

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Good evening. Welcome to the Massillon City Council meeting for Monday, August 17, 2026. We have in attendance the following City officials: Mayor Jamie Slutz, Asst. Law Director, Edmond Mack, Director of Development, Ted Herncane, Fire Chief, Matthew Heck and Income Tax/Budget Director, Lori Kotagides Boron, 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, John Paquelet, Mandwel Patterson, Eric Ray and Tony Townsend

Roll call of 8 present

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILWOMAN SARITA CUNNINGHAM

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Councilwoman.

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

6. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 77 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 77 – 2026

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 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 2026 Target Area Street Resurfacing Project, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 78 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 78 – 2026

BY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE approving the enterprise zone tax abatement application for Urban Construction, LLC, and declaring an emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 79 – 2026

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 80 – 2026

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1235 Community Health Services Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. Are there any questions or discussion on any of the ordinances in the Consent Agenda? Councilman Paquelet.

COUNCILMAN PAQUELET – Thank you, President. I wasn't here last week and I apologize, but on the Economic Development Committee one with the tax abatement, 75%, who determines the 75%, 50%, 25%, that rate?

COUNCILMAN PATTERSON – We'll have to pull it.

COUNCILMAN PAQUELET – Alright.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – So, we're going to pull Ord. No. 78 – 2026. Okay, we'll pull that one and then go for the other three.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Alright. Seeing no other questions or discussion, I 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 Councilwoman Bryan-Huth. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 77 – 2026, Ord. No. 79 – 2026 and Ord. No. 80 – 2026 have passed. We're going to go back to Ord. No. 78 – 2026 and revisit it.

COUNCILMAN PAQUELET – Mr. Patterson.

COUNCILMAN PATTERSON – You want me to answer your question?

COUNCILMAN PAQUELET – Please.

COUNCILMAN PATTERSON – So tax abatements are governed by the State as far as the law and so 75% is the maximum that we can provide to a business without it having to go to the school district for approval. Anything over 75%, we would have to send or Perry School District would have to approve the tax abatement in that case. So that's where it's set.

COUNCILMAN PAQUELET – But I just caution the future; the next company that shows up and if it's a real big company. This is a very small one, small property values.

COUNCILMAN PATTERSON – Right. There are some elements of...when I was in Canton I rewrote the tax abatement contracts where anytime we give a tax abatement to a large corporation or a large company, they would have to make the school districts whole on whatever the taxes we were abating from them. That was an agreement outside of the tax abatement. So, there's different causes and things of that nature that you could put in a tax abatement agreement to satisfy the different entities where we're abating taxes. So, that's something that you can do with a larger project. We could definitely discuss that.

COUNCILMAN PAQUELET – Okay. Thank you, Councilman Patterson.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. I was just going to say, correct me if I'm wrong, but it's our Economic Development Director that suggested the 75%. When you ask who, that would be the who.

COUNCILMAN PAQUELET – Thank you very much, Councilman Gregg. Okay, no further questions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Ray.

COUNCILMAN RAY – Thank you, President Slater. So, the business, Urban Construction and it's a manufacturing facility. Is it for the company, Urban Construction?

COUNCILMAN PATTERSON – Yes.

COUNCILMAN RAY – And what are they manufacturing?

COUNCILMAN PATTERSON – They make cabinets.

COUNCILMAN RAY – Oh, okay.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Cunningham.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Councilman Ray, they share space with Stark Glass and they have out grown their space.

COUNCILMAN RAY – Okay. Nice cabinets too.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Any more questions? Councilwoman Bryan-Huth.

COUNCILWOMAN BRYAN-HUTH – Thank you, Mr. President. Back to what Mr. Paquelet was saying about in consideration of abatements versus property values and things like that, I agree that it is a slippery slope, but we also need to incentivize people coming and so to find that sweet spot in the middle where we can incentivize people staying or growing in our town and having staff here and the gentleman that spoke last week, I was really impressed with the measures that they take for their staff and their employees and just the family-centered business aspect of it. But again, finding that sweet spot of where we can capture funds because we can't run the city without funds, but then incentivize people to come here as well. I think it's important to be judicious with that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Any further questions? Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Sorry, not a question, just a comment; that's definitely a business we want to keep in Massillon. There's no question about it and businesses like his, but I too was very impressed with Mr. Urban. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Yes sir. Councilman Patterson.

COUNCILMAN PATTERSON – I'll make one last comment. Going off of Councilwoman Bryan-Huth, there are only certain ways that we can incentivize businesses to come to this city. One is cash, which we haven't developed a fund yet; we haven't developed a mechanism or we haven't funded a mechanism to incentivize businesses to develop in the city from that standpoint. So that's something that we'll definitely need to do and then the other way is tax abatements which helps the businesses greatly over the course of a period of time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Ray.

COUNCILMAN RAY – Thank you, President Slater. So, just for people who may be paying attention online or whatever, for 75% of an abatement, you do not have to notify the schools?

COUNCILMAN PATTERSON – Correct.

COUNCILMAN RAY – Well, it's mentioned here that they sent a tax copy.

COUNCILMAN PATTERSON – You still send a notice.

COUNCILMAN RAY – Oh, okay.

COUNCILMAN PATTERSON – You just don't have to get their approval.

COUNCILMAN RAY – Okay. But does the school benefit from the abatement?

COUNCILMAN PATTERSON – No.

COUNCILMAN RAY – Okay. I'm learning. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Any more questions or comments? Councilman Patterson.

COUNCILMAN PATTERSON – Thank you, President Slater. I move that we suspend the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 78 – 2026 for a 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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 78 – 2026 has passed.

8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

A Request for the Transfer of a Liquor License from Massillon West Park Tavern, LLC, West Park Tavern located at 1017 – 6th St. S.W., Massillon, OH 44647 to Marie D. Shuck, LLC, Massillon West Park Tavern located at 1017 – 6th St. S.W., Massillon, OH 44647. Permit Classes are D-2X, D-2, D-3 and D-3A and is located in Ward 5.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Harwig Smith, did you receive a copy?

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – I did, President Slater.

11. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

US Bank Equip. Finance - \$127.00 August Invoice for copier submitted to the Auditor's Office for payment July 31, 2026

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 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

Auditor's Report - July 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 Ray. Roll call.

8 yes to accept the Auditor's Report

13. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Our next Work Session will be Monday, August 31, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

14. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – Thank you, President Slater. I have a notice from the Board of Zoning Appeals for a public hearing. This hearing will be held by Massillon Board of Zoning Appeals on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ivan Getz Building, 54 City Hall St. The applicant for this variance request case is David and April Young of 2446 Carlene Ave. S.W., Massillon, Ohio. They are appealing the rear yard setback. They would like to erect a 25 x 18 deck on the rear of the house. The proposed deck would be 18' from the rear property line and the applicant is requesting a 17' rear yard setback variance. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – You are welcome. Just for the record, there will not be a meeting next Monday.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – So, no meeting on the 24th and the next meeting is on the 31st?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Correct.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – I will not be able to be present at that meeting on the 31st.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you.

15. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

16. THIRD READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

17. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Townsend.

COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND – Yes. I don't know who to call up, but I'd like to speak with someone about the speed tables.

MAYOR SLUTZ – Good evening.

COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND – Hello, Mayor. First, I want to thank you for the speed tables on 13th St. and 3rd St. But I want to ask you, is there something that we can do for 16th St.? I know we talked about it and there were some issues with the sewer grates and driveways. But the people are still speeding like crazy over there, and then yesterday, someone blew the stop sign, went airborne and landed in front of Mrs. Pachis' yard. Could we get like strips or a sign that's just notifying the drivers that you're going a certain speed?

MAYOR SLUTZ – So, just to address the speed tables. Those, we take those up every year after summer. Early fall we take those up. We put them back down in different neighborhoods. I want to move those around to different neighborhoods, different streets throughout the city where there's problems. Besides the two, one at 13th, one at 3rd; there's one out by the Middle School this year on 29th St., one on 17th St. S.W. and then we put one on Burd N.E. again this year. So, our ideas are to move them around throughout the city. We looked at 16th St. S.E. There's a lot of things we have consider when we put those speed tables down. We have to take into consideration manhole covers, catch basins, driveways, intersections and things like that. So, unfortunately we were not able to find a good place between Ute at the top of the hill there with the blinking light and down at Arapahoe on 16th St., at the stop sign. There was no place, really, or actually in front of Franklin Homes also; there were no places that we could find to put one there. However, with that being said, we can contact our Police Chief, we can step up patrols up there. Throughout my career as a policeman, 16th and Ute was always a good place to sit. A lot of people didn't stop there, but with that being said, we want to slow vehicles down. We want people to stop at stop signs. We don't necessarily want to give everybody a speeding ticket or a stop sign ticket, but we just want to be able to slow people down, interact with them and say "Hey, there's kids in the area". There's plenty of kids up there. So, the intentions and I believe I can speak on behalf of the Police Dept., not everybody deserves a ticket, not everybody deserves to go to jail. The ultimate goal is to slow people down so we can provide safer streets. I can talk to the Police Chief and have him step up patrols. We do have a Traffic Division who the officer primarily focuses on traffic violations. So, if there's instances like that where people are going airborne, they have to be going pretty fast to be going airborne. Especially on 16th St., if you think about from Walnut to Ute where that hill goes down, that's only a couple hundred yards. Somebody had to be going pretty fast. So, I'll make a note and reach out and e-mail the Chief tomorrow; have him send our Traffic Division up there and start enforcing some of those laws.

COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND – Thank you, because like you stated, there's a lot of kids over there in Franklin Homes, Walnut Hills and then when they build the senior high rise, we're going to have additional motor vehicles going and then the kids. It's a recipe for destruction on that street. Unfortunately, it has to be that way and people know that there are kids running around playing and they're still driving, speeding up and down the street. And that stop sign, it's probably not even a hundred yards from Mrs. Pachis' home. So it seems to me wherever they came from, they just completely blew it and went up and there's a tree that sits in front of her house, I can show you, I have a picture. And the car just flipped over and now she's stuck with a \$2,000 bill that she has to pay the electric company because it's not her fault. I mean it's not the electric company's fault that her power went out.

MAYOR SLUTZ – So the car rolled over?

COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND – Oh yeah.

MAYOR SLUTZ – If they have insurance, the insurance company will pay for that.

COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND – Hopefully. She was a young lady, but hopefully she has insurance.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – We have as far as our speedometer signs that are solar, we have three of those?

MAYOR SLUTZ – Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – Where are they located right now?

MAYOR SLUTZ – One is on Wales Rd. N.E. in about the 1700 block. The other one is on Lake just west of 11th St. and the third one is on Tremont S.W. in the 1100 block southwest. We had one stolen back in 2023. They have GPS in them and from what I'm told, we were able to track it to Akron, but for whatever reason, we were not able to get that back.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Anyone else?

COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND – That's it for me, but they're stealing traffic signals? That's insane.

MAYOR SLUTZ – Thank you.

COUNCILMAN TOWNSEND – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Mr. Townsend. Back to No. 18 again. Remarks of delegations or citizens to matter that are not on the agenda. Is there anyone present at this time that would like to come and speak on a topic that did not appear on tonight's agenda?

HARLEY STURM – Good evening, Council. Thank you for listening to me right now. I have a prepared statement that I quickly put together. This past week, after making calls to numerous elected and appointed Massillon administration officials, an owner of EFE Services, Cavy Mechanical, growing and chilling, 1st St. RV and Boat Wash showed up to my home. He held

his horn down for nearly ten seconds, prompting me to go outside and film him. He turned around in front of my home multiple times and then pulled into the driveway in Perry Twp. He then beckoned me over to his truck and said that I “better be careful because I don’t know who I’m messing with”. Then he told me that he was “going to make the LED matrix board brighter because you’re messing with my business”. He has followed through with that. I have raised four concerns to Council including them using a nonconforming, residentially zoned driveway for multiple businesses and corporate endeavors. This goes against municipal code 251.22. That caps residential driveways at 24’ and commercial driveways at 30’. The driveway is in fact, impacted the privacy, the perceive safety of my home that my father purchased in 1960. I’m concerned about the preservation of the historic aspect of our neighborhood and the impact that this business has brought to the neighborhood. From what I have learned from research, this home was designed by Herman Albrecht who is a well-respected local architect and his partners in 1928. The home has some interesting history. More recently, a parcel’s land nearby had been developed into a space to wash cars and RV’s. They stated that their initial intent was to allow the water to run off into the sanitary sewer ultimately ending up across the street into the Tuscarawas River. My family raised concerns with the owner of the parcel that certain aspects of their business will greatly impact the character, livability, market value, privacy and safety of our home. Despite raising these concerns to the owner, the owner seemingly did all the things we were afraid of. After my father raised concerns about the light trespass from the six, high intensity LED lights, high celvin LED lights that EFE Grillin’ and Chillin’ KMB Mechanical had installed, he subsequently installed a flashing green sign that illuminated every house for more than one thousand feet. The sign showed a swirling pattern as if he was implying that he was selling hypnotism lessons or something. The sign is now brighter but then dims at a later time at night between 9:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., depending on unknown factors. From my perspective, this shows a sign or a pattern of retaliatorial behavior for using the legal avenues to voice my family’s concern. The four main concerns that I believe the city administrators have authority over are these; one, the nonconforming 75’ wide apron that exceeds beyond Massillon’s city boundaries and into Perry Twp. It’s been encroachment creeping and an overburdenment of the easement. The subsequent business use of a residential driveway and its continued development without being brought up to conformity with the current regulations that maximize driveways at a width of 24’. Number 2; the six high intensity, high calvin LED flood lights that are over illuminating 1.6-acre parcel. If you go to Walmart, you’ll notice they use a very similar flood light to light well over 1.6-acres. Number 3; the LED matrix board that is being used to project multi-colored lights onto adjacent parcels, into bedrooms and onto homes. I have photographs that I’ve sent to multiple administrators and code enforcement indicating showing the reflection on my dad’s last days at his home, reflecting on his home with green flashing lights. Number 4; required signatures from the neighborhood. He’s the owner of EFEK and B Mechanical, all those endeavors back there. Acquired signatures from the neighborhood after going around and presenting landscaping plans to neighbors that I cannot find in the approved site plan that was shown to the city administrators. I am concerned that there may have been a misrepresentation of the intended development and planning of the parcel. The landscaping plan in my father’s files shows they planned to install and plant a greater amount of arbor vita, giant green arbor vita that grows about 20’. They are space closer together and they had flowering trees in between each. That hasn’t taken place. I was under the assumption that the business was waiting to plant the trees in order to prevent them from shading the arbor vita. I have since learned that Massillon ordinance requires that approved landscaping be planted within six months of the approval. I have been very patient and optimistic that the business was going to do the right thing. That optimism has significantly waned since he powered up the LED matrix board and occasionally turns on the high intensity flood lights that create glare and reflect off the ground

of the parking lot and onto the surrounding areas. Council, I would like to thank you for listening to me and your time and attention to this matter.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – Could you state your name and address, please?

HARLEY STURM – I go by Harley. I prefer to say that I live on planet Earth. But my address is right next to EFE. I've lived there for thirty-eight years. I travel. That's just my personal philosophy.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Sir, could you state your exact address so that we have an idea? Because I don't know where you're talking about.

HARLEY STURM – The business is 1722 – 1st St. N.E., Massillon, Ohio; EFE Services.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – What is your address?

HARLEY STURM – My address?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Yes, what is your address?

HARLEY STURM – I hate to do this to you; I say planet Earth.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – May I ask one more question? What exactly is EFE Services?

HARLEY STURM – Environmentally Friendly Enterprises.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – They're zoned for a business zoned area?

HARLEY STURM – They were initially zoned, when I was a child, they were zoned as residential. In 1996, I believe they were sold by my neighbor to a warehouse and that's where the easement came in where they borrowed the driveway to store property back in a warehouse back there. And then in 2021, they applied for a rezoning and a lot of things fell through the cracks in that rezoning, I believe. I'm just trying to find the discrepancy and understand what's actually taking place.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Patterson. You good? Thank you.

HARLEY STURM – Thank you so much and God bless all of you.

GAYLE DANZY – Good evening. 2014 Tennyson Ave. N.E., Massillon, Ohio. First, I want to compliment Councilman Patterson. In all of my years coming to Council, I don't know if I ever heard anybody say that the tax abatements could be amended. So, that was interesting to me. That means that Council has the opportunity to say, don't let the school system lose or whoever may be losing, it's my understanding that you're saying you could put an amendment in there to change some of that. And then it's interesting to me to hear Council ask questions about tax abatements. Because I would think that if you're on Council, that's something that you should. That's just my opinion. That's not what I got up to talk about. I got up because I know a lot of people watch Council meetings. They don't come to Council meetings, but they

do watch it online. So this is my opportunity to make an announcement. The Brenda Robinson Center opened in April of this year. We have four free programs; insurance programs, education, counseling and credit programs. All of our programs are taught by licensed people and they are all free. Now the good news to me, is that people are attending the programs. School has started now and we'll be doing tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I've talked to the superintendent of schools. I've talked to the principal at the school. I've talked to the leader at the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Club in Massillon and they are all partnering with us to work towards helping children and our citizens. So, I'm excited about that and I want to say that at least I know that will go out to all the Massillon people who don't come to Council meetings, but who watch it online. I'm happy that you're watching it online because you're getting my announcement that we're doing well and you're getting my announcement that if you would like to volunteer at the Brenda Robinson Center at 59 Lincoln Way E. An organization that I have been trying to open since 2005, when I started the Brenda Robinson Center with the State of Ohio. So it's taken me what? About twenty-one years. I don't care how many years it's taken me. We are open now and doing well. And what's funny to me and what I'm learning; I'm growing stronger. Because I have lots of critics. Lots of critics and I finally come to the point that the critics don't matter. What critics say doesn't matter. What matters is what you say when you're going to help somebody. So now I've learned to totally ignore the critics. I love all you critics. I'm not saying I don't love you critics because you have critics and everybody is not liked by everybody I know that. I believe that Brenda Robinson was liked by everybody. I could be wrong, but I have never heard anybody say anything against Brenda Robinson. So my goal in life is to be like my "she-ro", Brenda Robinson. To do everything that I can to help the people of the City of Massillon do better and I think I kind of started that off when I built that subdivision in southeast Massillon. An African American woman that the city did not give a dime to and I built a subdivision in Massillon, Sinclair Village. Right up there. It still looks very nice. That was in 1999. All of the houses on the southeast side, except for Habitat. All of the new construction. And I don't say this often, but I'm like, it's time to get this out so that the critics can hear who their talking about. All of the new houses in southeast Massillon, Gayle Danzy, I was Gayle Gamble at the time, built those houses. The first three being on Walnut Rd. leading up to 16th St. I know some of you may not even know where Sinclair Village is. So, I invite you to take a ride. The houses still look very nice. I'm proud of them. The community's tried to call them the "new ghetto". Not. They are not the new ghetto. The houses look very nice and I am so proud of the people that live there. So that's my comments for the night and thank you for listening to me.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Yes ma'am. Thank you. Anyone else?

19. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Cunningham.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – I make a motion to adjourn.

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

8 yes to adjourn

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

MIKE SLATER, PRESIDENT