

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
January 10, 2017

The Regular Meeting of City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Domenick Mucci presiding. The meeting was opened with a silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Councilmen Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Johnson and Paul. Mr. Johnson made a motion that Mrs. Hahn be excused from tonight's meeting. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci.

Also present; City Manager James Mavromatis, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Engineer Mike Dolak, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star and WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Mr. Paul moved that the minutes of January 3, 2017 be accepted as written. Second by Mr. Johnson. Roll call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Mucci.

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2016-96 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1175 OF THE ZONING CODE CREATING THE OPAL BOULEVARD/GLENDWELL ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

Mayor Mucci – “Before we move on we have two pieces of correspondence from the Planning and Zoning Commission.”

The Clerk read a letter of positive recommendation from Chris Petrossi to the Planning Commission and a letter of positive recommendation from the Planning Commission to Council. Hearing no objections the correspondence is ordered into the record.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2016-96. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2016-96 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2016-96 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2016-97 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1992-20, AS AMENDED, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO BY REZONING PROPERTY OWNED BY DONNA HOSFELT/NICK'S AUTO SALES, LOCATED AT 243 SOUTH THIRD STREET, STEUBENVILLE, OHIO FROM B-1, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO I-1, GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

Mayor Mucci – “Before we move on we have two pieces of correspondence from the Planning and Zoning Commission.”

The Clerk read a letter of positive recommendation from Chris Petrossi to the Planning Commission and a letter of positive recommendation from the Planning Commission to Council. Hearing no objections the correspondence is ordered into the record.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2016-97. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2016-97 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2016-97 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2016-115 as amended – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 193.02(B) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE.

Mr. Johnson – “I'd like to make a motion that we amend this ordinance to substitute Old Fort Steuben Project everywhere it says Historic Fort Steuben Inc.” Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 2016-115 as amended.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2016-115 as amended. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2016-115 as amended please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2016-115 as amended duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-1 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – 1st reading

ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-1. The second reading will be on January 17th; the third and final reading will be on January 24th.”

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Timmons – no report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes, Mayor; in today’s Herald Star there was an article and I think Dave wrote it; I’m not sure who wrote it; but it quotes Dr. Pat Macedonia from the Health Board and there are four items that I want to take each one of them. This is a quote; “the Health Board sat back every year and took a lot of criticism but all of the talk about a consolidation of union between the City and County Health Department actually started a couple years ago under former Health Commissioner Patti Reda when she sent a letter to the County Board of Health asking for a look at duplications of services. The City Board of Health felt there were improvements that could be made but we never received an answer from the County.” The second part is; “some Council members feel there will not be an additional cost to City residents; but if Council dissolves the City Health Department there will be two options to consider; one option is the County takes over our services while the second option could see the State Health Department mandate what services we will still provide and what the citizens will have to pay for. At the same time citizens could lose certain services we now provide” stated Macedonia. Third; “there has been a major misconception that we only serve people who can’t afford medical care. Last year our City Health Department brought in \$40,000 from private insurance.” Four; “our Health Board will negotiate a union of the two departments with the assistance of City Manager Jim Mavromatis.” Now, pertaining to the first one; when this was brought up in 2014 about consolidation not one person from the Health Board said anything about trying to consolidate anything. I personally went to the County Health Board when I was told this and was told they were never contacted by the City. The second thing; Council never said it wasn’t going to cost anything; Council feels negotiations with the County will be fruitful; we the City of Steubenville already subsidize the City Health Department to the tune of around \$300,000 with taxpayer money. The \$40,000 brought in by private insurance is not even close to what we need to keep it running. Fourth item there; our Board of Health will negotiate the union of the two departments with the help of City Manager Jim Mavromatis; the City Health Board fought tooth and nail to keep Jim Mavromatis from being part of that negotiation. We had a public meeting where they tried to stop him from becoming part of the negotiations. Lastly; to the citizens of Steubenville; it’s worked everywhere else in Ohio except Youngstown; and they were criticized for it not working by the press in Youngstown. I, along with this Council will do everything humanly possible to provide good services to its citizens and to watch taxpayer money like it’s my own. They’re talking about the health services. The Wheeling Intelligencer put an editorial in there and I’m not going to read that whole thing but it says merging of the Jefferson County Health Department and the City Health Department; much has changed in Jefferson County and it’s a good idea to merge unless good reasons surface not to do it in the next few weeks; all involved should be moving forward with this combining the two health departments; that was August 21, 2016. We’re going to lose some services they say; we’re not going to lose any services; the Jefferson County Health Department offers vital statistics the same as we do which there is a chance we might lose that anyway to the State; but if we don’t; that is birth records, death records, statistics and genealogy. Environmental; water systems, private sewage systems, food services and food service license inspections, plumbing and plumbing inspections, nuisance inspections, licenses for tattoo parlors, investigations for dog bites and west Nile virus and anthrax, solid waste. Nursing; tuberculosis, infectious diseases, sexually transmitted diseases, child and family health care services, immunizations, adult overseas immunizations, blood pressure, Bureau for the Children with Medical Handicaps, flu immunizations, WIC Program; women, infant and children nutrition classes, breastfeeding consultations, nutrition collaborations, hemoglobin testing, educational talks; so if this takes off there is going to be no loss of services to anybody. Is it going to cost the City something; yes, it’s going to cost us money the same as it is costing us now; but it’s not going to cost us \$300,000; so when I saw that in the paper today I just wanted to answer the four things and to assure this community that we’re going to try to do the best we can do; but I want you to take into consideration one thing that I’m going to say right now; Jim Mavromatis is the City Manager; I’m very proud of him being here; I don’t always agree with him and that’s a good thing because that’s how things come about; he’s beyond reproach; there was no need to try to keep him out of those meetings for the Health Department and when they did my antenna went up and that’s all I’m going to say about that but I didn’t like the fact that they tried to keep Jim Mavromatis, our City Manager, out of the negotiations but he’s in there so we’ll move forward. I was hoping that Pat was here but he’s not so that’s all I have to say; thank you very much.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I have three ordinances to sunshine out of Service; an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for the Lincoln Boulevard guardrail replacement project, City Project No. 2016-125, and to complete all necessary functions that may be required to complete said project; including but not limited to engineering design services, right of way services including acquisition of right of way, utility relocation, construction administration/inspection services, bidding services, advertising for bids for construction, subject to the right to reject any and all bids and rebidding that may be required; authorizing the entering into of said contract with the lowest and most qualified bidder, authorizing payment therefore and to execute contracts as required; this is for Lincoln Heights Boulevard; I’ve been trying for years to get it done; I want to thank Mr. Dolak; Mr. Dolak I will guarantee you that Judge Mascio and I will pick up the litter, clean up the leaves and the residents will have to keep the Boulevard clean; I don’t bother the City too much unless I have to. Number two; an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for the 2017 City Street Hot-Mix Resurfacing Improvements, City Project No. 2017-100 subject to the right to reject any and all bids and

rebidding that may be required, authorizing entering into of said contract with the lowest and most qualified bidder, authorizing payment therefore and to execute contracts as required; and an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for the 2017 City Pavement Marking Program, City Project No. 2017-102, subject to the right to reject any and all bids and rebidding that may be required, authorizing the entering into of said contract with the lowest most qualified bidder, authorizing payment therefore and to execute contracts as required.”

Mr. Dressel – no report

Mr. Johnson – “Yes, your honor; I have several out of Planning. I’d like to sunshine an ordinance creating the Starkdale Road Neighborhood Conservation District; an ordinance authorizing the City Manager and Urban Projects Director to advertise for bids for the 2017 CDBG Street Improvement Program, subject to the right to reject any and all bids, authorizing entering into said contract with the lowest and most qualified bidder, authorizing payment therefore; an ordinance authorizing the City Manager and Urban Projects Director to advertise for bids for the 2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center HVAC System Project, subject to the right to reject any and all bids, authorizing entering into said contract with the lowest and most qualified bidder, authorizing payment therefore; an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement with the State of Ohio Development Services Agency. I also would like to make a motion that we accept the Mayor’s recommendation to reappoint William Hendricks to the Regional Transit Authority Board; term to expire February 2020.” Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. Johnson – “I would like to make a motion that we accept the Mayor’s recommendation to reappoint Lorie Sullivan to the Board of Library Trustees; term to expire January 2021.” Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. Johnson – “I’d like to make a motion that we enter executive session at the end of public forum to discuss the sale of real estate.” Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. Johnson – “I would like to call for a Council as a Whole committee meeting on January 24th at 6:00 for the purpose of discussing priorities and goals for 2017.”

Mayor Mucci – “The Clerk will facilitate the proper notice.”

Mr. Paul – no report

Mayor Mucci – “Before we move on I do want to once again make mention; last week I mentioned about the month of January and the Steubenville celebration of one of our great civic leaders, Martin Luther King; those events happened last week and we want to congratulate Mrs. Delores Wiggins for being recognized here locally for your efforts on civil rights here within our community in eastern Ohio northern panhandle; but the celebration continues; this coming weekend although it is recognized nationally there will be a gathering in Washington, D.C. and everyone is encouraged to march on Washington, D.C. for the national recognition of Dr. King’s tribulations and also the commitments to civil rights; we will have here our youth being recognized and also then on Sunday the 15th we will have a memorial service at the Westminster Church on Fourth Street and that event is starting at 6:00 so I encourage all members of Council; Monday morning if you’re not at work and you would like to continue to participate we will be gathering at the Martin Luther King Recreation Center and proceeding with our march from the MLK Center down to Steubenville High School where the awardees of the essay contest will be recognized at the auditorium so we want to encourage everyone to participate in the Martin Luther King events.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I’d like to add one thing to what you just said; to Delores Wiggins; I can’t think of a better person to be honored during the celebration for Martin Luther King than Delores. I’ve known her for forty plus years and I’ve seen her take up for all races, not just black, white; everybody; I’ve witnessed this personally from her and she’s always been fair; I’ve never heard her out of line; I’ve never seen her mad; it is an honor to know you Delores and I can’t think of anyone that deserves it more than you.”

