

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Good evening. Welcome to the Massillon City Council meeting for Monday, September 21, 2026. We have in attendance the following City officials: Mayor Jamie Slutz, Chief Deputy Auditor, Stefanie Myers, City Engineer, Alex Pitts, Director of Development, Ted Herncane, Police Chief, Jason Saintenoy, 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, Ed Lewis, John Paquelet, Mandwel Patterson and Eric Ray

Roll call of 8 present

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

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

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

8 yes to excuse Councilman Townsend

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILWOMAN JULIE HARWIG SMITH

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Cunningham.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Thank you, President Slater. I not only want to give a shout-out, I'm going to give a quadruple shout-out for the mighty, mighty Tigers and how they persevered and unless you were there, you wouldn't even believe it; but they won and they won big. And five times in a row against the big bad St. Ed's.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Thank you.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 86 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 86 – 2026

BY: POLICE & 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.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 87 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 87 – 2026

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 88 - 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 88 – 2026

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER - Ord. No. 89 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 89 – 2026

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from 1201 Street Construction M & R Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 90 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 90 – 2026

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 91 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 91 – 2026

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 (OPWC) for funding year 2027, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 92 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 92 – 2026

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending Ord. No. 79 – 2020 pertaining to authorizing credit card use by various departments within the City of Massillon, Ohio, in compliance with the credit card policy established by the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. I'd like to remove Ord. No. 92 – 2026 from the Consent Agenda.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 92 – 2026 has been removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. I'd like to make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring all other items on the Consent Agenda forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham. 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. The Consent Agenda except for Ord. No. 92 - 2026 has passed.

8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. I'd like to give Ord. No. 92 – 2026 first reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 92 – 2026 has received first reading.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

A Request for a New Liquor License for Family Dollar Stores of Ohio, LLC, Family Dollar Store 31172 located at 2625 Lincoln Way E., Massillon, OH 44646. Permit Class is C-2 and is located in Ward 3.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg, did you receive a copy of this?

COUNCILMAN GREGG – I have.

11. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

12. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Treasurer's Report	-	August 2026
Mayor's Report	-	August 2026

13. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Our next Work Session will be Monday, September 28, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

14. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

15. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

16. THIRD READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

17. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Res. No. 29 – 2026.

A RESOLUTION delineating one or more overlays in relation to the proposed Alpha Pointe incentive district within the City of Massillon, Ohio; adopting a written economic development plan as to same; setting the time and place of a public hearing; authorizing and ratifying the giving of notice to the Tuslaw Local School District, the Stark County Area Vocational School District, all pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(C) and its related rules and laws.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Res. No. 29 – 2026 has received second reading.

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

JOHN OATS – 1236 Burd Ave., Ward 1. First off, I'd like to give a shout-out to Tuslaw, Perry and Jackson for their excellent school report card grades. But what I really want to talk about is data centers and I'm not in the camp that is against data centers. In fact, I'm for them, but I am asking that you put a moratorium on them until at least after the election. Because I'm sure you're all aware that Vivek Wamaswamy has said he's going to make it a priority that if a data center is built in your community that they're going to have to pay your electric bills and I think that's too big of an opportunity for the city residents for us to ignore. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you. Anyone else?

19. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – I'd like to make a motion that we 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