

January 3, 2023

I am requesting that Council President and Council Members allow me to include this statement in the December 19, 2022 minutes to truthfully and accurately reflect my position regarding my objection and vote during the December 5, 2022 meeting.

I add this due to the fact that I was portrayed during that meeting, in the media, and on social media by the administration and other Council Members in an untruthful, inaccurate, and unfavorable light.

Let the minutes and the media reflect that I was not being "obstinate". I, as an equal Council Member, have the right to vote as I so desire. I am not obligated to explain my vote to the administration or Council. What I am obligated to do is vote my mind for the benefit of the City of St. Clairsville, and most importantly, my constituents. Even if it is a dissenting vote.

The minutes should also reflect that I was absolutely correct in my dissension due to the fact that the proposed action would have been in violation of ORC 5705.12.

Furthermore, I would suggest that my dissenting opinion saved the City of St. Clairsville and its fine citizens from an illegal and very embarrassing situation.

Thank you for your consideration in allowing me to have the minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2022 reflect my position and vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilwoman Linda Jordan