as well so that they can take care of the animal control issues in that area because they're paid, specifically, by a certain account. And so, we're happy that all of our officers, code enforcement officers, are now trained fully with the Dog Warden, but, we don't want to have just one person trained in that area. They all need to be trained because someone, as I shared with Mr. Lombardi today, could be on vacation. They could take a leave of absence and so many things. So, our police department, our health department and our code enforcement are able to take those calls and also we'll have one person, specifically, to be the liaison to the community. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Councilman Lombardi.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – I make a motion to bring Ord. No. 102 – 2021 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Slutz. Roll call for passage.

6 yes; 1 no for passage – Litman voted no

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 102 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 105 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 105 – 2021

BY: POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending the number of positions in the various ranks of the City of Massillon Police Department, repealing conflicting ordinances and resolutions, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Thank you, Madam President. We’re looking at an ordinance that we’ve discussed over the last several Work Sessions as well as Council meetings. As I’ve stated before, my intention is certainly not to put this to bed but to look at this more logistically with a consultant to look at our current structure and advise us as well as work with the Police Chief to determine what might be our best instruction. As I obviously voted and required request for legislation, I would like to see the patrol officers to be a part of that consultant overall analysis as well. So, at this time, I would ask if there are any other Council members who have comments or questions regarding this piece of legislation? Yes, Mr. Thieret.

COUNCILMAN THIERET – I really don’t want to hold this up. I think it should be put through so that the police department can get on with their day, thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Councilman Lombardi.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI – I agree with Mr. Thieret. I believe that this needs to be brought forward.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Well, this is at third reading and put forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Roll call.

3 yes; 4 no – Gregg, Herncane, Litman and Slutz

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 105 – 2021 has been defeated. Ord. No. 106 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 106 – 2021

BY: POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Massillon F.O.P. Henderson Lodge Police Officers Association Gold Unit, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Thank you, Madam President. This is a companion piece of legislation with Ord. No. 105 – 2021. This also is going to be put forward for a vote this evening.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Any questions or comments? Roll call.

3 yes; 4 no – Gregg, Herncane, Litman and Slutz

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 106 – 2021 has been defeated. Ord. No. 109 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 109 – 2021

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 919.04 “Responsibility of the City” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Thieret.

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Thank you, Madam President. This is also up for third reading. Are there any questions or comments from Council? Then I’d move this forward for passage.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Roll call.

7 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 109 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 110 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 110 – 2021

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to accept the dedication of road right of way and easements for Kenyon Creek Estates, Phase 2 subdivision, Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Thieret.

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Thank you, Madam President. This is also up for third reading. Are there any questions from Council? Any discussion? Then I move that we move this forward for a vote tonight

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Roll call.

7 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 110 – 2021 has passed.

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 117 – 2021

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to accept the replat and dedication of sanitary sewer easements known as Outlot No. 399, East of 27th Street N.W. and North on Meadow Ave., Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Thieret.

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Thank you, Madam President. Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 117 – 2021 has received second reading. Ord. No. 118 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 118 – 2021

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to submit applications for funding to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the funding year 2022, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 118 – 2021 has received second reading.

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Madam President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Thieret.

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Yes, before we close, I request that we have the engineers at our next Work Session.

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – To be prepared for what topic?

COUNCILMAN THIERET – The work on Lincoln Way.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Madam President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. On the Streetscape and Warmington Rd. projects.

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – Sure.

COUNCILMAN THIERET – Thank you.

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

CHRIS KETTLER - Good evening. I'm the proprietor of the comedy club here in town and I just wanted to stop and say "Hello" and thank you. I've had a great adventure being here with you guys. I'm really happy to be a part of this community. I've had a great warm reception from members of the City government as well as the citizens and I couldn't be more happy to be here. I thought it was only right just take a moment to come out and introduce myself because, as a business person, not only business in a community is important, but being a part of the community is important. It's my intentions to do exactly that; to be a part of the Massillon community. I did not come here to glean any money from the citizens but to bring people to the community and to contribute to it. My intentions are to have an annual community day where I will bring in comedians and we would actually pick up trash, paint; we'd like to found how we can contribute to the community and do that at least once a year, starting next spring or summer. I also have a fund raising idea that I'll be sharing with schools and non-profit organizations. That is a fantastic fun way for adults to raise money to help non-profit organizations. I don't know about you, but I'm not allowed to eat cookies anymore. I still have

to buy them, so. But that's really what I came to talk about. If anybody has an interest and wants to talk to me or ask any questions, I'd be completely open and happy to be as transparent as possible. But I do have just a quick minute to ask for some help, if anybody could; I'm having a little struggle with the Health Dept. and it's really going to hurt if I don't get this resolved. I'm not going to go into great detail, but anybody would like to step up and help me out, I'd be thrilled. I'm at this point looking to bring a minimum of twenty-five hundred people a month to the downtown Massillon area and we've built something that is fantastic, that's fun, that's different. But a big part of that involves having food service and if I don't have the food service, this may not be here in the weeks to come. I need a food license and I need food license quickly and that's really what I've come to ask for, in a sense. Again, I'm happy to be in Massillon. A couple of people I see and recognize from being here the short time that I have and I look forward to meeting and getting to know each and every one of you more often. Okay? Thanks you fine folks; have a great evening.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Mr. Kettler, perhaps someone from the Administration could speak with you afterwards.

CHRIS KETTLER – I would be very happy to stick around and do whatever they'd have me to do.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Have you a projected date when you will open?

CHRIS KETTLER – We had our grand opening this weekend. We had a "soft" opening on Thursday. We had a VIP opening on Friday and then on Saturday we had an opening to the public. All three events were sold out. We had 105 people each night. We even had to turn people away and if you go online you might see a little bit of it from social media. People are loving it; we're having a great time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – When are your hours of operation?

CHRIS KETTLER – We are open Thursday through Sunday from 6:00 p.m. and Thursday's we close at 10:30 p.m. and on the weekend we're only open until 12:30 p.m. I don't want to be outside these days even in a community like this because after 1:00 a.m. I don't think there's anything on the streets that you want to be doing. Doesn't matter where you live, unfortunately.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – I've been asked by residents, do you need to buy advance tickets only online or are there tickets you can walk-up and purchase?

CHRIS KETTLER – Right now, the tickets are selling very quickly. We do put all of our events online. There's a website and there's also social media. This Friday's event is almost sold out and again, we have two shows this weekend, so that's a lot of people coming through there. But the tickets are available at the door on a first come, first serve basis, if they're available and the great thing about that is that you save the servicing fee. Any more questions from anyone? Alright; I'll stick around until the end and I hope everyone has a nice evening. Thank you. Great community; I'm very happy.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion to adjourn.

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

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT