

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Good evening. Welcome to the Massillon City Council meeting for Monday, November 3, 2025. We have in attendance the following City officials: Mayor, Jamie Slutz, Safety Service Director, Renee Baker, Law Director, Justin Richard, Asst. Law Director, Edmond Mack, Director of Development, Ted Herncane, Police Chief, Jason Saintenoy and Income Tax/Budget Director, Lori Kotagides-Boron. Under #5 on the agenda is where the public can speak on any topic that appears on tonight's agenda and under #17 is where the public can speak on any topic that does NOT appear on tonight's agenda. I'd like to remind you that if you have a cell phone, please set it to mute, vibrate or turn it off. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Roll call, please.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Holly Bryan-Huth, Jill Creamer, Sarita Cunningham, Mike Gregg, Julie Harwig Smith, Ed Lewis, Seth Marcum, John Paquelet and Eric Ray

Roll call of 9 present

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILWOMAN HOLLY BRYAN-HUTH

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILWOMAN BRYAN-HUTH

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Councilwoman Bryan-Huth.

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.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – You are welcome.

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

9 People spoke in opposition to Ord. No. 98 – 2025 pertaining to the “Prohibited Camping”

6. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I’d like to make a motion to enter into Executive Session.

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

9 yes to enter into Executive Session – 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I’d like to make a motion that we return from Executive Session.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham. Roll call.

9 yes to exit Executive Session – 7:10 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 97 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 97 – 2025

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to authorize and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into an agreement with Kettle Creek Capital I, LLC, accepting the dedication of an easement for traffic signal poles and adjoining equipment, located on the south side of Lincoln Way E. between 24th and 25th St. S.E., Out Lot #1249 – Starbucks property, to the City of Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you, Mr. President. First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you. Ord. No. 97– 2025 has received first reading. Ord. No. 98 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 98 – 2025

BY: HEALTH, WELFARE & BLDG. REGS. COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE enacting CHAPTER 542 “PROHIBITED CAMPING” under PART FIVE – GENERAL OFFENSES CODE of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Cunningham.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Thank you, Mr. President. I’m going to ask the Mayor to please come forward, but, I wish to share an incident that I was called on Thursday. I received a call from a concerned citizen of a person that had their tent taken away from them. My first reaction was, alright, what do we do for this person? Well, this person was directed to go to

the Salvation Army. This gentleman no longer has a car, no longer has anything. Totally down on his luck and not that every homeless person has a drug problem, but this gentleman has a serious drug issue. He was directed to the Salvation Army, the Salvation Army contracted the Knights Inn in Canton. He was given a roof for four nights. At which time, yesterday he was told that he had to leave. Well, what we're doing with compassion people, not to give this man a ticket, but to help him and how we helped him, we've contracted with ICAN and ICAN is going to have him have a shelter. Then social services will be involved to try to help this gentleman recover from his drug addiction. Now that's the first thing that has happened this week with this ordinance. That is called compassion. That is what the City wants to do; not criminalize these people. And we also know that some of these folks wish to stay homeless. They want to stay out in the open. We can't kind of understand that for sure, but, anyway, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR SLUTZ – Thank you, Ms. Cunningham. So, last week I spoke to you about this ordinance. This ordinance is prohibiting camping on public property, not private property, just public property. The reason for this is we cannot, in my opinion, have people sleeping downtown. In the last ten months, I've witnessed myself people sleeping on benches. I personally went down there, talked to these people; asked them how I can help them. I took them to get them breakfast, I took them to get lunch, gave them money for cigarettes. Some people choose to live like that. However, we cannot have people camping downtown. Last February, we had people camping along the Tuscarawas River. There were seven people. I personally, along with the Salvation Army, ICAN Housing, Stark Housing Network; we all met days before we went down here to the encampment along the Tuscarawas River at Walnut to come up with a game plan of how we can help these people. We don't want to take people to jail. We don't want to get the police involved and have them arrested. We want to help these people. These people need help. So, we devised a plan. We took them clean socks, clean shirts, coats, you name it; some things to keep them warm. If you remember, back in February it was probably 10 degrees some days or in the teens. Five of the seven people accepted our help and we put them up in temporary housing until ICAN or the Salvation Army or another organization was able to help them. However, two people told me that they chose to live like that. I gave them six weeks, actually, I gave them four weeks. A gentleman that was trying to help them called my office wanting to give them an additional week or two. So we gave them six weeks. These two individuals still chose to live like this. After they moved from that campsite, our Street Dept. had to go down there and clean up the mess. They had to clean up fecal matter, the trash. It took them an eight-hour day to clean up this encampment. I agree that this is no way for people to live and we do want to help people. I was a police officer for twenty-two years here in the City and we chose to help people that are in need. We took an oath to help people that are in need. So, this is not just against homeless people. This is just prohibiting people from living in our downtown and our Duncan Plaza, under the Lincoln Theatre, at the front door; they called. There was a homeless gentleman living there. He used the bathroom in front of the door and they called. They had to clean it up. So, I felt this...Canton did this a month or two ago and I thought we probably should do the same.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, sir.

MAYOR SLUTZ – Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – This will be first reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 98 – 2025 has received first reading. Ord. No. 99 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 99 – 2025

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 3104 Vacant Foreclosure Depository Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This is the \$144,000.00 appropriation that allows us to pay back the deposits that are made into it by the banks, as we discussed last week; whenever a bank forecloses on a property, they have to deposit funds with the City until the property is sold. Once the property is sold, they're able to get a percentage of those funds back. So, we're just making an appropriation so that we can uphold our end of the transaction. Any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 99 – 2025 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. 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. 99 – 2025 has passed. Ord. No. 100 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 100 – 2025

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to adopt appropriations for the operating and capital expenditures of the City of Massillon, Ohio, for the fiscal year 2026, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 100 – 2025 has received first reading. Ord. No. 101 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 101 – 2025

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a contract between Lexipol and the City of Massillon, Ohio, for the purpose of purchasing a subscription to a platform for maintaining city policies and training, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. As discussed last week, this platform will allow us to update our current policies, have them well managed and maintained and make sure we are up-to-date with best practices of communities of our size and stature. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 101 – 2025 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilman Marcum. 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. 101 – 2025 has passed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. I just want to wish good luck to the Tigers this Friday night with our game with our neighbors in North Canton. Looking for a victory, hopefully, to move on in the playoffs. They had a BYE this past week, so we don't have anything to congratulate them on, so far, but hoping they'll do well on Friday. Go Tigers.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Go Tigers.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Beat Hoover.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. I just want to point out that as we look at the end of the year, we only have three voting Council Sessions after tonight, so if there's anybody on Council or in the Administration that has new legislation requests coming to us, just be mindful that this body cannot leave anything open until the next sessions in January. So, if you need the full three readings, you're going to have to have it in by our next Work Session a week from today. Otherwise, you're going to have to convince the body why it needs to be passed with the suspension of rules. And that is all.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – I appreciate that, Mr. Lewis.

10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

11. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor's Report	-	July, August and September 2025
Treasurer's Report	-	September 2025

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you. Our next Work Session will be Monday, November 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

13. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

14. CALL OF THE CALENDAR

15. THIRD READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 86 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 86 – 2025

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending the Zoning Map of the City of Massillon, Ohio, by rezoning a certain property from B-2 Central Business District to B-1 Local Business District.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you, Mr. President. This is a rezoning request at 242 Lincoln Way W. The proposed use is a new Sheetz gas station and convenience store. We do have a public hearing scheduled for November 17, 2025, here in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. Due to that, I would like to make a motion to table Ord. No. 86 – 2025 until November 17, 2025.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call to table.

9 yes to table Ord. No. 86 – 2025 until November 17, 2025

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 87 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 87 – 2025

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending the Zoning Map of the City of Massillon, Ohio, by rezoning a certain property from B-1 Local Business District to RM-1 Multiple Family Residential District.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you, Mr. President. This rezoning request is for 21 South Ave. S.E. The proposed use is to convert the former commercial property to a two-dwelling rental unit. We will also be having a public hearing on November 17, 2025, here in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. for this request. Due to that, I'd like to table Ord. No. 87 – 2025 until November 17, 2025.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham. Roll call to table.

9 yes to table Ord. No. 87 – 2025 until November 17, 2025

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 88 – 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 88 – 2025

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to transfer Parcel #10003714, a 0.98-acre, vacant commercial property currently owned by the City of Massillon to the Community Improvement Corporation of Massillon (CIC) for the purpose of economic development.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you, Mr. President. We've had discussion regarding this request for the purpose of constructing an indoor sensory park for children with special needs. The LBG Properties LLC has engaged with the service of civil engineer and completed conceptual site designs. Over the last few weeks we have heard from Mr. Ben Gulley and Mr. Dallas Young regarding this request for this enclosed structure. Are there any questions regarding this ordinance prior to moving forward?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Marcum.

COUNCILMAN MARCUM – So, gauging the temperature over the last few weeks, this could go either way and I was wondering if there might be a way to split the baby? Maybe get everybody on board with the project. I reached out to the Law Dept. a little bit on this as well. It sounds like from some ends of the table there's concerns about giving away land for free here with minimal assurances that the project will be successful ten years from now or five years from now. I don't think anybody wants to see this turned into a Wendy's in 2030 or 2029 or something like that. We all want this project to be successful. But the one tool I keep coming back to that would guarantee some level of assurity for the taxpayers and for the City would be a restrictive covenant with a reverted clause and then another thing I thought of to tack onto that reverted clause would be a buyout clause. So instead of the property reverting back to the City for sure, they could buy out a reversionary interest for the tax assessed value in 2022, which I believe was like \$25,000.00 or something. The reason I say 2022 is because it doubled during this last triannual. So I feel like it would be more fair vacant property. They're going to put a lot of effort and work into this. They get the property for free right now. Restrictive covenant that says "Must be used for a non-profit purpose indefinitely". If it's not used for a non-profit purpose, the reverter clause would kick in, but they could buy it out, if they wanted to convert this property into a for-profit venture down the line. So, I was just trying to gauge the temperature one last time around the table.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Slater. Councilman Marcum, I think that's a wonderful idea. I'm on fence as you indicated. That would make me feel better about the possibility of providing this property for the use that they've said. As I mentioned before, I have no problem with the concept and the building of that park. I think that's something that would be extremely well received by the City, would be very useful for the City and members of the City as well as surrounding areas. I did have concerns about that use of that particular piece of property for that purpose, but a restrictive covenant I think might do the trick. So, I would support that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Anyone else? Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – Thank you, President Slater. Thank you, Councilman Marcum, for all your hard work. I feel like that is a great solution for the reservations because I get people in the community too who are like “Well, why not give me land?”. Well, it’s for a good cause. “Well, I have a good cause too.” I’ve never, since I’ve been on Council, I mean, we’ve given away small lots, but, almost 1 acre of business. But we have heard the problems with it and the infrastructure with it that he’s going to have to deal with and I think it’s a great thing for us to support this. But I do like that. Like if it doesn’t work out and they want to continue the land or sell for profit or whatever. That’s very low amount. I don’t think they can go anywhere. They’re getting it for free and then if they don’t do what they say they’re going to do to pay \$25,000.00 and still own the land, it’s still a very big gift from the City. Thank you for that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Paquelet, you have something to say?

COUNCILMAN PAQUELET – Thank you, Mr. Slater. Mr. Marcum, I agree with you. I like the solution for some of our concerns that we had with how the property was going to transfer and go into that where it was going to be \$1.00. I would fully support that idea. There at the end I think you described it very well. Most people don’t understand restrictive covenants and the money because that gets really confusing after a while. I would support that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you, Mr. President. I’d like to that Mr. Marcum also. As I stated at previous meetings, I struggle with giving away this property. I like the idea because I support. The concept is great for the community, for the children. So, I would like, if there’s no other concerns, I’d like to table this ordinance so we can get the language needed and bring it forward on November 17, 2025. Any concerns with giving us enough time to get that language prepared and be presented with the information that you provided us this evening? Or would we recommend another approach?

COUNCILMAN MARCUM – Would we need to move to amend the ordinance?

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Yes.

COUNCILMAN MARCUM – Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – So I would like to table Ord. No. 88 – 2025 until November 17, 2025, and that would give us time to present the amended language at the next Work Session and then it would be brought forward on the 17th and yes, it would revert back to first reading. If we’d like further discussion, we could have further discussion at that time or we can move to waive the three readings. So, if everybody is on board with that, I would like to table Ord. No. 88 – 2025 until November 17, 2025.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilman Marcum. Roll call to table.

8 yes; 1 abstention to table Ord. No. 88 – 2025 until November 17, 2025

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you, Madam Clerk.

16. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Ord. No. 94 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 94 – 2025

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1433 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Fund, for Reservoir Park Streambank Restoration Project, for the year ending December 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This legislation as it is saying, it is the funding needed for the Reservoir Park Streambank Restoration Project. Anybody have any questions? Seeing none, I would like to waive the rules requiring three reading, bringing Ord. No. 94 – 2025 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. 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. 94 – 2025 has passed. Ord. No. 95 – 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 95 – 2025

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1201 Street Construction M & R Fund, for the purpose of Income Tax Refunds, for the year ending December 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This ordinance allows us to pay the people back that are owed refunds. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 95 – 2025 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. 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 – 2025 has passed. Ord. No. 96 – 2025.

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1208 Parking Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This is just the monies that are gathered through our parking enforcement initiatives to go into supplies and materials for the support of it. Are there any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 96 – 2025 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Seconded by Councilman Marcum. 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. 96 – 2025 has passed.

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

JIM HAUGHT – I'm from Ward 2. I'd like to thank the Council for inviting us here tonight. I'd also like to thank Councilman Eric Ray for meeting with me last Tuesday on a couple of concerns that I have. One of the first concerns I have is the 20th St. N.E. above the new Massillon Elementary East. There is a ledge that if that road is slippery enough with ice, rail, whatever, that car could go over the embankment and possibly cause a loss of life in that school area. I recommend that we put reinforced guardrails in the sections in question to protect our kids and our community. Second area is Tremont Ave. S.E. adjacent to the South Sippo Park. There's also a steep ledge there as you're coming down on the right and that also could very easily cause an accident which would cause loss of life and a car could just go over the embankment. It's worth reinforcing it to prevent it before something like that would happen. And finally, the third thing I'm concerned about is my own street. I moved to Massillon in 1992 of January when I got out of the military. I relocated here with my family. My wife was from Massillon; born and raised here. I am from West Virginia. Ended up living here and I've lived better than half my life in Massillon. Massillon is now my home. I have a vested interest. I'm involved in a lot of the community projects in the area. A lot of the community what you would call non-profit organizations. So I have a deep rooted concern for Massillon and the citizens. On my road, when I moved into McCadden Ave. it was a wooded area in 1992. They broke ground. I moved in Memorial Day weekend in 1993 when my house was finished. I had a mud road for about three months before they did the initial paving. They came back about three months later and resurfaced and they said it was a base coat. They said they would be back the first of the year sometime to make the permanent coat. I didn't know at the time, but that was the last time I would see the City crews. I have not seen; our road has not been paved since 1993. That is ridiculous. Not only that, when you look at the overall stuff, we do not have when the weather's bad and the snow, I understand we're a side street. I understand that we're not the main primary roadways. But there are other areas that

are not main roadways that are getting serviced and we don't. I feel that's a miscarriage of justice, in my opinion. I'm proud of my house. I live on the northeast side and a lot of my neighbors feel the same way. Erroneously there is a water drain that is placed, however, it's two feet from the road in my neighbor's yard. So when it gets heavy rains, we have flooding. My garage gets flooded on a regular basis from a heavy rain brought on by not having that where it should be. The road is not level. There's a lot of ice build-up in the winter time and not to mention the fact that people use it as a by-way to get away from the speed things on Lake Ave. We have kids in that area. My kids are all grown. These kids are my neighborhood kids. I worry for them because people fly down that road. I yell at them. I ain't going to lie. I don't want no kid to get hurt. I tell the kids in the neighborhood, you see a car driving fast, get off the road. Get in my driveway, get in my yard, I don't care. I don't want them getting hurt. So, I would like to have my road reassessed. I'd like to see someone look at the drainage and move it to where it would be of proper use. The proper draining, to stop basement flooding., stop the backup in the garages. The other thing I have a problem with is I've put in three aprons to my driveway. My driveway and the driveway next to me, we have nothing but problems with breaking of our aprons because of the lack of something to stop the flooding from heavy rains. There's a gravel road that goes back to the duplex behind me; that gravel goes all the way down the road every time it rains and my neighbor, he's always out there trying to shovel it and put it back in his driveway. So that's the consideration I'm here for tonight. As a bus driver for Massillon School District, I'm also here for that section on 20th St. to make sure we keep our kids safe. They are our future. It's time for us to vote for them. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you. Councilman Ray.

COUNCILMAN RAY – Thank you. Usually we don't comment, but I do want to comment because I did see the street. We did walk the street. The drain is like a make-shift drain for like a storm drain. Someone built it. It's not a City drain. Obviously, that's not giving any excuses, but I do want to let you and I think I gave Jim a call earlier today. His list, his street is now on the 2026 list. We'll get you done in the spring. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Good. Thank you for taking care of that. I appreciate that.

ANTONIO GUILLAN – I live in Ward 3 and technically what I'm going to talk about is not on the agenda because you just brought it up tonight and it's so part of not on the agenda that next it would be a first reading. As a citizen of the City, I want to express disappointment that this Council is putting in jeopardy an amazing opportunity with the sensory indoor park over the mortal fear that someday it might become a Wendy's and I want to remind you that it's a property that you didn't pay for and needs improvements anyways. That's all.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Thank you.

18. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Councilwoman Bryan-Huth.

COUNCILWOMAN BRYAN-HUTH – Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to motion to adjourn.

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

9 yes to adjourn

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SLATER – Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

MIKE SLATER, PRESIDENT