

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Mucci presiding. The meeting was opened with a silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmen Johnson, Paul, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, & Hahn.

Also present; Law Director Costa Mastros, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Parks and Recreation Director Lorri Fetherolf, Sanitation Director Bob Baird, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for October 3, 2017. Second by Mr. Johnson. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Mucci.

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Mucci – “Madame Clerk is there any petitions in communications?”

Mrs. Haley – “Nothing your Honor”

Mayor Mucci – “We will now move into Ordinance and Resolutions but I would like to point out that on the tentative agenda Resolution No. 2017-74 the individual is on his way here from out of town so we’re going to leave that Resolution until the end of our agenda.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2017-71 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Messrs. DiLoreto, Johnson, Hahn

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION TO BE USED TOWARDS FUNDING THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE 2018 CITY STREET HOT-MIX RESURFACING PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 2018-100 AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Mayor Mucci – “Before we move on with Resolution No. 2017-71 I would like to explain to Council and everyone here; this Resolution will be adopted by roll call; this Resolution is authorizing the application for a grant and later on; on the agenda I believe it’s Ordinance No. 2017-77 is where we recognize the streets for the hot-mix and we will be going through three readings; however the application needs to be submitted so we’re going to pass this tonight by a roll call vote. We heard the reading 2017-71; normally our Resolutions we don’t call for public comment however since we’ll be adopting this by roll call vote tonight; I do have the discretionary of authorizing public comment so I will call for public comment since this deals with the application we’re applying for.”

Mayor Mucci – “Is there anyone wishing to speak on Resolution No. 2017-71. Please come forward state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Resolution No. 2017-71 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-75 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1175 OF THE ZONING CODE CREATING THE GARFIELD AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-75. The second reading will be on October 17th. The third and final reading will be on December 5th. The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday December 4th.”

NO. 2017-76 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE BUILDING AND STRUCTURE IDENTIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE TO BE AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE AS DEFINED BY SECTION 108 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING SUCH TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OR DEMOLITION OF SUCH UNSAFE STRUCTURE.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-76. The second reading will be on October 17th. The third and final reading will be on October 24th. If adopted by city council it’ll be the effective date of November 24th.”

NO. 2017-77 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. DiLoreto, Johnson, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2018 CITY STREET HOT-MIX RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS, CITY PROJECT NO. 2018-100

SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND REBIDDING THAT MAY BE REQUIRED, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO SAID CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE, AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACT AS REQUIRED.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-77. The second reading will be on October 17th. The third and final reading will be on October 24th. If adopted by city council it’ll be the effective date of November 24th.”

NO. 2017-78 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-113, THE EXISTING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2017-78. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-78 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-78 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

Mayor Mucci – “I will want to point out that the Ordinance we just passed 2017-78 really made a very small change in the Table of Organization the (inaudible) I believe will facilitate better service in the City of Steubenville; it is budget mutual; we are moving two people from the M & R Department into the Recreation Department. These two maintenance workers will have the flexibility of let alone working on the fields; one of them is an artist when it comes to lining the fields and all but has the expertise to be in the field but we’ll also be able to use these individuals for maintenance work at the Martin Luther King Center and all of our other facilities and I have both of the directors here in case there was any questions but I know that both Lorri; would like to thank you for the personnel within the Recreation Department.”

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Johnson – “Yes your Honor I would like to call for a Planning Committee Meeting on November 14th at 6:30 p.m.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes your Honor I have one out of Finance; it’s an ordinance authorizing and directing the approval of expenditures without a purchase order over \$3,000.00 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41; that’s here and now. Second I know you’ll probably talk about this a little later but I want to remind everybody of our meeting on Thursday over at the fort for the renewal on Issue 5 for the income tax levy it’ll be at 5:30 over at Fort Steuben; the Mayor will be there and if anyone would like to attend we would like to have people present to help us push this forward and again just like we’ve said the past couple of weeks it’s just a renewal. Last I know we had two of our Finance people out of town; glad to have you back; I missed you guys; but we need to do is we have to move forward and start working on the budgets for next year; if you can please give me dates and I would like to know who will be the first victim for the budget hearings.”

Mayor Mucci – “If Council would pick the dates we’ll; Thursday morning we’ll have a department head meeting and I’ll talk to the department heads if you have the dates established by then.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay so give me some kind of ideas of what you’re hoping for; when you want to do it; if you want to do it Saturday morning that’s fine also; but yes I want to start moving forward with our budget I don’t want to the last week of December go through an emergency legislation and we don’t even know what we’re going to vote on; okay so give me some ideas on what kind of dates your available for so we can move forward on our budget for next year. Thank you your Honor I’m done.”

Mayor Mucci – “Thank you Mr. Paul and if I could just follow up on a couple of things that you pointed out; yes it’s important that we schedule the budget hearings; if I’m not mistaken traditionally City Council does not meet between Christmas and the New Years for the holidays; looking at the calendar I’m anticipating that our last meeting of the year will probably be on December 19th so as we back those weeks up we’re getting close for the budget so you guys could fully understand the sooner that we have the budget hearings scheduled the better off. I will tell Council this and Dave Lewis is not here this evening but I would like to commend our Finance Director and also Mr. Baird and Mr. Murphy as you’re well aware we’re going through negotiations with the AFSCME people; this past Wednesday, Friday, and yesterday Columbus Day we spent most of the day in negotiation our Finance Director is right on top with the figures and all; we’re getting close; I was thinking of having an executive session to update Council this evening however we have another negotiation meeting schedule for this coming Monday and also tomorrow we have and I spent last Thursday with the Healthcare containment committee which consists of all three unions; a representative of the FOP, the firefighters, and the AFSCME union; Mr. Lewis and I on the healthcare and the healthcare coverage that we have. We are encouraged by the quotes that we received and the direction we are moving in; we met with the Healthcare Containment Committee; I have another meeting tomorrow that will probably last most of the day with the committee we’re bedding our providers; so with that next Tuesday I would like Council to consider moving into an executive session probably moving into the conference room so we can have the speaker phone with our attorney for the negotiations, update you on both the healthcare and the AFSCME negotiations of where we’re at so please consider that for next Tuesday; any questions please feel free to get a hold of me as you’re well aware I can’t get into details of where we’re at until next week but let me assure you that everybody participating is on the same page.”

Mr. Timmons – No report

Mr. Villamagna – No report

Mr. DiLoreto – No report

Mr. Dressel – No report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes I just wanted to mention I don’t know if any of you have been down to the Marina but last week on Wednesday after we met and also today a really great group of community service people came down and helped and then on Saturday we had seven junior high kids come from part of the I Serve; so a lot of people that are coming down to fish are appreciating what they are seeing and I hope you’ll come down. One of the fun things was some of these junior high girls that have never been to the Marina and they were really freaked out about the water; wondering if they would drown walking along the beach; it was just interesting conversations and then they started to notice all the beautiful shells and it was fun to actually be there to see them starting to enjoy something that is in their backyard so to speak (inaudible); we are still working away on that. So I would like to sunshine a Resolution honoring those who will be honored in the 2017 Community Guiding Light Awards Banquet this is going to be put on by the Calvary Community MBC Members; Pastor Bobbyjon Bauman – Youth Advocate will be honored, Sis. Rose Slaughter – Educational Outreach, Sis. Delores Wiggins – Civil Rights, Mr. Bill Murray – Small Business, Mr. Keith Murdock – Public Relations, Pastor James Foglio – Pastoral Support, and Sis. Sophia Spencer – Social Service Outreach. I would like to sunshine this and we’ll have the Resolution next week. Thank you.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mayor Mucci – “Let me start off by saying that on the rail there; a press release and notices of our Fall Clean Up schedule and the City of Steubenville and City Council requested that we continue the fall pick up and spring pick up; it’s starting this coming Saturday October 14th it’s all the streets on LaBelle so if you have any items get them out there (inaudible) they pick up your garbage or your garbage can however there are some items that are restricted; no tires of any type, no electronics, computers, televisions, or anything like that, nothing with Freon gas or refrigerators, air conditioners, (inaudible) and all and no hazardous waste material such as paints and fuels and of those things and no construction materials. So with that we have a schedule going throughout the whole community that will conclude on Saturday November 11th. I know we’ve been getting calls on what we’re going to do with our TVs or electronics? We do through the JB Green Team have a collection scheduled for Saturday November 4th 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the old Grant School lot and as I announced last week that will be \$10.00 a TV. Just one street closing this week in our community that will be Saturday October 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mount Carmel will be having (inaudible) women ministry it’s an annual pie and cake auction so we want to invite people there but be aware that the street will be closed to that event or at least one block of the street will be closed for that event.”

Mr. Mastros – No report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Mucci – “I noticed that the gentleman receiving the Resolution No. 2017-74 has arrived a little late but there was probably a lot of traffic on the road for you but we’re going to move into the Resolution hearing no objections. Hearing no objections the clerk will read Resolution No. 2017-74 by Council as a whole.”

Mrs. Haley – “A resolution honoring and thanking muralist Claude Ruston Baker. Whereas, the City of Steubenville has become known as “The City of Murals” for its various and multiple murals depicting City life in the City of Steubenville; and Whereas, Claude Ruston Baker, muralist and an American painter has been engaged to restore and renovate two mural projects in the City; and Whereas, Mr. Baker as an American painter, has sold paintings internationally, painted in over 175 communities in the United States; and Whereas, Mr. Baker is also an accomplished singer, song writer and musician having recorded over 105 original songs; and Whereas, he is married to Dr. Claudia Rozuk and is the father of three children; and Whereas, Mr. Baker’s mission and motto in life is described as “Making our World Better;” and Whereas, while Mr. Baker was engaged to renovate two murals in the City of Steubenville he and his son Andy agreed to repaint the City of Steubenville sign on Market Street for free, donating his time and talent to the City; and Whereas, the City of Steubenville wishes to express its thanks and gratitude to Mr. Baker and his son for their generous donation of their time and talent. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Steubenville, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio: Section 1: That this Council and Administration does hereby proclaim its gratitude and thanks to Mr. Claude Ruston Baker and his son Andy Baker for the generous donation of their time and talent in painting the City of Steubenville sign located on Market Street. He has exemplified his motto in “Making our World Better” through his volunteerism and generous gift of his talent. Section 2: That this Council shall present a certified copy of this Resolution to Mr. Claude Ruston Baker. Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by Council; otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion that Resolution No. 2017-74 be adopted by roll call. Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll call. All ayes. Resolution No. 2017-74 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

Mayor Mucci – “This is kind of unusual; usually we have a member of Council presents this but I’m really honored not being from our community. First of all I think everybody understands there was an article written

by Dave Gossett in the Herald Star recognizing him and his son and the efforts. If you can recall many of you come week after week; I've been on a search for four projects for the United Way Day of Caring; Day of Action and one of them was to repaint the sign on Market Street; it was getting in pretty rough and bad conditions; originally that was painted by Nicholas Morelli; Charlie Morelli's son that lives on Lawson Avenue; Nicholas Morelli painted that for an Eagle Scout Project and we have affected three different times to freshen it up; the last time it was freshen was by a Day of Caring and Kit Velment from Huntington Bank got the employees of Huntington Bank and all to touch it up and all but this year I was struggling in finding somebody and in a conversation I had with Mr. Barilla he mentioned that the gentleman was in refurbishing two of the murals in downtown; one at PNC Bank on the Community Action Council Wall and then Froelich's Classic Corner across the street there; so he says let me talk to him and see. Well immediately he volunteered to donate his time we only had to purchase the paint and that shows you that somebody really loves a community not even being from here so I want to thank you for your donation of time, talents to our community and helping it make it beautiful so congratulations on behalf of our citizens and to the City of Steubenville."

Claude Ruston Baker – "First of all coming into Steubenville tonight it looks beautiful; my son I show him the bridges and the city and every time I do come to town the architecture is what I enjoy as well as the (inaudible) and how it sits along the river. What I've learned to do being in so many cities and dealing with people and dealing with their reactions knowing their frustrations; giving is what I've learned to succeed (inaudible) in the city so inspiration is what I like to give wherever I go and it's effort for me but it's not that much effort for me to do something good for your community. Every time I get to work on one of the murals it's what I enjoy doing; it's my passion; so I love to paint murals; I love to redo them I love to redo buildings cities and it's a challenge for me but this city has so much going for it; I've been looking for a house to buy down here because I'm back and forth so much so I'm still watching and looking for good deals somewhere but I really do appreciate the opportunity to get to show my work and what I do as well but I see a lot of future in this community and I think seeing it from the outside maybe different for me than from the people that grew up here and have their own personal frustrations but I see a lot of potential and greatness just because of where it sits and what it is. Thank you very much."

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."

Joseph Smarrella – "112 Starkdale Rd. Steubenville, Ohio. I've come here tonight to speak on a project we've been working on the credit union (inaudible) and our board in conjunction with Trinity is proposing to put a sign on Sunset to let people know what this great city has behind Central; that area; people come to town and all they see is a little sign that says Hospital. We're proposing you put a sign up there in conjunction with (inaudible); we've met with Keith Murdock and Mr. Matt (inaudible); he's the CEO at Trinity. We've worked everything out but getting the permits; we got to go through the Planning Commission out of zoning I knew that; I called Mr. Petrossi and he gave me the direction and you know you hear about Steubenville always stopping things and quitting; I have to say that Mr. Petrossi and I contacted every Councilmen; the Mayor I even talked to you; nothing but corporation and it makes me feel good because there was nobody trying to stop anything; all they want to do is do it right; we cleaned that lot up; Mr. Wells and (inaudible) Blue Trees they cleared it and I think we did a nice thing for the community and the city and now we want to progress with a nice sign; we're not going to put nothing junk cause it still has to go through Chris Petrossi's planning and zoning and that's about it; we've met with Keith and he's here tonight I would like for him to say a few words. Mr. Keith Murdock from Trinity."

Keith Murdock – "I'm representing Trinity Health Systems 4000 Johnson Road. Members of Council, Honorable Mayor; we appreciate your time this evening we've been trying to get a sign for Trinity West even before Trinity West was Trinity West back in the St. John's days and we have had numerous occasions where people from out of town had a difficult time finding Trinity Health Systems not just on Sunset but we do sit three quarters of a mile back; I understand the ordinance and the reasons behind it but that's also one of the reasons why we would like a variance here because we are so far off Sunset Blvd. it is difficult for people to find us out there so anything that we can do to expedite this and once again I thank you for your time this evening. Thank you."

Joseph Smarrella – "Back in that area you also have the Teramana Cancer Center, you have the YMCA, you have the Carriage Inn, you got Central's practice field, you have Central School right there, and we're just trying to promote a better relief for the city and I want to thank all of you for your corporation and I contacted each Councilmen and like I said I'm going through the right procedures with Keith and his CEO and we (inaudible) even better, for the better of the city, and also better for the people who have businesses out there. I hope to look forward with meeting with Chris again; I called him on the phone we was very corporative and like I said I didn't get no bad oh why you going through this you got to do that; even Karly when I came here to find out all the Councilmen's names; she's a good girl and I just want to thank everybody for giving me your time to listen to what we're proposing and hope that we come out of this with a nice thing for the city and thank you."

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR