# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, August 5, 2024. We have in attendance the following City officials: Mayor, Jamie Slutz, Safety Service Director, Renee Baker, Chief Deputy Auditor, Stefanie Myers, Asst. Law Director, Edmond Mack, Director of Development, Ted Herncane, and Chief Building Official, Frank Silla. 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, Sarita Cunningham, Mike Gregg, Ed Lewis, Mark Lombardi, Eric Ray and Mike Snee

Roll call of 8 present

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Lombardi.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Seconded by Councilman Snee. Roll call, please.

8 yes to excuse Councilwoman Harwig Smith

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Councilwoman Harwig Smith has been excused. Councilwoman Cunningham.

## 2. INVOCATION

**COUNCILWOMAN SARITA CUNNINGHAM** 

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM

### 4. READING OF THE JOURNAL

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you, Councilwoman Cunningham. 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.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Then the minutes stand approved as written. Thank you, Madam Clerk.

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

#### 6. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – At this time, I'd like to answer a few questions that were asked at the last Council meeting. They were asked by Gayle Danzy. First one, of course, is Council governed by Robert's Rules of Order? Yes, pursuant to Rule 1.1 of 121.02. Question number two, has the Equal Opportunity Officer been posted yet or has anyone been contacted to fill the position? I refer back to the meeting of February 20, 2024 and the response by Councilman Lewis: "This has been brought up a few times and we're trying to get it clear and figure out the best way to respond to this would be to give a little background for the new Council Members for the public, in late 2022 it was brought to Council at the recommendation of the Law Dept. that the configuration at that time was that we had an EEO Officer and our Civil Service Officer were all in one position and that was how it was being managed. Due to some way it was supposed to be arranged as far as the oversight of each of those offices individually. That was deemed not appropriate and had to be broken apart in order that we would have proper oversight of supervision of those two positions. So Council did do that in late 2022. In 2023, the EEO Officer position was not filled by the Administration that was in office at the time. Coming in 2024, that position was still open, but Mr. Lewis has spoken with the Administration and they do value with this position that it does bring to the City. However, the reality is that this position only warrants about twenty hours of work a week. So what they're doing is trying to see how they can have this position as well as other job functions that are important and bring value to the City so that they can create a full-time position that would be more lucrative and valuable to people who would want to apply. Obviously, if you have a full-time position, you're going to get your best candidates to come because you have the better pay and you have the benefits. As it stands now, it would be a part-time position without any benefits. So, in speaking with the Administration, they're currently evaluating a few other needs within the City that they would, once again, would give value to us and then would bring a proposal to us if they have something configured that would make sense to the City and would also address this issue. Question number three, is there anyone pursuing State monies for the Historic Lincoln Way? The answer is that the engineers here are always looking for different grants and ways to fund projects for the City of Massillon. Number four, are there any open forums with Council where the public can speak to Council prior to Council meetings? Many organizations set up questions and answer sessions at various times of the year. But planned mostly before the election. All Council Members are available via phone or email to answer any questions that the community may have. Please visit the website at massillonohio.gov for contact information of all Council Members. Thank you.

### 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Ord. No. 71 – 2024.

# ORDINANCE NO. 71 – 2024 BY: POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Chief of Police, on behalf of the Massillon Police Department, to accept a donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles #190 for the Annual National Night Out, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Lombardi.

<u>COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI</u> – Thank you, President Slater. This is for \$1,000.00 donation that the Eagles is making to the National Night Out as discussed in our Work Session. I do plan on moving forward with this. Does anybody have any questions or comments? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 71 – 2024 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – 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. 71 – 2024 has passed. Ord. No. 72 – 2024.

# ORDINANCE NO. 72 – 2024 BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to accept a donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles #190 for the purpose to outfit the Animal Control vehicle and purchase related equipment, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Lewis.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – Yes. So this was discussed. This is \$5,000.00 that would go towards equipment for the Animal Control Officer so they can get operating. As noted, it does have emergency language in it. Because we know that emergency language, what it does, it essentially allows this to go into effect immediately; not having to wait thirty days before it can be acted upon. Are there any questions from members of Council or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 72 – 2024 forward for vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – 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. 72 – 2024 has passed. Ord. No. 73 – 2024.

# ORDINANCE NO. 73 – 2024 BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1234 Parks and Recreation Fund for The Legends of Massillon Golf Course, for the year ending December 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Lewis.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – Yes. This is a \$50,000.00 appropriation. It is to be used for the ongoing bunker replacement and rehabilitation program at the golf course. They would like to get started on this immediately considering that we are already in the middle of the golf season. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, I'd like to make a motion suspending the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 73 – 2024 forward for a vote.

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

8 yes for suspension

**COUNCILMAN SLATER** – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDEN SLATER</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 73 – 2024 has passed. Ord. No. 74 – 2024.

## ORDINANCE NO. 74 – 2024 BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 3112 Donation Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Lewis.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – This ordinance is working in conjunction with Ord. No. 71 – 2024 where we just approved the acceptance of the \$1,000.00 donation. This ordinance would actually be the appropriation of that \$1,000.00 for the National Night Out. Are there any further questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 74 – 2024 forward for a vote.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. 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. 74 – 2024 has passed. Res. No. 24 – 2024.

## RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 2024 BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION approving the 2025 Stark County Alternative Tax Budget for the City of Massillon, Ohio, as listed on the attached Exhibit "A", and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Mr. President, I'd like to call forward the Deputy Auditor.

**STEFANIE MYERS** – Good evening.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – What is the time frame that you have to have this submitted?

**STEFANIE MYERS** – August 20<sup>th</sup>. Your next Council meeting is the 19<sup>th</sup>.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – Okay. So, we have time? Does anybody else have any questions or discussion? I guess my next question would be, does anyone on Council feel like they would like to have more time to review this before we pass it or move on it?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Gregg.

<u>COUNCILMAN GREGG</u> – I don't think it hurts if we have the time, some more time to review. I don't think it hurts anything. If we don't have the time I'm ready to say to pass tonight. But, if we pass on the 19<sup>th</sup>, we're okay?

**STEFANIE MYERS** – I mean it just says on it, due on August 20<sup>th</sup> to the Stark County Auditor.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I'm okay with that. I just wanted to make sure. Thank you. First reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Res. No. 24 – 2024 has received first reading.

- 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMINCATIONS
- 10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Walter H. Drane Co. - \$465.00 Web Hosting Fee

US Bank Equipment Finance - 127.00 August Payment for Copier

Total - \$ 592.00

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Lewis.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – I just have a technical question that we could look into. We get the US Bank Equipment Finance bill every month, correct?

# **COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Correct.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Do we have a means where we can just authorize you to pay that every month for the year instead of having to approve every time?

<u>COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND</u> – That would help because this is the first time I've gotten it before the 21<sup>st</sup> because of the way we have our meetings and like if I hadn't have gotten it on the 29<sup>th</sup>, I believe it was, it wouldn't have been heard until the 19<sup>th</sup> of August for the approval by Council and I would have had to wait another week when we have our Committee meeting because they only mail checks out on Mondays. So, if you would give me that blanket privilege, that would be great. Because so many times we've had to pay a late fee.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – So I'm thinking if we could maybe discuss with the Law Dept. to see if there's a means for us to do that because it's always \$127.00, correct?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – It is, except when it's late, then it's \$133.35.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – So, if we could somehow just pass something that says you can pay this invoice on a monthly basis for the entirety of 2024 and all we have to do is just get you to sign off on it. We just have to know what the mechanism is to do that.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Okay.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Okay. Councilman Lombardi.

<u>COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI</u> – I was going to suggest the same thing Mr. Lewis said, but then she could report it that it was paid on this date so that we're aware of it every month that it has been paid and what date or whatever. I would definitely support that.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Ray.

<u>COUNCILMAN RAY</u> – And even also as a suggestion, if we have the ability to pay it; do we have the ability to pay it yearly and you get a discount for the early payment? You just pay one check; if we're satisfied with the services of US Bank Equipment Finance.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – It's a lease.

**COUNCILMAN RAY** – Oh, okay.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – So, maybe by next month's bill if we can find out if there's a mechanism and then we can move it through Council and save that penalty. With all that discussion, I motion that we pay the bills.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. 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

Treasurer's Report - June 2024 Auditor's Report - July 2024

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Lewis.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. 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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Our next Work Session will be Monday August 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

- 13. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
- 14. CALL OF THE CALENDAR
- 15. THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Ord. No. 60 – 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 60 – 2024 BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE enacting CHAPTER 778 "ADULT USE CANNABIS CONTROL" under PART SEVEN, "BUSINESS REGULATION CODE" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you, Mr. President. As stated, this ordinance is enacting Chapter 778, Adult Use Cannabis Control. We've discussed the language in this ordinance throughout the previous Work Sessions. We all should have received a copy of the proposed amended ordinance for this. There has been seven changes to the initial version of this ordinance. The first change, I just want to review all of the changes just to make sure everybody understands. There was just a numbering change; 7763302 was changed to 778.02. There is a non-refundable application fee changed from \$50,000.00 to \$5,000.00. There was another non-refundable application fee of \$50,000.00 changed to \$5,000.00. There was another non-refundable fee under different types of non-refundable fees of \$100,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and an additional non-refundable application fee of \$50,000.00 to \$5,000.00. We did add language of no more than two local provisional license and two local operating license may be issued under this section and then we did strike through a portion of the ordinance. That was in red font for all of you. Are there any questions or concerns regarding this?

Because at this time, I would like to make a motion to accept these changes in this amended Ord. No. 60 – 2024.

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

8 yes to amend Ord. No. 60 – 2024 per the notified changes by Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – First reading.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Ord. No. 60 – 2024 has received first reading. Ord. No. 61 – 2024

# ORDINANCE NO. 61 – 2024 BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending PART ELEVEN "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE"-CHAPTERS 1163, 1165 AND 1167 of TITLE FIVE – "ZONING DISTRICTS" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to allow as a permitted use in all B-1, B-2 and B-3 business districts, excluding the Historic District, adult use cannabis operators, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilwoman Creamer.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER</u> – Thank you, Mr. President. This Ord. No. 61 - 2024 goes along with Ord. No. 60 - 2024. We all received a copy of the proposed changes in this ordinance, striking through excluding the Historic Districts. Does anyone have any questions or concerns with this? If not, I'd like to make a motion that we amend Ord. No. 61 - 2024.

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

8 yes to amend Ord. No. 61 - 2024

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 61 – 2024 has been amended. Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – First reading.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you. Ord. No. 61 – 2024 has received first reading. Ord. No. 62 – 2024.

# ORDINANCE NO. 62 – 2024 BY: HEALTH, WELFARE & BUILDING REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending PART ELEVEN "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" – CHAPTER 1181 of TITLE SEVEN – "ACCESSORY BUILDINGS", Section 1181.01(c) and (e) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, per the attached Exhibit "A".

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilwoman Cunningham.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM</u> – Thank you, Council President. We've had several discussions with this with Building Director and I don't believe that we have any more questions at this time, do we? This is the third reading, so, I'd like to bring this forward this evening.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 62 – 2024 has passed. Ord. No. 63 – 2024.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 63 – 2024**

BY: HEALTH, WELFARE & BUILDING REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending PART ELEVEN "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" – CHAPTER 1121 of TITLE THREE – "CONSTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE; DEFINITIONS" Section 1121.02(9) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, per the attached Exhibit "A".

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilwoman Cunningham.

**COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM** – Thank you, President Slater. Again, this is Ord. No. 62 – 2024 which went along with Ord. No. 62 – 2024. We had discussions with Mr. Silla. Again, does anybody have any questions or discussion on this? If not, I would like to bring this forward for a vote tonight.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call for passage

8 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 63 – 2024 has passed.

### 16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

# 17. REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS <u>NOT</u> ON THE AGENDA

<u>DAVID MCCUNE</u> – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward here in Massillon. I'm here tonight to discuss, once again, the actions of Mr. Snee when he showed up at my house at 9:30 at night. In a recent article, Ms. Cunningham found it necessary to as much as call me a liar. I don't take kindly to that. In fact, to address people like you, I've offered to take a lie detector test to prove that everything I've said is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I offered that to Mr. Snee and he laughed. Also I heard that you don't partake of social media sites. You had suggested that maybe you look into the Massillon Live comment section and the number of people that this man has coerced and tried to intimidate on social media sites. There's been numerous; it's not just me. In fact, this past weekend I received a Facebook message from his latest terrorist victim. I refer to him as the "keyboard terrorist" now. This person has even sent me screen shots of numerous coercive comments this man made to him simply because they didn't agree. Mr. Slater, you said you abide by the Rules of Robert. You have myself and another person come make formal complaints about this gentleman. It's time for you to act and it's time for you to act now. Thank you.

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you. Anyone else?

**DAVE KERESTES** – I don't live in Massillon anymore; I moved to Canton. I live at 626 Walnut Ave. N.E. I'm here tonight to talk about what has happened to me in the Canton court. Back in 2020, I filed against Schuring Real Estate Company under no heating and no air conditioning and filed on Matt Schuring and the whole time I'm watching him sell drugs and I never really mentioned that. The next thing I know, this guy's evicting me and I'm telling the cops that he's selling drugs out of his barbershop. The Perry Police didn't want to do anything to help. I find myself illegally evicted by the Massillon Court, December 14, 2020, when the CDC covid monitoring evictions ran to July 2021. \$100,000.00 fine for Schuring Real Estate and the court that did that, I think it's \$500,000.00. I can't get no help from anybody. These antics that have been going on here for a long time. The latest thing that I looked into was the Kendal Tavern, Joey Barberi. This guy had the Open Pit that burned here in 1988 in Massillon. That building had two fires within a week. The guy collected \$94,000.00, but when the building come back, it's work \$527,000.00; got a car port, all black, air conditioning and somebody laundered their drug money or robbed an insurance company. I'll be going to the Perry Police on those matters. But, back long ago at 2840, I had a corporation and I was building a building at 2840 Lincoln Way E. I had the contract for the carpentry because I'm a carpenter and when I got done, I left and Keith Hall, a Marine and he back filled the place before there was rods or slurry mix put and knocked the wall down. Mr. Edward Elum blamed me for that and I didn't even own a shovel. I am just flabbergasted at what I've been through and this court system. In 1992, you had to have a contract to even get into court. I'm a carpenter. What am I getting sued for in a court where this guy don't have a contract? I looked into the law and then once I filed on Matt Schuring about that stuff and embezzling his money, I found myself hit in the head in the Massillon Jail as I'm walking through there and dead over in Affinity Hospital. Nobody acted like nobody hit me in the head when I'm walking in the jail. It was just totally ridiculous what was going on. I've watched these people sell drugs my whole life. Joey Barberi; he the Fun Fest Arcade, then he had Rock City, then he had Bullwinkle's, the Open Pit, Copper's, which I helped build with no permit and that's where I'm going right now. After they wrecked and destroyed my business, I find myself working for Joey Barberi building Copper's with Tom West, selling drugs, a relative of Lt. Jerry Wish of the Canton Police Dept. and Donnie Draklovich, a felon. At that time, Starce Erby stepped in and told Joey that he needed a permit. He got on the phone; Edward Elum come in three minutes later and stated he owned the city and that if Starce Erby wanted to keep his job, he'd better leave. Starce Erby left. I have a certificate of occupancy. There's never been a building permit paid for and they've been robbing the city for a long time. When I told them about Jeff Lehman at 516 Geiger with a mountain of marijuana, a Vietnam veteran, John Frieg about this, he was accused of selling drugs. When I told the Perry School about Jim Gero selling drugs off the football team, an honor guard Marine's son, I was charged with selling drugs when I worked seven days a week. And so, I believe these people are doing things in their army rederick and outside the law. Quite frankly, I've watched them sell drugs. So, I'm here tonight to tell you that my father was a six stripe Master sergeant called "Cornel" linked to the World Terrorist Command Center and I met Major Mike Healy of the Green Beret who hangs on the Wall of Honor as a General. I just now contacted the Army Criminal Investigation Division in Virginia about Fred Stergios, the FBI. Edward Elum and his relatives selling dope out of these bars and making ridiculous rulings. I was threatened in court to be thrown into jail because I wanted to pro se my way and not hire a lawyer that would lie or chuck me under a bus. I guess I'm done here. I'm going to the township meeting tomorrow in Perry because they won't

file charges and I've had seven fires for dead dogs, a raped wife and fondled nieces. Thank you.

# **COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you.

**GERALD EVANS** – I'm with the Stark County Black Caucus. I live in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward here in Massillon. I found myself looking up at the park again. So, I came back to address the bathroom that was promised to 4<sup>th</sup> Ward. This was promised back last year. When we brought it to your attention it was said that the bathroom was already fabricated. They were just waiting to install it. They didn't install it because it was at the end of the summer and they would have had to lock it up. So now we are almost in the middle of summer and we are still with a port-a-potty that keeps getting knocked over at L.C. Jones Park in Massillon. So, I'm here again to bring it back up to the attention of the Council that L.C. Jones still is without a bathroom, running water facilities and we're still operating out of a port-a-potty. So.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Thank you, sir. Anyone else? Councilman Lewis.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – I'm going to go off script a little bit, but I'd like to make a motion that we go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. I'd invite all Members of Council, the Council President and the Law Dept.

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

8 yes to enter into Executive Session – 7:05 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI** – I'd like to make a motion that we exit Executive Session.

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

8 yes to exit Executive Session – 7:25 p.m.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – At this time I would like to address Mr. McCune's situation with Mr. Snee. With that being said, I did contact Mr. Snee and Mr. McCune after what took place. I was not there. So, basically what I have is Mr. McCune's comments, Mr. Snee's comments. I did contact the police department and did receive a police report. The police department did hold an investigation and stated that the case is complete. If there would have been charges warranted, the officer would have taken that route. At this time, as Council President, I deem this situation closed.

## 18. ADJOURNMENT

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Councilwoman Cunningham.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM</u> – I believe we should be adjourned.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER** – Seconded by Councilwoman Creamer. Roll call, please.

8 yes to adjourn

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER</u> – Meeting adjourned.		
DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK	MIKE SLATER, PRESIDENT	_