

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
October 24, 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 Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Johnson, & Paul.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Parks and Recreation Director Lorri Fetherolf, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Financial Accountant Dave Babela, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Planning Director Chris Petrossi, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for October 17, 2017. Second by Mr. Timmons. 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 do have a letter that was received by our 6th Ward Councilman Mr. Villamagna and it was sent to Mr. Chris Petrossi; hearing no objections the Councilmen would like it read into the record; hearing no objections it’s so ordered.”

Mrs. Haley – “Dear Mr. Petrossi: I wanted to personally commend the City of Steubenville on the dedication of their building inspector; Mr. Anthony Bodo. Mr. Bodo has all the characteristics that a municipality would want in a building inspector. He is knowledgeable in the building code and makes sure that contractors comply with this code. This is his primary objective. What is so refreshing is that he cares about the project and the end user as well. Mr. Bodo understands the time constrains that Franciscan University in under in trying to complete a summer project between spring graduation and the start of the fall semester. These projects are not easy, and are fast paced. He has been fantastic by making time for our inspectors as needed. Mr. Bodo has never turned a blind eye to any work being done. However, by working together with him on setting up inspections, communicating concerns that we have, or code interpretations by the architect, Mr. Bodo has been an integral part of our success at the Phase VII Egan Hall façade project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Very Truly Yours, Jendoco Construction Corporation Robert Borland.”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to have the letter recorded as part of the minutes. Seconded by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Mucci.

Mayor Mucci – “Just give me a second here; just for a point of clarification any letter that is addressed to City Council will be read under Petitions and Communications or any petitions received that was addressed to the City Council. Mr. Villamagna asked the Clerk to read that but since it was not addressed; the Councilman has to make those request and any other member of Council if they want communications to be received that it is not automatically read that’s why we went through those motions.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I do receive these letters from time to time on all of our employees and I make it a point sometimes to call the author of these letters which I called Mr. Borland; I left a message he called me back a couple days ago and we discussed the performance of Mr. Bodo. Naturally (inaudible) left the conversation would have been far longer than this letter was but he explained a lot of times they were the overseers of the project; which means Franciscan contracted this company to oversee this whole project to make sure it was done properly; he expressed to me the different times he called Mr. Bodo; they had meetings in the evening to come out and check things that were important because the following day other work was going to be done that would over shadow what was being done there and he said; they’re out of Pittsburgh so they do a lot of work up there and he was quite clear when I asked him the direct questions; the corroboration from the City was exceptional; he says again and it depends on the inspectors certificate which in Pittsburgh there’s multiple inspectors up there but he did comment that our inspectors here were easy to work with, they were cooperative, and it was a pleasure to work with the City on this project so again Mr. Villamagna the man was truly sincere and he was factual on what he said so I thanked him for his time and again that’s a credit to Chris and naturally Anthony to show that our people are doing their job out there. Mayor I just wanted to make the comments for that.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2017-76 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd 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 third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-76. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-76 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-76 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci. The effective date of this ordinance will be November 24th.”

NO. 2017-77 – as amended - BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 3rd 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.

Mr. Mastros – “Thank you your Honor. It was brought to my attention by the City Engineer that in Section 1 we might just want to be a little more particular as it relates to the work that will be done on Laurretta Drive. It actually should read and should be the Eastside of Laurretta Drive from John Scott Highway to Garfield Ave.; I don’t want any confusion and I would like to be as particular as we can so a year from now we’re not indicating something that we’re not going to do; so I’m going to ask Council to make a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2017-77 in Section 1 to include the language regarding Laurretta Drive to state the Eastside of Laurretta Drive from John Scott Highway to Garfield Ave.”

Mr. DiLoreto agreed to the motion that Mr. Mastros made. Seconded by Mrs. Hahn. Mr. Paul called questions. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motioned carried declared Mayor Mucci. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 2017-77 as amended.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-77 as amended. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-77 as amended please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-77 as amended duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci. The effective date of this ordinance will be November 24th.”

NO. 2017-79 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

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.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-79. The third and final reading will be on October 31st. If adopted by city council it’ll be the effective date of November 29th.”

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Timmons – No report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. I’d like to make a motion to move the Tuesday November 7th Council Meeting to Thursday November 9th due to the Election Day.” Seconded by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. DiLoreto – No report

Mr. Dressel – No report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes a couple of things. We had the; I don’t know how to describe it besides that it was under Economic Development; meeting with a Franciscan Trustee; the Vice President of Public Relations; there was someone from development there were some employees and we just began a more thorough conversation about ways in which Franciscan University in the city are collaborating, are serving each other, ways of in terms of Economic Development could occur; it was actually a really fruitful conversation and I think one of the things we realized was there was a lot more communication that could happen by the media but also just more public presentations of what’s happening so that people are aware of all the different exchanges between University and students and the City and trying to find that way that we can communicate this as their home away from home for those who didn’t grow up here and just the fact that we have over 2,000 alumni from Franciscan University who live within the city limits of Steubenville is pretty amazing; so that was a very fruitful conversation and I’ll keep you updated on what happens. Then under Parks and Recreation there are a couple of things we had 3 more times at the Marina; we’ve had a family volunteer, a couple of Franciscan students, and then community service joined me 2 different days and so we’re making progress down there. Finally we had the last meeting of the National Parks Service Grant with Andrea Ireland she went over in detail what she has done in the different presentations and then had those of us who were gathered try to help pick some goals under each of the different items that we’re working on so the shared used path, the Marina, a possible walkway and (inaudible) with the different parks and the one thing that seemed a little unclear; it’s clear that Mike Dolak is definitely going to; is taking the lead on this shared used path but isn’t clear; Jim is who is going to run with the leadership on this now that Andrea has completed the grant and so we’ve had a conversation a couple of months ago and I think you were going to bring it up to your department heads to figure out who might run

point on continuing to meet and plan and look into grants and all of that; so I don't know if you have anybody in mind yet or not but that's something that we need so it doesn't stall."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay"

Mr. Johnson – No report

Mr. Paul – "Yes your Honor. As we discussed earlier in our Finance Committee meeting I would like to ask for a Finance Committee more budget hearings on October 31st prior to the 6:30 Service Committee Meeting; we'll meet at 5:00; hopefully we'll have Police, Fire, Parks and Rec, and the M & R Department if possible if not Dave is going to try and coordinate that with you people."

Mr. Lewis – "We got everybody but M & R."

Mr. Paul – "Okay that's next Tuesday prior to Mr. DiLoreto's meeting; at 5:00 and then after Mr. Villamagna we decide to move the meeting to Thursday November 9th we would like to start at 5:00 and we're trying to get in the Engineering Department, Planning and Community Development Department, Water and Sewage, and Municipal Court. Thank you."

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you your Honor. Two things tonight Mayor on November 4th which is a Saturday in corroboration with JB Green Team they have agreed to have another tire and electronic pick up; this will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and it will be at the corner of the old Grant School lot at 4th and South Street. There we will have 2 individual trailers one will be for tires and one will be for electronics the only difference is the CRT type TVs; the old style TVs that were big and bulky; there's a charge of \$10.00 cash and the CRT computer types; flat screens are no problem they're free, cellphones, telephones, computer and components, printers, fax machines, toner cartridges anything like that is free; your tires are free; so again this is opened to Jefferson and Belmont County and you have to have proof of residency which means you live here in Jefferson or Belmont County. So again JB Green team has agreed to do this, our M & R Department, our Sanitation Department will be assisting them in certain areas there so hopefully this will be as much as success as the previous one. The second thing is yesterday started the group of 4 officers and our dog focusing on specific areas in the City of Steubenville they were in Pleasant Heights, LaBelle, and the downtown area; they made 3 arrests yesterday; 2 of them for warrants and 1 of the subjects was in possession of heroin; one of the individual's was from over in West Virginia and this is going to continue they'll be anywhere, any shift, this is not out for public knowledge; the only thing that I wanted the public to be aware of when you see a group of 4 or 5 vehicles together that is this group of individuals that are focusing on the specific problems in the City; whether it be prostitution, whether it be the juveniles in areas doing graffiti; they'll be everywhere in this City so don't be alarmed by that; the citizens I ask for you to call with as much information as possible you only need to get involved as much as you want too; you don't have to be contacted if you don't want to be if you do then the officers will contact you so again we still have other responsibilities; in an emergency; shots fired everybody breaks away from what they're doing to respond to that so this is so far being successful again they are going to be using different tactics here and again I think we'll have the results that we need here so again I want to thank Council for the support and our Chief getting this group together. I met personally with each of the officers this afternoon; I've talked with them they know exactly what their marching orders are and what is expected by Council and the citizens here so again Mayor that is all I have to report."

Mr. Mastros – No report

Lorri Fetherolf – "Just a reminder that we have our Halloween Party this Saturday from 1-3 at the Martin Luther King Center; if anyone would still like to donate candy we'll gladly take that and I do have 5 spots left from a donation I received for "scholarshipping" some kids so if you know somebody who cannot afford to attend please give me a call down at the Martin Luther King Center and we'll get them in on the party. Thanks."

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you Lorri and I believe the cost is \$1.00?"

Lorri Fetherolf – "\$1.00"

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."

Joseph Marilla – "112 Stark dale Rd. Steubenville, Ohio. Last week I brought up about the dumpsters that were moved; there was a few complaints and there was a few thank you but I didn't know that Mr. Florak was here that night; he's been working on that since I brought it up about a year and a half ago; I wanted to thank him personally. Thank you."

Mike Florak – “1235 University Blvd. I just wanted to invite everyone on Council and everyone here in the audience tomorrow to our Last Faith in the Future; (inaudible) and Nate Freeman will be our guest speaker so please come it’s going to be held on campus in the St. Joseph Center in the seminar room beginning at 12:00 and we just ask for a peace offering whatever anybody feels comfortable with but it’s open to the public. Please come on up and hear Rev. Freeman’s great story. Thank you.”

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR