

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, October 2, 2023. We have in attendance the following City officials: Mayor, Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Safety Service Director, Barb Sylvester, Asst. Law Director, Edmond Mack, Economic Development Director, Dave Maley, Parks and Recreation Board Members, Mark Hickey, Moe Rickett, Ted Shirtiger and Alex Wood, Health Dept. Commissioner, Terri Argent. And please let the record show that we also have Massillon City School Board Member, Tom Radel, in attendance this evening and let the record also show that Steve Pedro is in attendance this evening. 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.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Roll call.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Jill Creamer, Mike Gregg, Julie Harwig Smith, Ted Herncane, Ed Lewis, Mark Lombardi, Jamie Slutz, Mike Snee and Aaron Violand.

Roll call of 9 present

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Unfortunately this evening President Istnick was unable to attend. So, in abundance of safety, she is staying home. She’s on her last day of protocols related to the COVID virus. She does hope that we have a good evening, this evening in our meeting and is looking forward to seeing us all next Monday. Alright, Councilman Violand.

**COUNCILMAN VIOLAND** – Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Would those who care to please stand and join me for the Lord’s prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. INVOCATION**

**COUNCILMAN AARON VIOLAND**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**LED BY COUNCILMAN VIOLAND**

**4. READING OF THE JOURNAL**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Madam Clerk are the minutes of the previous meeting transcribed and open for public viewing?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Yes they are.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Are there any additions or corrections to be made?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – No there are not.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Then the minutes stand approved as written.

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

**TOM RADEL** – I'm on the Massillon City School Board. I'm the Vice President and you and a resolution this evening that you're going to be voting on. It's Res. No. 7 and it's to waive the following fees for the building permits for the East Side Elementary School for \$35,625.23 and I would encourage you all to vote "yes" on this so we can waive it. In the end, it's all of our tax money. It's our tax money and the school board has been very prudent over the years. We've saved a lot of money and we're building these elementary schools without an additional levy which is not going to cost the taxpayers any additional money. So, we're looking out for the taxpayers. So, whatever you guys can do; if you can vote "yes", I would appreciate it. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Thank you. Is there anyone else? As per custom, Councilman Gregg; you have a few comments this evening?

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Councilman Lewis. I just want to give a shout out to the Massillon Tiger football team for a big win on Friday night against a nationally ranked team from Washington D.C., the St. John's Collegiate team. The boys played well led by the defense. It held their opponent to 7 points. It's been pretty much the case all season and then the offense stepped up and scored 28 points for the win. So, I'm very proud of the team. This week they're on the road facing an always tough opponent in Austintown Fitch. So, I encourage those that can go to go and route the boys on and Go Tigers!

**6. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – In respect of what the President of Council requests were, she did start a new initiative two weeks ago in which residents could ask questions during the remarks section and answers would be provided at the next Council meeting. Do we have anybody with prepared responses? Councilman Slutz.

**COUNCILMAN SLUTZ** – There was some questions brought up two weeks ago about downtown buildings; how many buildings had second floors that are habitable? Julie Harwig Smith and myself, we met with Frank Silla on September 21, 2023. He took us building by building, how many buildings had floors that were habitable and buildings that were not habitable. Most of the buildings, he stated, had potential to be habitable, but were not habitable at that time. She asked about landlords. I know a few weeks ago, Code Enforcement cited a resident for some trash that they had in their yards and they're working towards continuing to do those citations for people that are in violation. We did ask, Ms. Harwig Smith and myself, we requested how many building owners had been fined in the last five years for violations downtown and how much money the City has collected from those fines. So, we're still waiting for those answers from Mr. Silla and that's all I have. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Thank you, Councilman Slutz. Anyone else have new or miscellaneous business this evening?

**7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Ord. No. 101 – 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 101 – 2023**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1216 Federal Law Enforcement Fund, for the purpose of the Massillon Police Department, for the year ending December 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – This evening, Councilman Lombardi will be stepping in for me as Finance Chair, so, Councilman Lombardi.

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI** – Thank you, Mr. Lewis. First reading.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM** – Ord. No. 101 – 2023 has received first reading. Ord. No. 102 – 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 102 – 2023**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with Innovative Software Services, Inc. for the Income Tax Software Program, “CityTax”.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Councilman Lombardi.

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI** – First reading.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Ord. No. 102 – 2023 has received first reading.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS**

**11. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Auditor’s Report	-	September 2023
Health Commissioner’s Report	-	October 2, 2023 Workforce Development Grant
Mayor’s Board Appointment	-	Recreation Board- Nicole Herrera

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – We will get to the Recreation Board appointment of Nicole Herrera in just a moment, but let’s first handle the Auditor’s Report. Councilman Lombardi.

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI** – I make a motion that we accept the Auditor’s Report.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call.

9 yes to accept the Auditor’s Report

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – The Auditor’s Report has been accepted. Now on to the board appointment of Nicole Herrera for the Massillon Parks and Recreation Board. I will turn that over to Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – So, Dave Harding has resigned from the Recreation Board and the Mayor wants to make an appointment with the approval of City Council for Nicole Herrera. Is she here? Can somebody come up and speak to this?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Good evening, Mr. Lewis and Members of Council. It is with deep regret that Dave Harding needed to resign from the Park Board. He enjoyed serving very much and we’re going to miss him. So, we need to appoint a new person and she will fulfill Mr. Harding’s term and right now if they should have a tie, there’s no one to break to tie. So, we really need to appoint this person tonight. Nicole Herrera is a resident of Massillon. She has children in our schools. She’s also a coach. She serves as a professor at Stark State and we don’t have a female on the Park and Rec. Board and I think it would be a great compliment for the Board to have a person that the ability to write. She’s a beautiful writer but, she also uses our parks and has coached soccer and basketball and her son is now the punter for the Tigers. So, if you hear the name Herrera out there from the gentleman that does that announcements, that is her son and he’s doing a great job as a freshman, I believe. He’s a freshman. So he has had some playing time. But I’ll let Nicole talk a little bit about herself, Nicole.

**NICOLE HERRERA** – Good evening. Lots of familiar faces around here. Just to introduce myself, it’s Nicole Herrera. The announcers’ kind of have a hard time with my son’s name. It’s different every single time. So, I’m a lifelong resident of Massillon. I grew up at 1108 Tremont S.W. I went to Massillon High School and graduated 1997. So, I came back here; my husband and I were really dedicated to the community and we wanted to come and make our life here. So, we actually just built a house not too long ago. I was really honored when the Mayor asked me if I would be willing to serve in this position because it really brings all three of my life buckets together. So, I’m an educator, I’m a coach and I am really passionate about recreation and sports and green space. I think Massillon has an amazing collection of parks around the community and I think it’s important to take care of single one of them. I’ve been told, my super power, that I ask really good questions, so I think it’s really important to hear ideas and to make good decision that are both pragmatic, but also innovative in a way. Not to get too bogged down with group thinking as to this is how it’s always been so it should always be that way. So, I like to think that I bring that to the table as well. I do love to write so if the Board ever needs anything grammatically checked, I’m your girl. So, I think that’s it. Does anyone have any questions for me? Yes.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – Thank you, Mrs. Herrera. My main question is and I was very impressed by your resume, you seem like you’d be a wonderful addition to the Recreation Board, but currently are you still the girls’ varsity soccer assistant coach?

**NICOLE HERRERA** – Yes.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – Okay. That is a stipend position, correct?

**NICOLE HERRERA** – Yes.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – I don't think I'll be able to support, not that I wouldn't want to support you because I think you'd be a great addition, but, according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Recreation Board, Article Six, Item 9 and 10; Item 9 is "Board Members at the time of their appointment or during their term cannot be receiving directly or indirectly and stipends, grants or other types financial compensation from any Massillon City government or Massillon School Board entity". And Item 10, "Board Members at the time of appointment or during their term cannot pursuantly be involved or be a part of any business ventures involving financial transactions with the Massillon City government or Massillon School entities". I did try to call you earlier today.

**NICOLE HERRERA** – Oh, you did.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – I wanted to ask you that. I mean, are you planning on resigning from your position or are planning on continuing coaching?

**NICOLE HERRERA** – Well, the season is over in about two weeks. So, I'm not sure.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – So this is to finish to the end of the year, but I don't know. I think it still applies. We'll be looking at, normally it's a five-year term, is that correct?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – She's finishing it out.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – Oh, she's finishing it out to the end of the year. But, I don't know; I feel like we're violating these two things right now because you're currently still in the season. I don't know what anyone else thinks, based on the rules.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – My suggestion would be that we can approve her and then we don't appoint her for two weeks, until her season is over. That would be my suggestion.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Mr. Lombardi.

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI** – I would suggest that we table this for another two weeks until after that season's over before we even consider it.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – We don't have to table anything. We just won't take action at this point. But I do think we need to make sure we get this cleared up so that we know for sure and then, obviously, I think the bigger question is that not only do we need to get past this two weeks, but I'm assuming, I mean I don't want to put words in the Mayor's mouth, but we also have to start thinking about the next term and if Ms. Herrera is someone that the City would like, we need to start looking down that road as well at some point. So, why don't we bring this back up in two weeks, not to get personal, but we'll have to look at also to be prepared to have a private conversation with someone about when the stipends are released. Because even if it's two weeks from now, we have to make sure that there's no exchange of funds. So, I think that's the other piece that might get a little bit trippy. But thank you; it was nice seeing you again.

**NICOLE HERRERA** – Thank you.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Alright. Madam Mayor, do you have any other reports that you'd like for City officials, while we have you up here?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Sure. Good evening, again. I do have several reports to share with you this evening. The first one is a really sad report that I'm going to give you and you may have already heard, but Robert Dean Haas, Major General Haas has passed away. He was very dear to me and to our community. He was 95 years old. He really served his country well and if you would like, I can have Diane copy the obituary and share it with you. But, really was instrumental in our City becoming a Purple Heart City and his leadership will be missed by our community and his passion for Massillon as well as the students. He was, at one point, the assistant superintendent for Massillon City Schools and he just served our country well. So, with that, his calling hours are Wednesday, or Tuesday, excuse me, and his visitation will be held Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Karlo-Libby Funeral Home on Everhard Rd. and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church for his funeral services. So, just a great man that we're going to miss in our community. Under happier things; Dairy Queen is going to have another new building, a 1.6 million dollars building next to Menard's on Erie St. S. There is a new Welcome to Massillon sign on Lillian Gish and Rt. 21. If you haven't seen it yet, please take a look. That has been missing for many years; trying to figure out what to actually put in there and it's a beautiful sign and welcomes our visitors to our community. Those that know about the large sink hole, the largest sink hole that we've ever had in our City that I have seen; the work has been completed on Valeside Ave. N.E. Emergency Sippo Sanitary Sewer replacement is to begin in the next couple of weeks. Right now the pipes are on order and we're waiting on the pipes. The parking lot on Erie and Tremont; we'll begin paving work within the next couple of weeks as well as the parking lot at the Health Dept.; we'll begin paving within the next couple of weeks. FEMA and FCC is conducting a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System. All of you should know about that for your residents in your Wards and At-Large and wireless emergency alerts on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at approximately 2:20 p.m. Our records management system in our Police Dept. is going live on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The lights for Charles Ave. and Erie St. S. will be placed by mid-October. And then there was some questions previously a week to two weeks ago or two weeks before that and Barb would like to present the answers to those questions this evening. Barb.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Thank you, Mayor. Yes, there were questions last week and you asked me to do my homework. So, most all questions that were asked, I do have documentation for you. I thought that was the best way for me to present it; the process and procedures that Code Enforcement does goes through. Everything does get kept and we've got very good recordkeeping. So, I will leave the records here with you. Not sure exactly how you want to process those, but I can explain to you what each of them are. We have two full-time and a part-time officer. We have their recordkeeping system. This is actually their reports of every case that is open and processed and closed. So, I think that would answer a lot of the questions about the processes that we go through. Everything is listed there and these are beginning with the date of January 2022 through the current date of this past week. So, this is out of their recordkeeping system and what I brought next then, there was the questions regarding the non-owner occupied, the registered rentals. So, we have a spreadsheet here and again, these are actually broken down the same dates and these are actually broken down by each section of the City. So, these spreadsheets will give you, for instance, this is the northeast side, it will give you the address, the owner of the property, the address of the owner, this is the address of the rental home, the name, the address of the owners of the home. It also has then the amount of the fees that have been paid for the rentals. So, some of these rentals, you'll see the fees that are on here of \$30 and \$50 because, as you know, there's only a one-time registration per rental. So, there from many years back. So they are very small amounts. But, they are currently listed with us at this time. I know that I was asked

“What is the percentage of rentals that are registered right now in our City?”, and that percentage is 76.66%. Also, I ran the reports on our vacant registrations and these also are done by sections in the City. So, northeast, northwest, and these reports will show you the addresses, anything you see in green, those are registered and the registration fees have been paid. Again, these are for 2022 and 2023. Anything in red are those who have not paid and the red indicates the collections. As you all know, we do send them to collections if they don’t pay the registrations. So, those all are listed here. I also included our Building Board of Appeals minutes. These are from the same time frame, again. These also are a part of our process with Code because when we do have the violations of the maintenance of the building, we then have to take that to Code. The Code has to take it to the Building Board of Appeals; it’s a part of what’s in our ordinance. So, that shows the process that they go through as well when they have to have to take it to the Building Board, when people ask for an extension of time to make repairs and so forth. So, that gives additional information that you’re asking about for the process. And I did include all of the invoices that we have paid for 2023 and 2022 and these are for cleanups, dumpsters. Any cleanup company that we have to go and have come out and pick up trash that’s a larger amount that what our Street Dept. can get and also we pay invoices for trees that could be a danger that need to come down right away and the residents do not reply or conform to the Code violations that have been issued. In addition to those, I included then the spreadsheet on the actual tax assessments. So, the high grass that we have to go out and mow, any of these items that we got and clean up or trees we take down, these are the spreadsheets of all the assessments that are there as well. And then one question that was asked, I didn’t pull all of these out, you can pull out individual files if we need to bring those over as well, but the structure inspection rating form that you asked about and that is currently being used at this time. So, I think that completes my homework.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Thank you, Mrs. Sylvester.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – You are welcome.

**12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Our next Work Session will be Monday, October 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Council does not observe Columbus Day.

**13. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**14. CALL OF THE CALENDAR**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Ord. No. 82 – 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 82 – 2023**                      **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Tabled September 18, 2023 until October 2, 2023**

AN ORDINANCE creating a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) and establishing requirements to ensure public health and safety within such area.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thank you, Mr. Lewis. This evening we had a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. here in Chambers. We had one individual that did speak during the public speak.

We've multiple discussions, multiple questions regarding this DORA ordinance. We've addressed the cups and the logos. We've addressed the number of safety staff numbers, the number of sanitation staff. We've discussed the DORA area, the days and the times. We've also discussed the Veterans Park signage prohibiting participants to enter that area with the cups. Are there any additional questions at this time that needs to be addressed? Well, DORA guidelines set forth by the State of Ohio, I would like make a motion to table Ord. No. 82 – 2023 until November 6, 2023.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Do we have a second? Councilman Snee seconded. Roll call.

9 yes to table Ord. No. 82 – 2023 until November 6, 2023

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Thank you. Ord. No. 82 – 2023 has been tabled until November 6, 2023.

## 15. **THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Ord. No. 87 – 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 87 – 2023**

**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 construction of the Roberson Splash Pad at Wampler Park, and declaring an emergency.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thank you, Mr. Lewis. As stated, this ordinance is to advertise for and receive sealed bids and to enter into a contract for Roberson Splash Pad at Wampler Park. This evening we do have Park and Rec. Board that was present along with Park and Rec. Director. If anybody would like to come forward at this time and speak to this ordinance, I would like to bring them forward at this time.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Do we have any members of the Park Board or the Director that would like to speak this evening? Mr. Pedro.

**STEVE PEDRO** – Hello everybody. I'm here because Councilwoman Harwig Smith asked me to come tonight and answer any questions that you may have. So, if there's anything that I can give you right now, I can do that.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – I know, Mr. Pedro, there were questions regarding the splash pad. I know previously discussions you've stated that we are speaking to other municipalities, other places that have splash pads with getting ballpark figures and I know multiple members of Council did want more specifics regarding what it's going to cost the City regarding the splash pad.

**STEVE PEDRO** – I did talk to two other communities that have the same, similar size that we have and here are some of the facts from them; the following is from Plain Twp.; they have a



flow-thru system. Their cost between water, electricity and man hours for maintenance. Utility costs are approximately \$17,000 to \$18,000 per year, for the three-month period that they are open, for the water and electricity. Their guessing that they use between 70 to 150 gallons per minute and the maintenance costs are about \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year; depending on how many people go out there. What they do, they include in their daily cleanup of the rest parks which is what I would prefer to do. They don't have anybody there when it's open to man it. It's just open to the public and the maintenance is about once a month. They said they power wash it to clean it off. They sanitize it when they're out there. We have that equipment from the pandemic to do some sanitization as well. So, there are some of the costs from up there. He quote is, costs with utility are approximately \$17,000 to \$18,000 per year with variables of dry, wet, hot and cold weather that play into that. Labor costs also varies, but that cleanup is billed into the morning routines and staff. Afternoon shifts which is two staff at roughly \$28.00 per hour per person, but we're not there. That's two days a week times 14 weekends is what they have set up. They said that their maintenance with dumping trash, three health inspections, sanitizing and power washing, which is recommended monthly or more if needed. Then the basic winterization costs like we do by winterizing all of our restrooms is basic winterization costs. Then the City of Green has a water recirculating system. Obviously the water costs are lower, but the difference between the two and they both have their closing comments. That one has a continued circulation system so the electricity is always running up there. The flow through system, the electricity is only working when there's a sensor that senses to make a flow at whatever piece of equipment they are at. Electricity is constantly running the water treatment system as needed which is not needed for a flow through system. More chemicals are needed for sanitization and filtration. Chemicals costs more wear on the surface, the fixtures and the equipment. Recycling water can cause more bacteria. Again, these are just comparing the two. I think they both have their pros and cons. There's a website you can go to called "Playquest.ca" that has a lot of this information as well.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Are there any other Council Members that have questions for Mr. Pedro at this time?

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Mr. Pedro, with the current legislation I do feel that the Recreation Board, they are going to be responsible for all of this, but really didn't have any input as far as the process of the bid or what's being accepted. We've had a lot of questions, but we really don't have any answers afterwards. You said at the Recreation Board meeting that there is a revised plan?

**STEVE PEDRO** – Yes. September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Now that's not the final design. They have some more work to do before they can put that together.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – Okay.

**STEVE PEDRO** – Before they get it to us, I should say.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – So, I know the Recreation Board, they were kind of upset because they felt that they had not been updated or weren't part of the process and that was my concern. One of the things I think that could be a solution to this is for us to hold off and when you get whatever you're going to present to go to bid or whatever you put out there,

that it first goes through the Park Board for their approval so that they are a part of the process.

**STEVE PEDRO** – I have a couple of Board Members here if you'd like them to speak.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – Yes. I think we need to hear what they have to say.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Ms. Creamer, does anyone else have any questions for the Director of Parks?

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – So, let's back up, again that the City; repeat what you stated. So we don't have a final design yet?

**STEVE PEDRO** – They sent us a design, but they said that there may be some changes on it. So, I'll say, no. Because it says final on it, but it's not final because there are some changes.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – So changes as to what type of?

**STEVE PEDRO** – The concrete, the size of the concrete, there were some different things that they were going to put on the outside, as of that date.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – We can have Ms. Sylvester answer some of those questions.

**STEVE PEDRO** – We have an idea of what it's going to look like and you put it out to bid, it could change. They could come in higher or lower or they can't do the work.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thank you.

**STEVE PEDRO** – You are welcome.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Thank you, Mr. Pedro. Who would you like to call first.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – I would like first any Park and Rec. Board Member that would like to come up and speak to please come forward.

**MOE RICKETT** – Acting Director of the Parks Board for Dave Harding. I've been on the Board for a long time. This is my second stint. Does anybody of you guys have any questions? This is the drawing we received last night. That's only rendering that we have of the new splash pad. I don't think we should proceed forward until we have solid answers. Number one, what's going in there? How it's going to go in? Exactly the maintenance costs. All we're being asked to do is to pay for this thing. We've had no involvement whatsoever. Like many of the five, they do the planning, they raise the money, they build it. We get to upkeep it and pay. That's pretty much what we've been involved with. We got that rendering that you guys are looking at. We got that Wednesday at our last Park Board meeting. So, that is all we know. We haven't been informed. Now I know Steve said he's been involved, but as far as transferring that to us, we have no idea. I tell you what I know.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – So based on that rendering, are you in favor of this splash park?

**MOE RICKETT** – I'm in favor. I think it's a hell of a project. I'm totally in favor of this project. It's a Roberson thing and they're bringing in the money. I just think that if it's going to be in a park, then we should have some involvement. We might have some things and be of assistance. All we're being asked to do is pay for it. They raised the money. They've done the engineering. They're going to send it out to bid. Our only involvement from what gained so far is that we're asked to pay the maintenance and do the upkeep. So, and nobody can tell us what that total is going to be yet. We've got estimates of between \$20,000 and \$35,000 a year. Keep in mind, we're on a fixed income at the park. We get a .03% money from our tax. Anywhere on a good year \$2.9 to \$3 million, but out of that we pay Legends, we pay the Rec. Center debt. We got a lot of bills we have to pay. Now when you add \$25,000 to \$30,000 fixed costs on this, that's a lot of money for us. It's a lot of money for us. It's not that we can't handle it; we can and I think the City deserves this project. I just want it to be done right. And another thing, we just replaced the inside of our Rec. Center with five pieces of equipment. I do say half the cost had to be for plumbing under the Rec. Center, but it costs us \$400,000; \$495,000 to replace and redo that. That came out of our funds. We get no help. So, I would ask if the City's going to do these projects, don't do them and plan them and then just throw them in our lap for us to maintain and pay for. Let us be involved in the process so we'll know what the hell we're getting when we sign up for it. I just want to know; my job as a Park Board Member is to protect money. The money that's spent and how it's spent and right now, I'm for it, but I want to know more about it before I vote "yes". That's where I'm at. Any other questions.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Are there any other Park Board Members that would like to speak?

**MARK HICKEY** – I've been on the Park Board 11 years. I just have a few questions that I'm not quite clear on here. Why is the Safety Service Director ahead of this project when it's in the Parks and we pay a director a nice salary to manage our parks? So why is the Safety Service Director running this project over Steve Pedro? Any reason on that?

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Well, that would be a question you'd have to take up with the Administration. As a legislative body, we just approve the dollars and the projects. When it comes to the bid, the Administration handles that.

**MARK HICKEY** – Well, if the Safety Service Director wants to be the designated bidder, she has to come to the Rec. Board for approval. I think you'll find that's the law. She hasn't done that. Okay?

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Okay.

**MARK HICKEY** – Now, I'm for this project; I just think Steve Pedro should be running the project over the Safety Service Director. Is that part of her job title to go out and get bids for the Rec. Board? Isn't that Steve Pedro's job? So, I just don't understand and Steve Pedro will have constant contact with us and we'll be involved in the process. So, I'd like to make Steve Pedro the head guy on this. I mean, it's just common sense on that end and we did approve this project, which everybody on the Board is for the project. They were just a little peeved that we didn't get any more notice than what we did and that's why we're here tonight. So, any final drawings and that would still have to come to the Rec. Board for approval. So, I don't know why we wouldn't have Steve Pedro running that project. That's my question. That makes just must more sense to me on that end. That's all I have as I don't understand why

Steve Pedro is not the head guy on that part and why hasn't the Safety Service Director come to one our meetings and tell us why she would be a better representative for us instead of Steve Pedro who is the Parks and Rec. Director. I just don't understand why everything has to be in the City as far as that is. It doesn't make any sense to me. So, thank you for your time.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Thank you, Mr. Hickey. Are there any other members of the Park and Rec Board that would like to speak this evening? Alright, Ms. Creamer, do you have any additional comments or conversation this evening?

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Would the Safety Service Director or anyone from Administration like to come up and possibly give some answers to questions that were just raised?

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Madam Mayor or Safety Service Director, would either one of you want to come up and address Council? I think the primary question is, I don't want to speak for you, but the first question that comes to mind is are there final plans or renderings?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Yes. There are final plans Diane shared with you. So, those plans are there in place to go out to bid.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Go ahead Ms. Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Ms. Sylvester, that rendering, is that the final plan? Because that's not what I've heard.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – I didn't see a copy of it.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Please look at that because that is the question; if it's ready to go out to bid, if it's the final plan, is that what's going out?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – The answer is that that is the final plan plus more concrete. So, the only difference that you're going to see is additional concrete and they're working on putting that in now, but it's going to be in the bid packet for the additional concrete. What was so important is that when you go to, have you ever been to a splash park? So, you want to be able to have tables that go around the splash park to have family's sit and the current design that see today, doesn't have the additional concrete. That's the only thing that's not in the design.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – And the cost of that would be covered under the two capital grants that we have plus the ARPA dollars?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Yes, plus the ARPA dollars and the \$100,000 from the family.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – And you have anything coming from Parks and Rec?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – No, there is none. Just to advise Council, when we did Duncan Plaza, we took the project out to bid and Barb and Steve were both part of Duncan Plaza. Once it was finished, we turned it over to the Park and Rec. Dept. The reason that we are going out to bid is because the parks are in the City of Massillon and the City raised the

money for the project. So that's why and we raised the dollars for this project as well and Steve knows that he has studied this before and he confirmed it with the numbers that he gave you tonight and we would rather use the fresh water because we don't want to put chemicals on our kids. And so, that's why we'd prefer the fresh water and then you have to replenish those chemicals all the time and it's just not a healthy thing today to utilize those chemicals.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Councilwoman Creamer, can I make a recommendation? Because I think, I'm not hearing a single person saying that they are opposed to the project, so that's a good thing. I think the project is going to happen. But can we just maybe table this for two weeks. Maybe the Administration, you can get with these Park Board Members and let's see if we can get them some answers that make them comfortable and then maybe we proceed in two weeks if we think that's good with everybody?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – That's great. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Ms. Harwig Smith.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – I have questions of the Safety Service Director. When you redid Duncan Plaza and you went out for the bid, did that go to the Park and Rec. Board first for a vote to make you the bidder as opposed to the Director of Parks? Because I was told that they had to vote and then after they voted it was a 3-2 vote and that that was the vote that allowed you to go out for the bid.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Yes. The Park Board Member, Mark Hickey, did say that this project was and the Parks Board approved it.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – I think the concern is that they approved the concept of it like we did. Like we were shown some slides with an iron fence around it that said "Roberson Splash Park" and then we heard things changed to this and that and had all these questions and we've gotten some answers and now we've got a lot more answers which is heading in the right direction, but I think that the final design and exactly how everything is going to be should be run through the Park Board and approved by them before. I mean, that's where I stand on this.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – I think a conversation over the next two weeks might go a long way. Let's just see if we can get some questions answered. Ms. Creamer. Oh, Mr. Snee, sorry.

**COUNCILMAN SNEE** – I just have a question about the legality. What, if may call up Mr. Edmond Mack, because I might be putting him on the spot here.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – About?

**COUNCILMAN SNEE** – What does the law state on who goes out for the bid?

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – I would ask Mr. Mack. I will also make sure that we understand that as Council Members, we are the ultimate authority as to what gets built and does not get built in this City. So, if we so chose to put something in a park, no one can stop us. But, Mr. Mack.

**COUNCILMAN SNEE** – Right, but that’s not what I’m saying. I’m saying who’s responsible for going out to bid?

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Mr. Mack.

**EDMOND MACK** – So the statutes under which we have the Recreation Board Park Commission, it’s set up this way; the Commission itself, not the director, steps in the shoes of the Safety Service Director, right? So, the Commission itself would have the power to, if they had the money, to do a full blown bid for a major project. It’s still going to have to go through the Board of Control, as the finance chairman identified during the last meeting. Because for any public bid, that’s how it works. It will end at the Board of Control and ultimately the Commission could sign the contract. Here the way it’s proceeding is that this money has not been allocated to the parks so it is municipal money from your body and so it is understandable why the Safety Service Director would be the contracting authority because who’s ultimately going to be liable, it’s going to be her statutory authority. Now, as everybody is saying, they have to approve this. The Parks Commission has to approve it whether they’ve done it previously or now or whatever the case may be. I mean, that’s the way it works. So you guys can fund it, run it through your contract authority, but they have to have their approval and be on board.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – So, Mr. Mack if I’m understanding correctly, what sounds like because of municipal funds are being used to build and we have not transferred those municipal funds to the Parks and Rec., they do not have the funds, therefore, they don’t have the bid?

**EDMOND MACK** – Right.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – We need them on board because they’re paying the maintenance and upkeep to moving forward.

**EDMOND MACK** – Yes, and allowing it to be constructed on park property. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Alright. Sounds like we’re getting a lot closer to an answer, but in two weeks’ time, hopefully we’ll get some answers.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thank you, Mr. Lewis. So at this time, I would like to table Ord. No. 87 – 2023 until October 16, 2023.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Seconded by Councilman Snee. Roll call.

9 yes to table Ord. No. 87 – 2023 until October 16, 2023

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Ord. No. 87 – 2023 has been tabled. Ord. No. 90 – 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 90 – 2023**

**BY: HEALTH, WELFARE, AND BLDG. REGS. COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE enacting CHAPTER 962 “CEMETARIES” under TITLE FIVE – OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES of PART NINE – STREETS, UTILITIES, AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, for the disposition of deceased indigents and the administration thereof.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Councilman Slutz.

**COUNCILMAN SLUTZ** – This is addressing the disposition of deceased indigents putting the responsibility on the Health Dept. This is third reading, so, I'd like to bring Ord. No. 90 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Seconded by Councilman Herncane. Roll call.

9 yes for passage

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Ord. No. 90 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 92 – 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 92 – 2023**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations for the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the purpose of the Roberson Splash Pad Project, for the year ending December 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Councilman Lombardi.

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI** – Thank you, Mr. Lewis. This goes in conjunction with Ord. No. 87 – 2023, so I would like to make a motion to table this until October 16, 2023.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call.

9 yes to table Ord. No. 92 – 2023 until October 16, 2023

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Ord. No. 92 – 2023 has been tabled.

**16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Res. No. 7 – 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7 – 2023**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A RESOLUTION in support of waiving the building permit fees for the Massillon City School District's East and West Side Elementary Schools.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Councilman Lombardi.

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI** – Thank you, Mr. Lewis. After last week's Work Session, I would like to put this up for a public hearing before we make a decision on this here in Council. So, I would like to make a motion that we table this until we can have a public hearing.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – We have to give a thirty-day notice. So, November 6<sup>th</sup>?

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI** – Okay. I'd like to make a motion to table Res. No. 7 – 2023 until November 6, 2023.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Do we have any comments from the Administration? Madam Mayor? We do have the motion seconded, but we will allow them to speak.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Thank you, Mr. President. I am concerned about tabling it for thirty days for the schools. They are awaiting your approval so they can start the project and so I defer to Mr. Radel, if he could come up and discuss that with you.

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI** – Mr. Lewis, we do have a motion on the floor so we have to deal with that.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – We do and I will just simply, Mr. Radel, before; we do have a motion on the floor but I also want let everybody on Council know that this is a resolution, not a legislation. So, it is not a law that we are passing. We are just passing our support of, we are not stopping anything from happening. It could happen tomorrow whether we vote or not. So, with that said, I have a motion and a second on the floor. Roll call.

5 yes; 4 no to table Res. No. 7 – 2023 until November 6, 2023; Creamer, Gregg, Harwig Smith and Violand voted “no”

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Res. No. 7 – 2023 has been tabled. And to be very clear to the comments I made before this, there has been numerous Council Members that have asked the question as to why this was brought to our attention in the first place. Per the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon it is in the full authority of the Mayor and her Administration to grant this request of the School Board without approval of Council, hence, the reason has been presented to us on a resolution and not a legislation. They are looking for our support which I know many of us do, but, members of Council had stated that if the Mayor is looking for us to come and to support, then they want to hear from the residents as well before they state that support. But nothing is stopping from this waiver from taking place per the Codified Ordinances of the City.

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

**GAYLE DANZY** – Massillon, Ohio. This is a question I know for the next two weeks. I had asked what’s going on with the grant money that went to the people that tore down the buildings. Are they going to have to pay it back; just what’s going on with that. We haven’t heard anything else about that. So, I would like to know about the buildings that were torn down.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – You talking about Tiger Rags?

**GAYLE DANZY** – And, I can’t say his name because you all told me that I couldn’t do it, but you know the other building that’s next to Duncan’s Jewelers, I just want to know what’s going on with that grant money. Is the Tiger Rag owner going to have to pay it back, some percentage or something, what’s going on and what’s going on with one next to Duncan Jewelers? Is he going to have to pay anything?

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – I’ll help because the quick answer to both of those is both of those cases are currently involved in legal actions and discussions, so we would not be able to disclose answers to you at this time until those cases are concluded.



**GAYLE DANZY** – And guess what? You know how I ask questions, I will not disclose how I already knew that, but I wanted to come and ask you in meeting. But I was told that. So, thank you for your honesty.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – No problem. Thank you, Ms. Danzy. Anyone else that would like speak to something on matters that are not on the agenda?

**BROOKE LONGHEIR** – Hi, I know it's late. I know everybody's ready to get home, but I'll try to do my best to get through this. First, I want to say that it's a shame that whatever post I put out became political. I do not feel like Mayor Kathy or her administration is at fault for what is going on and I do not feel like Jamie is going to come in and save my building either. So, Citizens of Massillon, please quit thinking so. I actually think that none of you are responsible for any of this and if I had done my research properly then none of you were in office 14 years ago from Mayor down to Council Members. Unfortunately, decisions were made 14 years ago that led us to where we are today and those decisions were the fault of the people that were in positions in the City. In fact, in a Canton Repository article in April 2009, the Fire Chief is quoted in saying "Some, if not all of it, will likely be knocked down". Due to the collapse, the investigator can't even get into the basement. Burgasser, and I'm sorry if I said your name wrong, has concerns about the affects knocking down the Conrad Building would have on other structures. He saw walls on adjacent buildings could fall without apply extra support before demolition. Mayor Ciccinielli's response was "Tear it down and we'll have a mouth with a couple of teeth knocked out". That's how we got where we are today. The City, at the point and time, did not follow their own building codes, their own policies, they did not tear the building down. Therefore, the City knocks me less paperwork for what I needed to fix after the demolition that they paid for. I believe we can all agree that the demolition that happened in 2023 than it could have happened 2009. I also believe we can all agree that what remained after the fire had to be demolished before it would ever be rebuilt. Unfortunately, not doing the right thing had its effect on more than the condition of that said building that was then demolished. My insurance company's response was "We must respectfully deny your claim on the basis that your policy of insurance excludes loss or damage caused directly or indirectly by destruction of property by order of any government authority, such loss and damages excluded regardless of any other cause or any event that happened after this". Therefore, if anything happens to my building, if it falls down, any of that, it will not be covered. But, if I flip to the next page here, governmental action, it says "We will pay for loss or damage caused by a result of acts of destruction ordered by government authority and taken at the time of a fire". Darn, we were just 14 years late to get my insurance company to cover it. So, basically, if the demolition would have happened immediately after the fire, our insurance company would have covered the repairs. As of my father's paid out over \$86,000 to fix what we had to fix after the fire. I've spoken under City Ordinance 1341.23 "Protection of Party Walls" before, but it seems no one is listening. Clearly the situation happened before and Council recognized it was unfair and did something about it. Therefore, they brought forth and ordinance that ended up being 1341.23. Unfortunately, nothing was done right then and so now I make my plea to you to do what they didn't do back then and right this wrong. This is a special circumstance. As of the beginning of this year, the City has forked over \$700,000 that you guys have approved for demolishing buildings with no repayment in sight from either parties. In fact, if you look through when the City went to the Stark County Land Bank, they admitted that they did not ever expect the owner of 20 and 14 Lincoln Way E. to ever pay for it. The decisions of the past Administration, Council has left me in a place of my family's 60+- year investment into a building, 125+ year investment into a business has been effected. Why should we be forced to sell our building, a damaged building, and receive less than what we've invested into it? We did nothing to repair it. Unfortunately, with a messed up world where the rich get what they

want and the poor gets screwed over. I'm urging you as Council, as Council President, as Mayor of the City, to recognize that the City of Massillon owes it to my family to right the wrong that was done. With all the money spent in the last year, demolishing historic buildings and I did note that my stack of invoices thrown up there from paying for other stuff people won't do, taxpayers said that they had and I can't imagine anyone would be upset that if we sent a little bit more to right the wrong. I'm not asking for all this extra money, I just want the building put back to how it was on January 12, 2023. At this point, if the City is telling me it's \$4,000 a month for steel that was placed in my building that I did not sign any contracts for, that is up to about \$36,000 at this point. How much of that money could have been used to right this wrong? Thank you and have a wonderful evening.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Thank you. Is there anyone else that would like to speak this evening on something not on the agenda? Mr. Gliba, taxpaying citizen.

**GEORGE GLIBA** – What I wanted to talk about tonight is last week's conversation. I was here and it was a Work Session and somebody had mentioned that they're kind of frustrated with the citizens of Ohio for saying some derogatory comments towards this body right here. But, what I want to say is nothing is getting done. Little pieces here and there getting it, but the major problem, there's a major problem with some buildings downtown and the legislation that needs to be written to correct what she was talking about the previous Administration not doing what they should be doing. But from the jest of it all, I got that some of the laws need to be rewritten about the buildings. Now, Jamie spoke tonight about Frank and I had mentioned three months prior that maybe we need to sub some of this stuff out. Because the frustration with this City is things are taking too long. You got a building, Tiger Rags, now this was kind of a deboticle to me that you had a seller and I was here that night; you had a seller, you had a buyer, done deal. But, no, Administration has to start looking at stuff and pointing stuff out. But, from what the Mayor said, this was a special grant. This wasn't your typical grant. So, I don't know what's all involved with the parameters of that, but anyways, the situation, that was months ago. I mean, that could have been done. There's a 5 to 4 vote here, I'm trying to figure out what the reasoning was when you had a done deal and things could have been moving forward and we're looking to economic develop the City; it's like the biggest eyesore driving downtown. You got two buildings that are half way torn down. So, you look at the situation, we went over it last week. There's a money problem. You got people that own these buildings, they don't have the money to put into them. So what do you look for? Grants. So, that's what I think we need to be focused on is getting the grants, getting these people what they need to move forward or get out of the City. A lot of people are in a stagnant situation. They own the building; who's going to buy a broken down building? Not very many people. So, what's the solution. The solution is helping these people with their businesses as much as you can. And then another thing, like I said, I spoke a few months ago, Frank may need help. This is dragging out too long. I mean, start solving this stuff out. Things need to get done, like fixed or whatever. And then another part of the equation is maybe the City could buy these properties if these people don't want them. But, to this point right now, there's really been no legislation brought to this table. I mean, we were trying at one point to tweet the fines or whatever. And you know, and it's not working. So what do you got to do? Increase the fine. These people need to either get out or pay the fine and rebuild. We need to have these people more accountable, the landlords. This is taking too long. One more I wanted to say, real quick, is the nine people up here wanted this job. You campaigned or whatever you had to do, except No. 2 over there, he kind of resigned. But anyways, for the most part, you guys campaigned for these jobs and they're coming up here in November now you guys look at yourselves and think "Am I putting everything I can into this City Council and to the City?". It's

going to take work to get this legislation. It's going to take time and I haven't seen it. I haven't heard it. I haven't heard the new parameters of the landlords or the owners. What are we going to do? That's what we need to be pounding the gavel. What are we going to do? Instead of nothing. I mean, they need to either sell...

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Mr. Gliba, that is time.

**GEORGE GLIBA** – What's that?

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – That is time. You have spoken for over five minutes and we have a four-minute limit.

**GEORGE GLIBA** – I was on a roll.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – I know. It's alright. I was letting you go, Mr. Gliba.

**GEORGE GLIBA** – I thought it was all important.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Yes, and we appreciate it.

**GEORGE GLIBA** – The body's firing back at us about being...

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Is there anyone else that would like to speak this evening on something that was not on the agenda?

**GERALD EVANS** – I just wanted to speak on the bathrooms that were promised for L.C. Jones. I just wanted to know where we were at? Last year they brought port-a-potties and they have port-a-potties throughout the park. This year there was no port-a-potties. Summer's almost over, well, actually it is over. I just wanted to make sure that the project is still on and when the bathrooms will be built for the southeast side of Massillon for the L. C. Jones Park. So, just wanted to see, I know we were talking today about the splash pad and so, I wanted to make sure that that's still on the table for bringing a bathroom to the park of L.C. Jones.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Thank you, Mr. Evans. We have the Park Director in the back. He can answer your question and then in two weeks' time, Ms. Harwig, according to the new process we have, during New and Miscellaneous Business, you can present the answer to all of Council. But, for an immediate answer for Mr. Evans, Mr. Pedro can provide you an answer this evening. Anyone else that would like to speak?

## 18. **ADJOURNMENT**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Councilman Violand.

**COUNCILMAN VIOLAND** – I make a motion to adjourn.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM LEWIS** – Seconded by Councilwoman Creamer. Roll call.

9 yes to adjourn

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Meeting adjourned.

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DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

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EDWARD LEWIS IV, PRESIDENT PRO TEM