Mayor Mucci – “Thank you, Mr. Villamagna; and I think a lot of us echo those remarks; that’s one of the reasons that I continue to recommend her to be on our Civil Service Commission.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you, Mayor; just a brief statement more to the citizens that are out there; tonight at 5:00 our Police Department Drug Unit picked up one of the shooters that we’ve been after for the last week. There are a total of three individuals that we are looking for that have been involved in these several shootings that happened; so now two of the three have been captured and this goes to the citizens out there; this was based on a tip from a citizen; they did not have to get directly involved; they notified us and we did the job that we’re supposed to do. A lot of times I do not go out and make comments about the shootings for a reason; I don’t want to give these individuals a place where they think we may be looking for them; I want them comfortable; and with the citizens that are out there I can tell you that within the past year I’ve received more phone calls with tips from the citizens; and again, that’s what makes our City safe. Unfortunately in some cases the news takes it a step where it shouldn’t go on another avenue; they asked me about the individual that was captured here; the homicide suspect; again, you can’t control where people who are suspects go; you don’t know who their friends are, you don’t know who their relatives are or what acquaintances they have had; but this individual; we do work with other local agencies; we do work with State agencies and we do work with Federal agencies and we will always have that cooperation and it doesn’t matter; if it’s not today, tomorrow, in a week or a month; we will capture these people. I will tell you, with our Judge that sits here, Judge Mascio; he does see that we get high bonds on these individuals that keeps them off the streets; so again, we were blessed this

past year; we had two homicides, we know who did them, we have charged one person on one of them and again I've made this other statement; 99% of the shootings are criminal against criminal; keep that in mind. We've been blessed that we've not had an innocent bystander shot so again this is a credit to our Police Department and the citizens of this town. We just finished our second year of the Nutcracker; we went from thirty three to one hundred thirty some nutcrackers and not one of them was damaged. Again, it's very easy to stereotype people; we have a lot of good citizens in this town; they have stepped forward to make this a better community here so again; it's get on the train that is riding now because it has left the station. We had over 25,000 people that visited the fort to see those nutcrackers; that says a lot about this community here. Probably the best thing I could've seen was a one hundred and two year old lady one weekend in a wheelchair being pushed by her son; and she commented about the lighting of the Christmas tree and the fireworks and she said I never thought I would've lived long enough to see Steubenville come back. There are positive things; when you think positive and you do participate in your community you get these things done. It's our job to make a safe City force; you have a Council here that is of paramount importance with them; you have a City Manager; my City Department Heads; we're all working together to make this a better place and it has started. Again, because you don't hear about a lot of these arrests because we don't want to tip our hands; but again, once these warrants are issued we do not quit and we work twenty four hours a day until we capture these people; so I wanted you to at least be aware of this and again, right now we have one other individual we are looking for; our Police have done a good job identifying and getting the appropriate charges filed; thank you, Mayor."

Mr. Villamagna – "I'd like to ask Jim something; have there been any meeting with the Health Department since the last time you updated us and if not; are there any scheduled?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "The next time we're supposed to hear from Mr. Misselwicz is March; our agreement was he was going to submit what they are going to be able to do and when I come back from leave I plan on seeing him because there have been personal things that have come up with his family and I understand that but I want to make sure that we're on track. This isn't extremely hard to do; we have a blueprint to follow; the study that was done clearly laid out what we do as a City, what they do as a County; again, we'll get our answer. It's a dollar and cents matter; and that's what we need to understand."

Mr. Repella – no report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Mucci – "If there is anyone wishing to speak to City Council on City business please come forward and state your name and address."

Jerry Barilla – "I live at 4353 Steuben Woods Drive. I'm here on behalf of Historic Fort Steuben and the Steubenville Visitors Center; I want to say thank you to each and every one of you and also to say thank you for all your efforts you provided to us this past Nutcracker season; a special thanks to Jim Mavromatis for the fireworks because that was really a surprise and it did make that whole night spectacular; I want you to know we appreciate your support and help. What the Street Department did for the fort over these last few weeks was phenomenal; and the City, the Police Department, whatnot; we are very grateful; thank you."

Mayor Mucci – "If there is anyone else wishing to speak to City Council on City business please come forward and state your name and address."

Ed Florak – "I live at 434 Scenic Drive. At the Port Authority Board this morning Dr. Graham and I discussed meeting and reviewing the bylaws of the Port Authority; if we recommend any changes those changes will have to be approved not only by the Port Authority Board and County Commissioners but also by City Council; so I just wanted to alert everybody that we're going to review this; I think it's about time, it's been five years now since the Port started its operation and there may or may not be any changes necessary; if those of you are interested want to review that and provide me or Dr. Graham any input we would appreciate it."

Mayor Mucci – "If there is anyone else wishing to speak to City Council on City business please come forward and state your name and address."

Chambers were cleared for executive session.
Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

Mr. Paul moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll call. All ayes. So moved; meeting adjourned declared Mayor Mucci.

Mary F. Anderson
Clerk of Council

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR