

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
December 19, 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 Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Johnson, Paul, & Timmons.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Assistant Fire Chief Frank Deleonardis, Parks & Recreation Director Lorri Fetherolf, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Utilities Supervisor Lisa Knight, Sanitation Director Bob Baird, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for December 12, 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 this evening.”

Mayor Mucci – “Before we move into the ordinances and resolutions before City Council this evening and we do have a rather lengthy agenda; we will start off this meeting hearing no objections with the presentation of the 2017 Residential Lighting Contest; hearing no objections we’re going to move into that and let me first start off by saying that once again it was really an honor for the Mayor’s office to organize the judging; I know I spent both evenings last Wednesday and Thursday with the judges we spent between 4 and 5 hours; without a doubt we started out a little slow but as the evening went on Wednesday and all day Thursday and all we were very encouraged by the way our citizens are participating with the Christmas season this year and decorating their homes. We want to thank all of our citizens for the spirit of Christmas here in the City of Steubenville for a while there I was thinking that maybe all the Christmas season was here in the downtown area with the Nutcracker village however riding through the community I think everybody has got a part of Christmas this season and I’ll be neglecting if I didn’t say I think we all realize the reason for this season and that is the birth of the Jesus Christ and let’s keep that in mind. With that we are going to start off with the award presentations and I’ll going to announce the ward and the clerk will announce the address and the winner and the respective Council member will do the presentation. First Ward.”

Mrs. Haley – “624 Prospect Bob and Sissy Young”

Mayor Mucci – “Mr. Young let me tell you that when we contacted; when my office contacted your home your wife Sissy happened to answer the phone; understanding her health condition and all I think we made her Christmas season; she was crying on the phone she was tickled that she won this award and we hope for her speedy recovery having Stage 4 cancer.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Thank for helping keeping the 1st Ward clean you’re one of the few that keep it clean. Thank you very much.”

Mayor Mucci – “The Second Ward winner was 1601 Moreland Drive Mike Haney; Mike had a basketball game this evening but we will be delivering that plaque. Third Ward.”

Mrs. Haley – “730 Jeanette Ave. Louis DiFilippo”

Mr. Timmons – “Congratulations.”

Mayor Mucci – “Fourth Ward.”

Mrs. Haley – “544 Highland Ave. Charlene Mayo.”

Mr. Dressel – “Here you go.”

Charlene Mayo – “Thank you”

Mr. Dressel – “Thank you very much. You have a beautiful home.”

Charlene Mayo – “Thank you Sir.”

Royal Mayo – “And I would like to thank the Mayor for 36 years of service you’ve been truly Mr. Steubenville for these years. Thank you.”

Mayor Mucci – “Thank you Royal. Mrs. Mayo I might say that the house was rather stunning and I know you did it all because Royal surely didn’t. Thank you. We will now move onto to the Fifth Ward 2447 Alexander Manor East Gino DiMichelle is not able to attend but Mr. Paul if you would see that he would receive that if not I will and Sixth Ward.”

Mrs. Haley – “540 Westwood Kathi Eastham.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Congratulations.”

Kathi Eastham – “Thank you.”

Mayor Mucci – “We will now move into the most original display and Mrs. Hahn will present.”

Mrs. Haley – “4629 Lexington Pamela Peterson.”

Mr. Peterson – “I want to know how she got all the credit.”

Mayor Mucci – “Well I understand you didn’t do any decorating.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Congratulations well done.”

Mayor Mucci – “The most outstanding lights was 2670 Cleveland Ave. Albert Potts I don’t believe they’re here correct? We’ll make sure that the plaque will get to them. Best theme.”

Mrs. Haley – “133 Preston Gregg Toriscelli.”

Mayor Mucci – “We’re batting real good here. We’ll move on to the Mayor’s Award.”

Mrs. Haley – “3096 Glenwell Felica Corabi.”

Mayor Mucci – “Didn’t even come and get my award. Well I do know that the grand prize winner is here this evening.”

Mrs. Haley – “4812 Scioto Drive Anthony Sheposh.”

Mayor Mucci – “You have to come up cause I know you put that angel in the window.”

Anthony Sheposh – “That is true. It’s a replica of me.”

Mayor Mucci – “Let me tell you it was really outstanding the angel in the upstairs window was a delight to see; I felt like I had to kneel there and pray for a minute but then I realized who owned the house and I thought that wasn’t a good idea but congratulations.”

Anthony Sheposh – “Thank you very much.”

Mayor Mucci – “Once again we would like to thank all the winners this evening for attending the Council meeting; the individuals that were not able to attend tonight we’ll make sure they receive their plaques before the holiday arrives so they can share that with their family. Now if any of the winners have other commitments this evening you’re welcome to leave at this time if not stick around we have a great meeting. I do want to also add that there are 49 honorable mentions this year and they’ll be published in the Herald Star closer to the holiday but each of the residential honorable mentions will receive a certificate that was mailed out in today’s mail so they’ll probably be receiving it tomorrow or the following day.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2017-94 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (OHPO) UNDER THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND URBAN PROJECTS DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT THEREFORE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF OTHER DOCUMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO; AUTHORIZING COMPLIANCE WITH CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-94. The third and final reading will be on January 2, 2018. If adopted by city council it’ll be the effective date of February 2, 2018.”

NO. 2017-95 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd 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 second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-95. The third and final reading will be on January 2, 2018. If adopted by city council it’ll be the effective date of February 2, 2018.”

NO. 2017-96 - 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. 2017-96. The third and final reading will be on January 2, 2018. If adopted by city council it’ll be the effective date of February 2, 2018.”

NO. 2017-103 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-112 ADOPTING A REVENUE TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THAT PERFORMANCE WILL BE SPECIFIED BY PLAN AND PROJECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard reading of Ordinance No. 2017-103. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-103 please come forward state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-103 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-104 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-111 TO MAKE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CURRENT EXPENDITURES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS, INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS, EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS AND NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard reading of Ordinance No. 2017-104. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-104 please come forward state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-104 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-105 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVENUE TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THAT PERFORMANCE WILL BE SPECIFIED BY PLAN AND PROJECTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard reading of Ordinance No. 2017-105. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-105 please come forward state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-105 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-106 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CURRENT EXPENDITURES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS, INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS, EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS AND NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard reading of Ordinance No. 2017-106. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-106 please come forward state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-106 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-107 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE EXISTING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND NOW ENACTING A TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard reading of Ordinance No. 2017-107. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-107 please come forward state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-107 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-108 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-114 AND ADOPTING THE INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION PLAN OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard reading of Ordinance No. 2017-108. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-108 please come forward state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-108 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-109 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE FOR THE PERIOD OF 2018 TO 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard reading of Ordinance No. 2017-109. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-109 please come forward state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-109 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-110 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER THE AMOUNT OF \$175,242.57 FROM THE GENERAL FUND (01) TO THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND (90) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard reading of Ordinance No. 2017-110. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-110 please come forward state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul – “Your Honor before we go any further I want to stand up and say something. Mr. Johnson this was something that he brought up and right now we have a million dollars with this in here; Mr. Johnson; I’m going to miss him as I said before he’s like E.F. Hutton when he speaks I listen and it was a great thing what he did

and we have this money here right now; we have a rainy day fund of a million dollars thanks to you and you brought it up last week so Mike thank you and I just want to say; great thing; I'm going to miss you buddy."

Mr. Johnson – "Thank you Willie."

Mr. Paul – "Take care Mike."

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-110 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Villamagna – Yes Mayor just one thing to the City Manager. Jim to avoid any confusion when you have your Department Head meeting maybe could you have; explain that any grants that are filed have to come from the Department Head to you and if there's free money where there's no participation from the City to have Costa review it to make sure that is absolutely true that there's no loop holes to it that might come back on us and if there is any money that has to be shared from the City part like a 75/25, 80/20 or however it works that it comes through you and is brought before the Council before we do any applications for any filing so we know what's going on and if there is an interest in that."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Absolutely. No problem."

Mr. Villamagna – "Thank you."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Yes your Honor. Chris on ordinance no. 2017-95 practically all those houses are in my ward so I would like to see you bid them out half the south end maybe half on pleasant heights; (inaudible) maybe we can get one contractor up there."

