

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, December 18, 2023. We have in attendance the following City officials: Chief Deputy Auditor, Stefanie Myers, Law Director, Justin Richard, Chief Counsel, Earle Wise 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 ISTNICK** – 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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. All present and accounted for. Councilman Lewis.

**2. INVOCATION**

**COUNCILMAN ED LEWIS**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**LED BY COUNCILMAN LEWIS**

**4. READING OF THE JOURNAL**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Councilman Lewis. Madam Clerk are the minutes of the previous meeting transcribed and open for public viewing?

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Are there any additions or corrections to be made?

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. The minutes stand approved as written.

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

**6. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. We didn't get this on the agenda last week; so I want to make sure we take care of it right away. Res. No. 12 – 2023 which would be City Council commemorating the Massillon Tiger Football Team Championship year. So, with that said, I would like to make a motion to amend the agenda to include Res. No. 12 – 2023 to be discussed in New and Miscellaneous Business as the first matter of business under that agenda item.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll to amend.

9 yes to amend tonight's agenda to include Res. No. 12 – 2023.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I think we need to have the resolution first read off by title.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. Res. No. 12 – 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12 – 2023**                      **BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

A RESOLUTION commemorating the **MASSILLON TIGER FOOTBALL TEAM** on their perfect season and bringing the **2023 DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP** to the City of Massillon, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I'm going to put you on the spot, Coach Moore, if you'd like to say a few words.

**COACH MOORE** – Thank to Council. It's such a tremendous honor. On behalf of our program and our school district, thank you. Our kids and our coaches, one of the reasons that we do what we do is to represent this great city. The great City of Massillon and it's truly a great city and we appreciate all of the work that Council's does to make sure it stays that way and huge thank you to our fans. They are the resonance of the City of Massillon. Our fans are unbelievable all year. Our stateship from home game because how the City of Massillon backs the football program and nobody else has that. Nobody has that. So, we truly appreciate it and thank you for the honor.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Thank you. (Applause).

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes, President Istnick. I actually think it's only appropriate if we turn this over to Mr. Gregg to finish this resolution off.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Mr. Lewis. I wasn't prepared for that.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – When aren't you?

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Correct. But, I just want to say a few things real quick. As a sideliner as is Councilman Lewis, we've been truly blessed to be associated with this program. I've had four players that I was sideliner for, all great guys. Great kids; and the reason they are, part of the reason they are is that program and that coach. I just wanted to just say, thank you, Coach, again, from the bottom of my heart for everything that you do for our kids and for our city and for our school system. So, you just want me to make a motion?

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – To suspend.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – With that said, I'd like make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings and bring Res. No. 12 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Res. No. 12 – 2023 has passed. Councilman Lewis, do you have anything else under Miscellaneous Business?

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – We do. I guess moving right along with our Regular Business. We do have business in the City to take care of. We had the TIF's that had to deal with all of the development on Lincoln Way E. that we do have to make some adjustments to. When those ordinances were passed, they did not include emergency language which means they would not go into effect until January 4, 2024. The issue with them going into effect January 4, 2024, would mean that we would not capture the change in value, possibly, which would be the entire purpose. I also find it ironic that we just acknowledged the school program and now we're going to acknowledge six TIF's, but that's beside the point. So, in order to do that, we have to do a reconsideration. So, I make a motion that we reconsider Ords. No. 127-2023, 128-2023, 129-2023, 130-2023, 131-2023, and 132-2023.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call.

9 yes to reconsider Ords. No. 127-2023, 128-2023, 129-2023, 130-2023, 131-2023 and 132-2023

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Those ordinances will be reconsidered. Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Now we'll have to take each one of those six ordinances that I just named one at a time. So, I make a motion to amend Ord. No. 127 – 2023 to include standardized emergency language and to include the ability of the Clerk to correct typographical errors.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call.

9 yes to amend Ord. No. 127 - 2023 to include the emergency language and the authorization for the Clerk of Council to correct

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – May I call Atty. Wise forward, please? Real quick.

**EARLE WISE** – Yes sir.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Since it's coming off of a reconsideration, does that automatically still take it to first reading?

**EARLE WISE** – I didn't understand.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Will this ordinance be first reading.

**EARLE WISE** – Yes.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. Okay. That's all I needed.

**EARLE WISE** – Okay.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Thank you. I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings of Ord. No. 127 – 2023 and bring it forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 127 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 128 – 2023.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I make a motion that we amend Ord. No. 128 – 2023 to include standardized emergency language and also include the Clerk being able to correct typographical errors.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for amendment.

9 yes to amend Ord. No. 128 – 2023 to include the emergency language and the authorization for the Clerk of Council to correct

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 128 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 128 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 129 – 2023. Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I'd like to make a motion that we amend Ord. No. 129 – 2023 to include the standardized emergency language and to include the Clerk being able to make typographical corrections.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for the amendment.

9 yes to amend Ord. No. 129 to include the emergency language and the authorization for the Clerk of Council to correct

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I'd like to make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 129 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 129 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 130 – 2023. Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** - I'd like to make a motion that we amend Ord. No. 130 – 2023 to include the standardized emergency language and to include the Clerk being able to make typographical corrections.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for the amendment.

9 yes to amend Ord. No. 130 – 2023 to include the emergency language and the authorization for the Clerk of Council to correct

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** - I'd like to make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 130 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call for suspension

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 130 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 131 – 2023. Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** - I'd like to make a motion that we amend Ord. No. 131 – 2023 to include the standardized emergency language and to include the Clerk being able to make typographical corrections.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for the amendment.

9 yes to amend Ord. No. 131 – 2023 to include the emergency language and the authorization for the Clerk of Council to correct

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Ord. No. 131 – 2023 has been amended. Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** - I'd like to make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 131 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 131 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 132 – 2023. Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** - I'd like to make a motion that we amend Ord. No. 132 – 2023 to include the standardized emergency language and to include the Clerk being able to make typographical corrections.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call for the amendment.

9 yes to amend Ord. No. 132 – 2023 to include the emergency language and the authorization for the Clerk of Council to correct

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** - I'd like to make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 132 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 132 – 2023 has passed. Res. No. 12 we already did, right?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – You forgot the answer to the question that was asked at the December 4, 2023 regarding the E.E.O. officer.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Oh, I did. Who has the answer to that one about the E.E.O. officer from last time? We have nothing, Gayle. Hopefully in the new term, they will address that. I'll leave that on the Mayor's docket.

**COUNCILMAN SLUTZ** – I would like to say something.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay.

**COUNCILMAN SLUTZ** – That will be addressed.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

**COUNCILMAN SLUTZ** – Thank you.

## 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Ord. No. 137 – 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 137 – 2023**

**BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) for the Massillon Housing Department ending December 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thank you, Madam President. This annual agreement is adopted by the City of Massillon for professional services provided by Stark County Regional Planning Commission for the City’s Housing Program. The term of the agreement is from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The compensation is \$15,000.00 per year which is the same amount that has been for the past three years. Are there any questions regarding this request? Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring forward Ord. No. 137 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Lewis. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Ord. No. 137 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 138 – 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 138 – 2023**

**BY: RULES, COURTS AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE to amend Part One, Title Nine, Chapter 181, “Income Tax”, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to bring the Massillon Municipal Income Tax Code into compliance with changes made to Chapter 718, “Municipal Income Taxes”, of the Ohio Revised Code, by the recent enactment of House Bill 33, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Madam President. As this says, this is just legislation to bring our municipal income tax code into alignment with Ohio Revised Code created by the recent enactment of House Bill 33. Any questions or comments on this legislation? Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 138 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Herncane. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 138 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 139 – 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 139 – 2023**

**BY: RULES, COURTS AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 137 – 2020 by enacting a new Section 2(D) OCCUPATION LIST OF CLASS TITLES – 450 SENIOR CENTER, 505 PARK DEPARTMENT, 510-511 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND 920 GOLF COURSE DEPARTMENT, PART-TIME/TEMPORARY/SEASONAL WAGE CLASSES AND RATES, in the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Gregg.

**COUNCILMAN GREGG** – Thank you, Madam President. I had a conversation with Parks and Rec. Director Pedro regarding this legislation. This is simply required because of the increase in the minimum wage in Ohio so that he can pay the lower level of workers the correct amounts. Any questions or comments? Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 139 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Herncane. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 139 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 140 – 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 140 - 2023**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Auditor to pay various 2023 bills that have been received and that will be received by the Auditor’s Office between January 1, 2024 and March 31, 2024, out of the 2024 appropriations within the various departments of the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This is standardized every year so that we are able to pay end of year bills next year as they come in. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I make a motion we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 140 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 140 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 141 – 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 141 – 2023**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Law of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a one (1) year Agreement with the Village of Navarre, Ohio, for the purpose of providing prosecutorial services, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This is a standard contract that we go into as many communities for our Law Dept. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 141 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 141 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 142 – 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 142 – 2023**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE reducing the appropriations in the 3105 State Patrol Transfer Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This was another last minute addition zeroing out this account. Does anyone have any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 142 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 142 – 2023 has passed.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Transfer of a Liquor License from Santangelos Restaurant & Party Center, LLC, located at 1008 – 9<sup>th</sup> St. S.W., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Unit C Only, Massillon, OH 44647 to LaMoore Enterprises, Inc. DBA 9<sup>th</sup> St. Event Center, located at 1008 – 9<sup>th</sup> St. S.W., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Unit C Only, Massillon, OH 44647. Permit Class is D5 and is located in Ward 5.

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

**COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH** – Yes, I did.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

Transfer of a Liquor License from Paul Karl Doering DBA McClymond’s, located at 14 Lincoln Way, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Only, Massillon, OH 44646 to Funny Noizes Production, LLC, DBA Krackpots Comedy Club, located at 14 Lincoln Way W., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Only, Massillon, OH 44646. Permit Class is D5 and is located in Ward 2.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Violand, did you receive a copy?

**COUNCILMAN VIOLAND** – Yes, I did. Thank you, Madam President.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

**10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS**

US Bank Equip. Finance	-	\$ 133.35	December Payment for Copier
First Commonwealth Bank	-	<u>9.97</u>	Certified Mailing re: DORA
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$ 143.32</b>	<b>Total</b>

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I make a motion to pay the bills.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call.

9 yes to pay the bills

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. The Clerk will pay the bills and charge them to their proper accounts.

**11. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Mayor's Report - November 2023

**12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Our next Work Session will be Tuesday, December 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I wanted to remind everybody that a next week's Work Session that we shouldn't have any new business since there is nothing that really needs to be brought up for that new Council. So, it should be a fairly light meeting and very quick, but we're mandated to have it because it's on our calendar for the year. So, we will have it. I also wanted to just take a moment and this is unplanned but, I feel very appropriate and just, I'm sure I'm not the only one that will feel this way, but express my gratitude and thankfulness for being able to serve with President Istnick these many years. Little did I know that some twenty some years ago when you were giving me a hard time in the classroom that I would now have an honor of so many years of serving beside you and serving our City and just thank you for your service and I hope they have wonderful future and plenty of trips to Vegas with your family.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. (Applause).

**14. CALL OF THE CALENDAR**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Ord. No. 119 – 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 119 – 2023**                      **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Tabled December 4, 2023 until December 18, 2023**

AN ORDINANCE to adopt appropriations for the operating and capital expenditures of the City of Massillon, Ohio, for the fiscal year 2024, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. Is there any further discussion or questions regarding this ordinance? Seeing none, I make a motion that we bring Ord. No. 119 – 2023 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. Roll call.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 119 – 2023 has passed.

**15. THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

**16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

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

**GAYLE DANZY** – Massillon, Ohio. I don't know if I can get this question answered, but I think I understood that if it could be answered that day you would answer it. My question is can the Clerk of Council prepare a list, a public list that can be put in the agenda thing so that we can see who is responsible for making the decisions? When questions are asked, we'll know which Councilperson is responsible for getting the answer to our questions. Because I really don't know who is responsible for what right now and I would like to know what councilman heads what committee. I guess that's the question that I'm asking because I get to wait another two weeks because no one addressed it. The other question that I have, okay, my four minutes is going to be up before I remember what my other question was. But I need that list so that I will know who to ask because now it's going into another agenda and I'm not sure it's going to be addressed. But I always come back and ask questions so that I can be on record that I continue to ask the questions. Because it really concerns me as a minority because things are changing, but as an African American in the City of Massillon, I see no representation publicly to spearhead things that concerns African Americans. I've fought and I've fought and I've fought for years and I fight only for it to myself..."Gayle, shut up. Thirty-two thousand people in the city, three thousand African Americans and nobody represents you. Gayle, what is it that you think you're going to be able to do?". So that's why I want to know who I can come to when I have a concern. Who on Council represents the question that I'm asking. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Gayle. Anyone else?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Gayle, I just want to let you know that that list will not be updated until after the new Council comes in and they are appointed and I'll make sure that you get a copy and it's also on the website.

**GAYLE DANZY** – It's on there now?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Yes.

**GAYLE DANZY** – Okay. Thank you.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – You're welcome.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else?

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilwoman Harwig Smith. Roll call.

9 yes to adjourn

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Meeting adjourned.

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DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT