

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Good evening. Welcome to the Massillon City Council meeting for Monday, October 19, 2026. We have in attendance the following City officials: Mayor Jamie Slutz, Safety Service Director, Dave McConnell, Director of Development, Ted Herncane, 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, including Council 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, Eric Ray and Tony Townsend

Roll call of 9 present

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILMAN JOHN PAQUELET

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILMAN PAQUELET

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Councilman Paquelet.

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. 95 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 95 – 2026

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to sign the Preliminary Participatory Legislation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the resurfacing project of State Route 21, PID 84653, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 96 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 96 – 2026

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1203 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 97 – 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 97 – 2026

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1203 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 95 – 2026, Ord. No. 96 – 2026 and Ord. No. 97 – 2026 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 95 – 2026, Ord. No. 96 – 2026 and Ord. No. 97 – 2026 has passed.

8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

11. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Bonnie's Engraver's Gallery - \$ 147.00 Name Plates and new Rubber Stamp

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. I make a motion to pay the bills.

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

9 yes to pay the bills

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – The Clerk will pay the bills and charge them to their proper accounts.

12. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Treasurer's Report - September 2026
Mayor's Report - September 2026
Auditor's Report - September 2026

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. I make a motion that we accept the reports. The Auditor's Report, specifically, and Treasurer's Report.

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

9 yes to accept the Auditor's Report

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk. The Auditor's Report has been accepted.

13. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Our next Work Session will be Monday, October 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

14. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Cunningham.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Thank you, Mr. President. A shout-out to the Tigers and yes, I was one of those crazy fans that went to Warren and sat in the rain, but the bigger shout-out is you know that this week is; it's Beat McKinley and there's things going on every day this week. So I hope everybody can attend at least one of them. But especially show up on Saturday and yell for the Tigers. Thank you.

15. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

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. We've given this resolution a great deal of discussion and the property owners have been here many times answering questions, presenting their case. We tabled this and therefore, we needed to move the public hearing forward to, or back I should say to November 9th. So, the first order of business is to amend this resolution to reflect that new meeting. I'd like to make a motion that we amend Res. No. 29 – 2026 to add the new public meeting date of November 9, 2026.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham. Roll call for the amendment.

8 yes; 1 abstention - Lewis

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Res. No. 29 – 2026 has been amended. Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. At this time, I would like to bring this forward because as I've said, we've got a great deal of discussion regarding it and also the fact that this is the first step in multiple step, I think three-step process. So we want to get this step going so that we can get to the next step so to come before us for consideration. I'd like to make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring amended Res. No. 29 – 2026 forward for a vote.

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

8 yes; 1 abstention – Lewis for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – And for passage.

6 yes; 1 abstention – Lewis; 2 no – Paquelet and Townsend

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Mr. Herncane.

TED HERNCANE – 6:15 pm. on November 9th. That's what time I reserved with Diane, if that could be reflected in the minutes, please. Because I don't think I heard a time. Thanks.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thanks.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – That's for the public meeting concerning this.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Correct. Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Excuse me, President Slater. Sorry to interrupt. Did you declare this had passed?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Res. No. 29 – 2026 has passed.

16. THIRD READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 92 – 2026

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 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. Since this has already been given third reading, we need to bring it forward for a vote. I make a motion that we bring Ord. No. 92 – 2026 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for passage.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 92 – 2026 has passed.

17. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

MITZI PHILLIPS – I'm a resident at 306 – 26th St. S.E., Ward 3 and I'm concerned about the data center you guys are thinking putting in across from the high school, the stadium and the elementary school and I was wondering if you guys have been doing research on it? Have you been to a data center? Do you know how loud they are? Do you know that it brings property values down? That our utilities will go up? I don't see the benefit for the residents. Like I said, I was just wondering if you guys really researched it? Because I just can't believe that for it to be across from the high school, the elementary school, the stadium; the noise that every, like, kids go out on recess and the people who live around there, it's like, that noise is twenty-four, seven. That's a lot to put up with. Just the noise and then to know that you have to pay more in your utilities. That's a lot for the residents to have to put up with.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you.

ANITA LUCAS – I live at 519 Kaylynn S.E., Massillon, Ward 3. I just found out about this a couple of days ago. So you're saying that it's not even proposed yet?

COUNCILMAN PAQUELET – It will come to us shortly.

ANITA LUCAS – Well, I'm totally against it. I don't want, first of all, why do they even want to put it there? I want to know that. I want to know, right across from the school. Everything she said, I agree with. We don't want, they say the sound carries like three miles. The water; it's going to make our water bills go up. It's going to make our electric; it's going to be on the grid. Why do we need a data center across from the schools? Can anybody answer that today or is it another day we answer that?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Not at this time. We're still in discussion.

ANITA LUCAS – Okay. So, that's my statement.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you. Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Just for the record and for those of our citizens who are watching on Massillon Live or anywhere else; I just want to say that we, obviously, as Council Members appreciate the input from our fellow citizens, but as was expressed tonight, at this time, this City Council has not received a formal proposal or information. So, we do appreciate input from our citizens, but, obviously, we don't have a lot that we can discuss because there is nothing in front of us to review or make decisions on. So, we look forward to hearing from all of you. Just be patient with us until the time comes that it is actually in front of us.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Anyone else wanting to speak?

19. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Paquelet.

COUNCILMAN PAQUELET – I'd like to make a motion for adjournment.

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

9 yes to adjourn

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

MIKE SLATER, PRESIDENT