

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2008

The Regular Meeting of City Council was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Domenick Mucci, Jr. who presided. The meeting was opened with a silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Councilmen Metcalf, Perkins, Stasiulewicz, Chanoski, DiLoreto, Fortunato and Lalich. Also present; City Manager Bruce Williams, Law Director S. Gary Repella, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Finance Director Mike Marshall, Accounting Administrator Alyssa Kerker, and Engineer Michael Dolak, and M&R Superintendent Joe DeSantis.

Roll call was taken. All present and accounted for declared Mayor Mucci.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Mr. Chanoski moved that the minutes of April 29 , 2008, and May 6, 2008 be accepted as written. Second by Mr. Lalich. Roll call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Chanoski moved that the rule requiring all ordinances and resolutions to be read in their entirety be suspended and that all ordinances and resolutions be read by caption only with the exception of Resolution No. 2008-46 and 2008-47. Second by Mr. Lalich. Roll call. All ayes. So moved rule suspended.

Mr. Chanoski moved to deviate from the rules and pull forward Resolution Nos. 2008-46 and 2008-47. Second by Mr. Lalich. Roll call. All ayes. So moved.

2008-46 – BY THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 15, 2008 AS PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY.

Mr. Lalich moved that Resolution No. 2008-46 be adopted by roll call. Second by Mr. Fortunato. Roll call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2008-46 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

Mayor, “Just for a note of information this coming Thursday we will have ceremonies at 9:00am in front of the City Building and we will do the actual presentation there at those ceremonies.”

Mr. Lalich presented the Resolution to Captain Charlie Sloan of the Steubenville Police Department saying, “Charlie, on behalf of the citizens of this City, the City Administration, the City Council, the job that you guys perform its hazardous duty. You get shot at, you get cursed at, you get spat upon, you get called names, but when there’s keys locked in a car call the police, somebody’s shooting in the neighborhood call the police, when there’s domestic violence call the police, a dog bite call the police, if there’s an accident call the police, if there’s a fight in a bar call the police, if somebody’s drunk and can’t go home what do they say call the police they’ll get a ride, everybody calls the police. So on behalf of this City I want to tell you you guys do a great job, you guys are a heck of a force and we’re all pretty proud of you. Thank you for your service.”

Captain Sloan, “I’d just like to thank City Council, the Mayor and City Manager. I’m speaking for all the officers and we appreciate everything you guys do for us. Thank you for the Resolution.”

Mayor, “Obviously we want to encourage our citizens to participate in the ceremony, once again in front of the Police Station here this coming Thursday to recognize the fallen service men within our department.”

2008-47 – BY THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO REVEREND DOUG GEORGE.

Mr. DiLoreto moved that Resolution No. 2008-47 be adopted by roll call. Second by Mr. Perkins. Roll call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2008-47 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. DiLoreto presented the Resolution to Rev. George saying, “Rev. George I want to wish you good luck I’ve been known you for about three years and I want to thank you for all the help you’ve given me in the South End. I know it’s a tough job for both of us down there but I think were making some strides and I know just as soon as you leave I’m going down and meet the new Minister along with Mr. Trimmer, Captain Young, and all the rest. So good luck up in Salem I know you’ll get those Quakers over to your side.”

Rev. George, “I grew up in East Liverpool so the Big Red East Liverpool gave every year is a big event but if anybody wants tickets to that East Liverpool/Salem football game let me know. I do thank the Mayor, the Council and just appreciate the last sixteen years being a part of the Steubenville City. The South End is a great place. Both of my parents were born and raised down in that neighborhood so it was coming home for us and sixteen years down there sometimes people talk about how rough the South End is but we haven’t had any problems, never felt threatened, just great people that we’ve had the opportunity to work with down there. It’s been a wonderful experience and I thank you very much for the help that city has provided over the years, at times we’ve asked them for things and they’ve been right there to do it. Jim Trimmer’s here tonight supporting us, he’s been a big part of that, and Captain John Young, but I thank you very much, how much this means to me and just for honor to serve here in the City of Steubenville. Thank you.”

Mayor, "Pastor George let me tell you, throughout the years it has been without a doubt a pleasure for me to work closely with you on several projects within our community and one thing I can say for sure that you have without a doubt shown your dedication and your commitment to our community. We want to thank you for that and we also want to wish you well in your new endeavors up in Salem, Columbiana County. I do want to say that I know for a fact that you have a tremendous impact, especially in the southern end of our County with Mr. Trimmer appearing tonight here us and you got through to him and reached out to him, that right there is an accomplishment that I don't think anybody on this Council or past administrations could have gotten through to him but you surely showed an impact with Mr. Trimmer and I know Mr. Trimmer's also going to miss you."

2008-40 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Messrs. Fortunato, Perkins, DiLoreto

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM CREATING A NEW PROGRAM ACTIVITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Fortunato moved that the rule requiring an Ordinance to be read on three separate occasions be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2008-40 be given a second and third reading tonight for this bodies passage or rejection. Second by Mr. Perkins. Roll call. All ayes. So moved rule suspended. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 2008-40. Mayor Mucci asked if anyone wished to speak on Ordinance No. 2008-40 and there was no one. Mr. Lalich called question. Roll call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2008-40 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

2008-41 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Fortunato, Perkins, DiLoreto

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1992-20, AS AMENDED, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO BY REZONING PROPERTY OWNED BY ALBERT MOTORS, INC. LOCATED AT 1629 PERSHING AVENUE (NORTH PART), STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, FROM R-1, LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO B-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Mayor, "You heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2008-41, its second reading will be two weeks hence on May 27th and the Public Hearing for the Zoning and Planning Commission will be July 7th and the third and final reading will be July 8th."

2008-42 - BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Fortunato, Perkins, DiLoreto

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1992-20, AS AMENDED, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO BY REZONING PROPERTY OWNED BY JEFFERSON METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY LOCATED AT PARKVIEW CIRCLE, STEUBENVILLE, OHIO. FROM R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO P, PUBLIC & SEMI-PUBLIC DISTRICT.

Mayor, "You heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2008-41, its second reading will be two weeks hence on May 27th and the Public Hearing for the Zoning and Planning Commission will be July 7th and the third and final reading will be July 8th."

2008-43 – BY THE BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Messrs. Fortunato, Metcalf, Stasiulewicz

AN ORDINANCE HIRING MICHAEL C. BEDNAR AS AN ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR AT NO COST TO THE CITY FOR THE EXPRESS PRUPOSE OF ASSISTING THE LAW DIRECTOR IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATING REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF STEUBENVILLE AND JEFFERSON COUNTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Fortunato moved that the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2008-43 be given its second and third reading tonight for this bodies passage or rejection. Second by Mr. Metcalf. Roll call. All ayes. So moved. The Clerk read the ordinance. Mayor Mucci asked if anyone wished to speak on Ordinance No. 2008-43 and there was no one. Mr. Lalich called question. Roll call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2008-43 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

2008-44 - BY THE BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Messrs. Fortunato, Metcalf, Stasiulewicz

A RESOLTUION OF INTENT TO APPROPRIATE A FEE SIMPLE INTEREST TO PROPERTY OWNED BY VIRIGINA ALLMAN AND DANIEL YOST LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF SOUTH FOURTH STREET AND SLACK STREET *A DESCRIPTION OF WHICH IS ATTACHED AND MARKED AS EXHIBIT "A") AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Fortunato moved that the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2008-44 be given its second and third reading tonight for this bodies passage or rejection. Second by Mr. Metcalf. Roll call. All ayes. So moved. The Clerk read the ordinance. Mayor Mucci asked if anyone wished to speak on Ordinance No. 2008-44 and there was no one. Mr. Lalich called question. Roll call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2008-44 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

2008-45 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Fortunato, Lalich, Perkins

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE LOVERS LANE WIDENING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Fortunato moved that the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2008-45 be given its second and third reading tonight for this bodies passage or rejection. Second by Mr. Lalich. Roll call. All ayes. So moved. The Clerk read the ordinance. Mayor Mucci asked if anyone wished to speak on Ordinance No. 2008-45 and there was no one. Mr. Lalich called question. Roll call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2008-45 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Metcalf – nothing

Mr. Perkins – “A reminder that the Steubenville Parks and Recreation Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow night at the Belleview Club House.”

Mr. Stasiulewicz – no report

Mr. Chanoski – no report

Mr. DiLoreto – nothing

Mr. Fortunato – no report

Mr. Lalich – nothing

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Williams – “I have passed out the results of two bid openings that took place the 30th of April. The first is a one-ton dump truck, which will be utilized in our utility departments, we had two bidders, Donnell Fort Lincoln mercury bid \$52,000.00 and Team Ford of Steubenville bid \$50,086.00. Without objection this evening I will issue a letter accepting the bid of Team Ford in the amount of \$50,086.00 tomorrow.” Mayor, “Hearing no objections the City Manager will enter into with Team Ford for \$50,086.00. Hearing no objections it is so ordered.”

Mr. Williams, “The other bid was an opening the same day for a Tandem Axle Dump Truck with snow removal equipment, we had two bidders, Steubenville Truck Center bid \$115,700.00 and we had a second bid from Hill International in the amount of \$107,758.15. Without objection your honor I’ll issue a letter accepting the bid from Hill International in the amount of \$107,758.15 tomorrow.” Mayor, “Hearing no objections the City Manager will enter into with Team Ford for \$50,086.00. Hearing no objections it is so ordered.”

Mr. Repella – “I just have one matter and that is in regards to Vapor Jets property. I was informed the other day that Vapor Jet has submitted their plan of removal to the Ohio EPA and so it’ll probably take seven to ten days to get it approved and once its approved then they’ll start removing debris from the site so Mr. Pestian was thinking that probably later this month you’ll see that site cleaned up. And then to remind you that we already passed the ordinance once that site’s cleaned up then we’ll be purchasing that property down there. That’s all I have to report.”

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mr. Chanoski – “Your honor I’d like to just speak for one second on the recent situation with a police officer and a shooting that happened in the cemetery. I would like to thank the Chief of Police, the FOP, Officer Cline, and Mr. Strauss for the work they did before, during, and after that entire situation. Everything was done the way it was supposed to be done. We have one of the finest Police Departments in the State of Ohio, its pretty appropriate we gave them that Resolution out today. We have one of the finest Police Departments in the State of Ohio. It’s a thankless, tireless job and there’s not a police officer out there who would tell you they ever wanted to fire their gun in the line of duty but sometimes unfortunately it’s a situation that has to be done. I for one feel safe every night. I put my daughter to bed knowing we have the type of police force out there protecting me and my family and the citizens of Steubenville. They are dedicated, fearless, and I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank them and as a citizen, I know there are some small things being said about whether its appropriate or not, as a citizen I thought, and from reading everything, it was one hundred percent

appropriate, it needed to be done, I'm sure it didn't want to be done, but I was very glad to read how it all went down and I just wanted to thank the Police Department, the FOP, you know, everybody that was involved in that and to let them know that from my perspective as a citizen that I was glad to see the way it went down and I'm glad that we didn't have any police officers get hurt in the line of duty. I want to thank you for the job that you do."

Mr. Perkins – "I had some complaints about the Big Red Band Concert held at the Fort and the lack of facilities that the Fort should be providing. I understand there were port-a-johns down there but they were locked and they couldn't get into the visitors office so they had to come up here, anyone who wanted to use the restroom had to come up here. So what I'd like is to have you contact the Fort people, were getting early in the year, there's going to be concerts all summer long, lets get it straightened out that they need to provide restroom facilities over there for the people attending events at the Fort area. Thank you."

Mr. Fortunato – "I just wanted to say what a beautiful day it was Saturday at the Fort and we had the concert and the churches and everything, a beautiful day, the clouds were beautiful, it was like the Lord had it all going on for himself and it was really, really nice."

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor, "We will now move into public forum. Is there anyone wishing to speak to city council on city business please come forward and state their name and address."

Tyrone Thomas, 2404 Sunset Blvd., - "This question is directed to you Mayor. I noticed in the past several weeks that there's been some movement at Save-a-Lot. Could you tell us if something, a business is going in there, is a business going in there for shopping or could you tell us what's going on in there, or do you know?"

Mayor, "I'm really not at liberty, that is not public property, so the information I know of course is second hand, but there is movement as you can see in the property and were hoping for some economic news to come there but the property is actually owned by Industrial Supply, Mr. Berkman, and he's dealing with another individual or talking at least and that's not really for public."

Mr. Thomas, "I just wondered because a lot of, on my travels downtown, a lot of senior citizens are concerned that was the closest retail store for them to get around and now there's none downtown and when I drive by I see movement and I was hoping maybe they're going to bring another retail store in there, but I'll just have to wait and see like everybody else. And, I've got one more thing, I'd like to thank First Ward Councilman Yonk DiLoreto on there was some property I been complaining about up on 7th and South Street, the old DeStefano's store. I'd like to thank Bruce for that. I was riding by there and I seen when it came down and I was so delighted and Mr. DiLoreto told me he couldn't take the credit but again it was a delight to see in that area cause when I talked to him a year ago he told me they would have to asbestos and how much the price was to bring it down and then I rode by and I seen it and I called and I asked him and he told me he couldn't take credit so if he can't take credit I'd like to thank Bruce Williams for putting in on the list and getting it down. Thank you."

Mayor, "Mr. Thomas, both of your questions were really directed to the downtown area, let me just assure you that there is concern and movement to revitalize, in fact earlier tonight and they still may be meeting, the Steubenville Revitalization Committee is meeting across the street and all. I think were going to have some very interesting and good news in the near future and quite honestly this Council made a commitment through the budgetary process on doing demolition, land banking and all to prepare out community for some economic development here in the near future. As long as we keep the thought of developing our community the positive things that are happening in our community, and think regional, we will together move forward, but thank you for bringing that to light."

Mr. Fortunato moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Lalich.
Roll call. All ayes. So moved meeting adjourned declared Mayor Mucci.

Pamela L. Orlando
Clerk of Council

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR