

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD, MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, July 20, 2015. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Auditor, Jayne Ferrero, Chief Deputy Director, Debbie Bonk, Engineer, Keith Dylewski, Bob Zedell from the Law Director's Office, Mayor, Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Safety Service Director, Joel Smith and Acting Parks & Rec. Superintendent, Kim O'Farrell. On the wall to your left are agendas for anyone who wishes to follow tonight's meeting. Also if you look at the agenda, under item #5 is where the public can speak on any item that appears on tonight's agenda and then under item #17 is where the public can speak on any item that does NOT appear on tonight's agenda. I want remind anyone with cell phones, please turn them down or set them to vibrate.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Milan Chovan, Sarita Cunningham-Hedderly, Michelle Del Rio-Keller, Nancy Halter, Ed Lewis, Paul Manson, Andrea Scassa, Megan Starrett and Shaddrick Stinson.

Roll call of 9 present

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILWOMAN MICHELLE DEL RIO-KELLER - Gave the invocation for tonight.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILWOMAN MICHELLE DEL RIO-KELLER – Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Committee led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. READING OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Madam Clerk, are the minutes of the previous meeting transcribed and open for public viewing?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Yes, they are.

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

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – No, there are not.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, then the minutes stand approved as written.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – We have arrived at #5. This is the part of the agenda where citizens may speak on a topic that appears on tonight's agenda. If you would like to speak on something, please come to the microphone at this time. Give your name and address for the record and the topic you want to discuss. In addition, please print your name and address on the Sign-In Sheet on the table before you so that your name and address appears correct on our records.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 100 – 2015

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilwoman Halter.

COUNCILWOMAN HALTER – Thank you, Mr. President. This project is scheduled for 2017 now this will be SR 21 inside the City limits. Actually, this is 100% ODOT funded. There's not cost here for the City. Are there any questions or comments? If not, I'm going to bring this forward for a vote. Mr. Manson?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Okay. And that is your motion?

COUNCILWOMAN HALTER – Oh yeah.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND - Seconded by Councilman Manson. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

9 yes for passage.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 100 has passed. Ord. No. 101.

ORDINANCE NO. 101 – 2015

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to sign the Preliminary Legislation with Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the SR 21, SR 93 and SR 236 Resurfacing Project, PID 81640, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilwoman Halter.

COUNCILWOMAN HALTER – Thank you, Mr. President. Again, this is another resurfacing project for the three (3) routes that the Clerk read, inside the City limits. It's currently scheduled for 2016 and again, there's no cost share by the City. The project is 100% ODOT funded. Are there any questions? If not, I move to suspend the rules requiring three (3) separate readings and bring Ord. No. 101 – 2015 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Seconded by Councilman Manson. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 101 has passed. Ord. No. 102.

ORDINANCE NO. 102 – 2015

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 2105 Stormwater Utility Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This is the ordinance that we discussed in which there would be the purchase of steel plates to put over deteriorated catch basins. We discussed this at the last Work Session and though I do believe that the Administration

or Council feels that this is ideal. Public safety is important. There are many catch basins that need repaired and they exceed our ability to actually get out there and repair them. We're moving as quickly as we can, but while we're doing that, we need to make sure that we insure the safety of others. \$20,000 would be going to purchase some of the plates for that purpose. I don't believe that there was any more discussion or concern and I did intend to move this forward tonight. Are there any objections? Seeing none, I would like to make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings bringing Ord. No. 102 – 2015 forward for passage.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Seconded by Councilwoman Scassa. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 102 has passed. Ord. No. 103.

ORDINANCE NO. 103 – 2015 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1243 Ohio Peace Officers Training Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – As you may recall, this is the legislation that would fund the purchase and the use of Lexipol. Lexipol is a nationally recognized company that will assist our Police Dept. and there is another legislation for our Fire Dept. with basic HR duties, policy writing and procedures, staffing oversight and just other general supervisory needs of our department including roll call and other things of that source. I don't see any reason to drag this out. It is coming from a special fund in our Ohio Peace Officers Training Fund; it's not from the General Fund. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings bringing Ord. No. 103 – 2015 forward for passage.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Seconded by Councilwoman Del Rio-Keller. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Ord. No. 103 has passed. Ord. No. 104.

ORDINANCE NO. 104 – 2015 **BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1205 Safety Forces Improvement Fund and the 1233 Court Computer Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This has a couple of moving pieces. The first part if the Computer Fund for the Courts. It's coming out of their own money. It's \$11,000 to

update and maintain their software programming. The second piece is that they are using some of their Safety Forces Improvement Fund to purchase and begin the Lexipol process for the Fire Dept. as well as take care of upkeep for the Massillon Police Prisoner Transport van that is needed. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings, bringing Ord. No. 104 – 2015 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Seconded by Councilwoman Scassa. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 104 has passed. Ord. No. 105.

ORDINANCE NO. 105 – 2015

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1424 Freshmark Infrastructure Fund and the 1401 Income Tax Capital Improvement Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. The City will be getting the Freshmark Infrastructure Fund with the second half real estate property taxes that we'll be receiving. In doing so, there will be County collection fees generated in approximately \$20,000. So what this ordinance will do is allow the Auditor of the City of Massillon to go ahead and make that payment once the fees or once the TIF money is brought in, they will be able to go ahead and pay the collection fees. There's also a piece on here requesting \$20,000 out of the Capital Improvement Fund to be utilized for the purchase of hot/cold mix for the replacement/repair of potholes throughout the City. We all have received a list of priority streets. The Safety Service Director is here if anyone would like to speak to him. Obviously, we will not be able to hit all the areas that are targeted on this list, but he does cite that he believes they will be able to address a large majority of what's left within the City. Are there any questions or concerns? Or do I need to call the Safety Service Director up? Seeing no comments or questions, I would make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings, bringing Ord. No. 105 – 2015 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Seconded by Councilwoman Del Rio-Keller. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 105 has passed.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. **PETITIONS & GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Request for New Liquor License by Paul Karl Doering, DBA McClymonds, 14 Lincoln Way W., Massillon, OH 44646

Request for Transfer of Liquor License from Bell Stores, Inc., DBA Bell Stores 43, 4332 Hills and Dales Rd., Plain Twp., Canton, OH 44709 to Bell Stores, Inc., DBA Bell Stores 147, 8015 Hills and Dales Rd., Massillon, OH 44646

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Have the Council representatives received copies of those?

COUNCILWOMAN HALTER – Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM-HEDDERLY – Yes.

9. **BILLS, ACCOUNTS & CLAIMS**

The Repository - \$578.00 – Publication of May Ordinances.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis. I need a motion to pay the bills.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion that we pay the bills.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Seconded by Councilwoman Scassa. Roll call to pay the bills.

9 yes to pay the bills

10. **REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Mayor's Report – May 2015

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – The Clerk will file that in the appropriate place.

11. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes, I just wanted to remind everybody that we be having a Committee Meeting next Monday and we will be discussing the Fiscal Plan again as part of the Committee Meeting at the end of the Committee Meeting, but there will be a Special Meeting to approve Resolution No. 6 that we talked about earlier.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Is there anyone else?

COUNCILMAN MANSON – That's a Special Council Meeting.

COUNCILMAN STINSON – What time?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – After the Work Session.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Well, we can have it at the beginning. My recommendation would be to do it right at the beginning and get it out of the way and then we can just do Committee Meeting the rest of the night. That's your call. I'd prefer to just do it and get it over with at the beginning of the meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Now, will that be a Special Meeting?

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes. There will be a Special Meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Oh, a Special Meeting. If it's a Special Meeting, it would actually be you guys' call.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – I said that I'd prefer to do it a 6:00 p.m. and just get it out

of the way. There will be notice going out.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Okay, great. There will be a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2015, and immediately after the Special Meeting, City Council will hold their Work Session. Thank you, Mr. Manson.

12. RESOLUTIONS & REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

13. CALL OF CALENDAR

Tabled at July 6, 2015 Meeting until July 20, 2015

Approval of Mayor's Appointment of Kim O'Farrell as Director of Parks and Recreation Dept.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Manson?

COUNCILMAN MANSON – It's Park and Rec.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Well, it was done at Work Session, so I defer it to you to defer to her.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Okay. I'd like to make a motion that we go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

COUNCILMAN STINSON – I second Mr. Manson's motion to go into Executive Session.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Okay, we have second to go into Executive Session. Roll call to enter into Executive Session.

9 yes to enter into Executive Session.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Okay, who would you like to enter?

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Council and our Law Director's office.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – We are entering into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:50 p.m. to 8:05 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Manson? I need a motion to exit the Executive Session.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – So moved.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Seconded by Councilman Stinson. Roll call to exit Executive Session.

9 yes to exit Executive Session

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. We have exited Executive Session. We will reconvene City Council meeting for July 20, 2015. Councilman Manson?

COUNCILMAN MANSON – I'll defer to the Parks Chairman.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Councilwoman Del Rio-Keller.

COUNCILWOMAN DEL RIO-KELLER – Thank you, Mr. President. We're here today to vote on the appointment of Kim O'Farrell from Acting Director to permanent Director.

You were each given a copy of her resume as well as the qualifications that were outlined in Ord. No. 73 – 2013. Based upon Kim’s resume as well as the qualifications set forth in that ordinance, Ms. O’Farrell does meet those qualifications. So, with that being said, I will make a recommendation that we appoint Kim O’Farrell to be the Parks and Recreation Director.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Seconded by Councilman Lewis. Roll call to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Kim O’Farrell as Director of Parks and Recreation Dept.

8 yes; 1 no – Manson voted no

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Congratulations, Ms. O’Farrell.

14. THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 79 – 2015

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 1151.02 of the Massillon Code of 1985 rezoning the north portion of a certain tract of land from I-1 Light Industrial to RM-1 Multiple Family Residential and the south portion of a certain tract of land from I-1 Light Industrial to A-1 Agriculture.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. We have a public hearing scheduled for August 3, 2015. So, my recommendation is going to be that we table this for one meeting until August 3, 2015, and after that Council meeting, we’ll bring it forward for passage.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Is that your motion?

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Yes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Do I have a second? Seconded by Councilman Chovan. Roll call to table Ord. No. 79 until August 3, 2015.

9 yes to table Ord. No. 79 until August 3, 2015

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk.

15. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Ord. No. 88.

ORDINANCE NO. 88 – 2015

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC 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 enter into a contract, upon award and approval of the Board of Control, with the lowest and best bidder for the 2015 Priority Street Segment Resurfacing Project, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilwoman Halter.

COUNCILWOMAN HALTER – Thank you, Mr. President. Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Ord. No. 88 has received second reading. Ord. No. 90.

ORDINANCE NO. 90 – 2015

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 157 – 1999, passed on August 2, 1999, and relating to the Marketplace Development and Public Infrastructure Improvements; authorizing related matters; and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Ord. No. 90 has received second reading. Ord. No. 91.

ORDINANCE NO. 91 – 2015

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1419 Marketplace Infrastructure Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes, I will be giving this second reading, but we have a Special Meeting on July 27, 2015, to discuss another matter. I was wanting to see if Council would be objectionable to us including Ord. No. 88, No. 90 and No. 91 to that Special Meeting and they would all be on for third reading at that time. We could discuss them at more depth at that time and then have our vote that evening. I don't see anyone objecting to that, so when we put out the notice for Resolution No. 6, if we could include Ord. No. 88, No. 90 and No. 91.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilwoman Halter?

COUNCILWOMAN HALTER – But if we have the meeting at 6:00 p.m., we will discuss it after we vote.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – We can just discuss during the open meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN HALTER – Okay.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – If that's okay with you, Ms. Halter.

COUNCILWOMAN HALTER - That's fine.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS - It is your committee as well. With that stated, I give Ord. No. 91 second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Ord. No. 93.

ORDINANCE NO. 93 – 2015

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a contract with United Leasing, Inc. for the year ending December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – This ordinance here represents a change or a shift in our Recreation Center in which we are moving mostly likely or we're starting to explore the option of moving from a purchasing to a leasing style for the equipment. This leasing agreement includes the repair and upkeep of a lot of the equipment that we have. The hope is that we will find a more affordable option for the equipment for the people that use our Rec Center and will also allow us to keep it in an improved working condition.

We've had this for about a month now to read through the contract. Are there any questions or concerns? We do have the Parks and Rec Dept. Director here this evening. Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings, bringing Ord. No. 93 – 2015 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Seconded by Councilwoman Del Rio-Keller.

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Ord. No. 93 has passed. Ord. No. 95.

ORDINANCE NO. 95 – 2015

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1433 Park and Recreation Capital Improvement Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Lewis?

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – This ordinance is, I believe, the \$13,000 to pay for the lease that we just passed. I would like the auditor to confirm that for me, if she could please?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Would you come up, auditor?

JAYNE FERRERO – Mr. President, Members of Council, Mr. Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I just wanted to confirm for the record that Ord. No. 95 is the funding that would go towards the leasing agreement for the Recreation Dept.?

JAYNE FERRERO – That's correct.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Thank you, that's it. Are there any questions or concerns in reference to Ord. No. 95?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Councilman Chovan?

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Thank you. Is this just for the lease payment for the first year? Is that what this does?

JAYNE FERRERO – Yes.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – It's an annual payment?

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Any other questions or concerns? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings bringing Ord. No. 95 – 2015 forward for passage.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Seconded by Councilwoman Scassa. Roll call for suspension.

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 95 has passed.

16. NEW & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

DAN THATCHER – I live at 2073 Championship Cir. S.E. in August Lakes and tonight I'd like to do a little review on what's happened in the last year concerning the golf course. About a year ago, I read in the paper that the Park and Rec Dept. had approved 5-0 to take the golf course back to the original 18 holes. We went to the Park and Rec, some of the neighborhood association to try to get them to discuss with us their reasoning and present some of our concerns about that shutting down holes that were adjacent to property values and in addition to that, we just felt that the whole golf course deserved a better chance and another try and we met with quite a bit of resistance, but they told us if we put a presentation together, they'd listen to it. So we did. And we thought we had a very nice, elaborate presentation and we thought in our minds that it proved that the golf course could be a valuable asset, but it should be given some time and we asked them to at least put it off for a little bit and, of course, after causing us to make this presentation, they spoke up and said well we've already discussed it and voted 5-0 and we're sticking with our vote. So I don't know why they asked us to do the presentation, but it worked out because we brought it to Council and we took it to the Mayor's office. And we got basically the same response from both. The Mayor told us that at some time, we may have to sell 9 holes and go back, but at least in the meantime, she would look into the manager or management company and that if we did have to go back to the 18, that she would kind of stand behind going to an 18 and would not shut down holes adjacent to residents. We got a similar response from you people of Council that, yeah, we had enough information that kind of showed that the golf course could be a great asset to this City. It's a nice course, it just needed a few adjustments. You also agreed to give it a year, you also agreed to hire a manager or a management group to take over the course for that year and then get recommendations on what should be done for the future. And at least several of you spoke up and said at that time, if it has to go back to 18 that you would support shutting down holes that were not adjacent to residential properties. Okay, since that time, a lot of things have happened. And I was going to mention all the good stuff that happened, but Mr. Grazier wrote an article in the paper last week that recapped it much better than I could and I appreciate that and it keeps me from boring you with all that. Now, what didn't happen? There is no manager or management company, the golf course has spent half of its season already without one. So I don't see how there could be a full evaluation of what's taken place. But, in spite of all that, confirmed by this article, the golf course is rebounding and it is taking a step forward. We're seeing a lot of good results out there and there's even that much more thought as to why it should continue for a while and give some other options. Is it going to need a manager or management company? I don't know. The people out there are doing very good right now or is that new job enthusiasm or is it the right people in the right place? That's up for everybody to decide, what we need going forward, but what's happening right now is working. It's coming along. Those people out there realize that that golf course was a significant golf course. It was in good shape. It needed a haircut and a shave and that's what they're trying to do to it. They're not rebuilding it from the base up. They recognize what they have and they're trying to improve on it. They're doing good. Revenue is up, play is up. Everybody's that's knew that has fought through this, deserves one more chance. Now, about the Park and Rec Board. That, if not a road block, at least speed bumps and I don't see any way that thing can continue to butt heads and have a good outcome. We went back to the Park and Rec several times with different approaches

trying to get some working relationship. We talked about the Hall of Fame Village coming and when that gets here, there's going to be new jobs. There's going to be people in here wanting to buy homes. There's going to be people coming to this area that's going to stay three (3) days; not three (3) hours and they're going to want to play golf. They're going to want to visit stuff. And I think down the road, this is even going to be a better asset for Massillon than what we had envisioned in the first place. But I feel sorry for everybody that's working so hard and getting the negative response. Not only the negative response, it's disrespectful response. We have been disrespected several times and the members of Council that have attended those meetings have as well. And Council, in general, has. When we talked about or when it was proposed by you guys to allow \$65,000 to hire manager and they turned it down, they turned it down because they wanted that money to go into tree removal along with a lot of other money. They had a bunch of money at the time and they made the comment that City Council was more interested in a manager for the golf course than the safety of the youth of Massillon. That they would rather see money spent on a manager than keeping people from getting hurt at the parks because of fallen trees. And all that you guys did was cut that \$250,000 to \$50,000 as a starting place and then want to talk about it some more. The proposal that they first came up with was for so many trees to be removed in so many dollars and I don't remember the company now. That came to \$4,000 a tree. We had residents bring in paperwork to show us that they had trees cut down for \$900 or \$700. We had one family that had a tree in their backyard that the tree removal people couldn't get the equipment into. So they had to climb the tree. They had to take it down piece by piece. It got stuck in another tree and they had to take part of that and the total was \$900. So, you know, I guess my point is that we've met nothing but resistance from that group. Nothing but disrespect for us and Council and at the same time, every time somebody from MAGI gets up and speaks or an Eagle Scout does something for the trail or somebody does something for the girls' softball diamonds, they almost get a standing ovation. So, is it us? Is it the golf course? Is it you guys? Why can't we get the same working relationship with them that those people do? So, I know within the City there's a lot of systems in place that takes a long time to go through, legally, morally and everything else, but I'm standing here today to tell you that I think that that Park and Rec Board and the City of Massillon Legends Golf Course ought to be disconnected. They seem to do want to do the job for everything but the golf course. They've come flat out and said that they want the golf course shut down and that going to the original 18 was step one. They said that the Mayor took \$350,000 away from them several years ago and they will have nothing to do with the golf course; vote no on everything until they get their \$350,000 back. And they make all those kind of comments. I felt so sorry for Councilwoman Del Rio-Keller at a lot of those meetings to try to help those people understand and figure this stuff out and it's just "no, no, no" 'til we get that \$350,000 back. I don't know if they're ever going to get it back, but there's no reason to continue to act that way. So, I know it would be a hard thing to do, but I just wanted to stand here and tell you that I think that that golf course is going to take off. I think there's going to be a lot of things happening with the Hall of Fame Village and stuff. It's going to make it something you'll be proud of in just a few years. I think I need to say the 27th, I think there's been enough progress lately, you guys could vouch for that. And the other thing that really made me come up here was last week Mr. Lewis talked about this when we were talking about some other things about what we said was going to happen a year ago hasn't happened yet. And the fact that the last in the things that's just kind of got me to almost give up on those people is the fact that Director Smith was there a few weeks ago about the personal golf cart use. He did all their work for them except for vote. He got all the things they needed to know from the Law Director. He got all the things they needed to know from the insurance and the whole thing and he even recommended that they approve that usage. It would help the residents and it would bring in \$500 a year a cart and they voted 3-0 against it. So, I'm just saying it's going to be a fight the whole way to try to keep the thing going and I think it could go much faster and much better if the Parks and Rec and golf course were disconnected. Whether you have a manager, a management company or the ones that are out there now, report directly to the newly appointed Director of Parks and Rec, congratulations. And then come through you guys with all the things. I think it's time to look into that. Now, whether you guys can use my talk as talking points or whether you ignore it or whatever, it makes

me feel a heck of a lot better to stand here and say it after what we've been through for the year. So, thank you very much for your time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Thank you. Is there anyone else?
Councilwoman Del Rio-Keller.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCILWOMAN DEL RIO-KELLER – I make a motion that we adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOWNSEND – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. This meeting is adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, CLERK OF COUNCIL TONY TOWNSEND, PRESIDENT