

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Good evening. Welcome to the Massillon City Council meeting for Monday, July 20, 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, Parks & Recreation Director, Steve Pedro, Income Tax/Budget Director, Lori Kotagides-Boron and Street Superintendent, Josh McClay. 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, Eric Ray and Tony Townsend

Roll call of 8 present

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, Mr. President. I make a motion that we excuse Councilman Patterson from tonight's meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilwoman Bryan-Huth. Roll call.

8 yes to excuse Councilman Patterson

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk.

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILMAN TONY TOWNSEND

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND

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 – 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.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Anyone at this time? Seeing none, we move forward.

6. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 72 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 72 – 2026

BY: HEALTH, WELFARE & BLDG. REGS. COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Clerk of Council of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to certify the list of unpaid and delinquent nuisance abatement services to the Stark County Auditor to be entered upon the tax duplicate to be a lien upon such land from the date of entry to be collected as other taxes and assessments and to delete any property owner's names or adjust the dollar amounts owed, if applicable, prior to certification to the Stark County Auditor provided that the Director of Development provides documentation to do so, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 73 - 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 73 – 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 Consent Legislation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the resurfacing project of State Route 172, PID 120082, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 74 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 74 – 2026

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 75 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 75 – 2026

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1234 Legends Capital 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 commending MIKE SNEE as a Member of City Council of the City of Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. First of all, I'd like to make a motion to remove Res. No. 25 – 2026 from the Consent Agenda. I'd like to give that more emphasis than just passing it along with the Consent Agenda.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – So moved. Okay. For the rest?

COUNCILMAN GREGG – For the rest, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings and bring the Consent Agenda forward for a vote.

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

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – And for passage.

8 yes for passage of the remaining items on the Consent Agenda

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. Regarding Res. No. 25 – 2026. I just wanted to mention that I was on Council with Mike. Mike served his constituents extremely well. Was passionate about Council and about his role in Council and I think that this is a fitting tribute to Mike. With that being said, I'd like to make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and Res. No. 25 – 2026 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilman Marcum.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – And before we vote, can I read the entire resolution?

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Yes, please.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – “Whereas, Mike Snee served as Councilman of Ward 6 from January 1, 2022 until August 30, 2024 as a Member of Council of the City of Massillon, Ohio; and, Whereas, Mr. Snee has devoted himself to his responsibilities and duties as a Member and Chairperson of the Streets, Highways, Traffic and Safety Committee of Massillon City Council; and, Whereas, Mr. Snee was very instrumental in the naming of Lincoln Park Drive” as “Sgt. Cory M. Endlich Parkway” and requesting State legislation in the naming of a portion of “Lincoln Way West” as “Sgt. Cory M. Endlich Corridor” for Sgt. Endlich giving the ultimate sacrifice while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and, Whereas, Mr. Snee during his terms of office as a Member of City Council, has given outstanding service to the citizens of the betterment of Massillon; and, Whereas, the City Council desires to recognize and not upon

its official records its appreciation and commendation to Mr. Mike Snee for the excellent service he has rendered to the people and the City of Massillon during his terms of office”.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – And now we take a vote for suspension?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Correct. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marcum. Roll call.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Res. No. 25 – 2026 has passed.

8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
10. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS
11. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – I just wanted to make note that the bill for US Bank Equipment Finance for the copier in the amount of \$127.00, it was sent to the Auditor’s office July 7, 2026, and I’m proud to say, that is our last payment for our copier.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – So, that bill was paid?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Yes sir.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilwoman Harwig Smith. Roll call.

8 yes to pay the bills

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

12. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Treasurer’s Report	-	June 2026
Mayor’s Report	-	June 2026

13. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Our next Work Session will be Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

14. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Cunningham.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Thank you, President Slater. I just wanted to give a shout-out to our Fire Dept. because the weekend was so crazy. Saturday there was a fire on Stratford and I was coming home and all of a sudden I couldn't get there because Stratford was all blocked off because there were three fire trucks with the big ladder and all these firemen and then some people milling around, so of course, I had to get out and check it out and I saw some of the firemen that I know that I recognized, met some new ones and met the lady of the house that where the fire happened and I felt so bad. Because she and her husband were supposed to go on vacation that night and it didn't happen. But, the gentleman of the house who tried to put out the fire, of course, singes his eyebrows and took in smoke inhalation and that, but, our firemen were so top notch and so gentlemanly and so kind. I just have to say a shout-out and thank them. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – You're welcome. Anyone else? Councilman Ray.

COUNCILMAN RAY – Thank you, President Slater. I just wanted to announce that, I don't know if anyone else on Council has been getting calls about the flock cameras or something to that aspect. So, what I did was I researched; looked into it a little bit and realized where we stood as a City as far as the cameras were concerned. But I also reached out to Chief Saintenoy and he's willing to come in and speak at Council on August 3rd to explain to the public what the flock is, what flock cameras are and our association with those in the City. Okay?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – That's great. Appreciate that.

15. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

16. THIRD READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

17. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 60 – 2026

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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 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. This is our data center legislation. This will be the second reading. We amended this legislation so now that data centers will only be allowed in General Industrial Districts, I-2, which is full industrial and the Site Planning Commission will be responsible for reviewing the electricity needs, how much water, the sewage and everything. Did anyone have any comments at this time? Okay, second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Councilwoman. Ord. No. 60 – 2026 has received second reading. 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 – Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Councilman. Ord. No. 67 – 2026 has received second reading.

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

19. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Townsend.

COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND – I make a motion we adjourn.

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

8 yes to adjourn

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

MIKE GREGG, PRESIDENT PRO TEM