Mr. Paul – "What about up the 5th Ward and 6th Ward?"

Mr. DiLoreto – "You haven't had a house torn down in 20 years."

Mr. Dressel – "One quick thing under Council as a whole and it's a motion as a result of a meeting that I had with Costa on the tree commission and the trees in general. Everybody has a copy of this; there is a slight change after a discussion with Jim about the AEP situation but it's a motion to approve the removal of trees located in front of storefronts in the 100 blocks North and South Fourth Street and the 400 block and 300 block of Market Street, with the exceptions of trees located adjacent to, on or in parking lots and also those trees in the pocket park on Market Street as those should remain unless they are hitting electrical wires and to request the tree commission come up with a plan for future development of those specific planters, whether trees or something else; that's the motion as Council as a whole so if we could get that taken care of." Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. DiLoreto – "I have a question. Are we still going to have the tree commission?"

Mayor Mucci – "As of right now there's no ordinance or legislation before City Council to repeal the tree commission they will continue to get their academy and training; the request was for them to develop a plan so no I would say we're not getting rid of the tree commission."

Mr. Dressel – "Real quickly we met and Costa is going to rework that tree commission ordinance to make some minors changes so that it can run more efficiently with the City all along; we should have that by the end of January or so; so that we can get that in place and I guess my one final thing is this; thank you Mr. Mayor for your years here."

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you Mr. Dressel."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Pertaining to this last motion I want to thank you for that; I know of personally 3 business owners that have come to me they have legitimate complaints about the trees against their buildings; blocking their signs; their addresses; and I have talked with Mr. Baird and I've even met with our own tree moving people (inaudible) the City they were working on Market Street; we can handle that and it will get done; I think once it's all done and the store owners want to show off their businesses (all inaudible) again it will look much better and again we'll have the tree commission and what we'll want to do from this point on. Clearly AEP is concerned because of where these streets are at now and it's best we get these out of here so we can get the proper writing in there and we can go from there so I thank all of you and Bob I know your guys will do what we got to do and I'll meet with you tomorrow and we'll get our plan to get it down. Thank you."

Mrs. Hahn – No report

Mr. Johnson – No report

Mr. Paul – Yes your Honor I have one I'd like to make a motion that next Tuesday which will be the 26th of December; I make a motion that we cancel our meeting and we all have a Merry Christmas and everybody out there have a blessed Merry Christmas to you." Seconded by Mr. Johnson "Again I'd like; Mayor I'd like to thank you for all your years here; I'm going to miss you buddy I really am; you and Mike; but I think the City Manager is going to talk about that later but I love you guys. I'm going to give you a big hug when we're done; this is going to be a bear hug; you got to get one of my hugs. Merry Christmas everybody!"

Mayor Mucci – "I'm sure I can't wait for that. Anyhow it's been regularly moved and seconded that the meeting of December 26th be cancel. I don't think it's really necessary but we'll make it official." Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. Paul – "And when you're gone; you always keep us in line so that's another reason why I brought it up and if that wasn't I'm going to miss you I really am. Love you Domenick."

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you Mr. Paul."

Mr. Paul – "You can call me Willie."

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you Mr. Paul we're in a formal setting. Later tonight I'll call you by some names. Thank you Mr. Paul."

Mr. Paul – “You’re welcome Mr. Mucci.”

Mr. Timmons – No report

Mayor Mucci – “Before we move into the administrative officers and I just want to give a very brief report this evening. This morning I had the honor of attending the OMEGA; I constantly talk about the OMEGA semi-annual meeting in Cambridge at their offices; a lot of good information once again however I was a little caught off guard as everybody knows I’m the Vice Chairman of OMEGA; extremely important agency for Eastern Ohio; it’s 10 counties; a lot of our funding for our projects comes through that organization; I know recently it was announced at a Council meeting that the funding for one of our waterline projects did not come through and the explanation today as we dealt with that was the lack of funding that we received from ARC the Federal Government; however I made the request that we resubmit that application for next year; it’s no commitment and it’s looking pretty good because by the end of the meeting although I am leaving as the Mayor I have spoken with the Mayor elect and he and I talked about that particular organization and he would like me to represent the City of Steubenville so I will stay on their board next year not as the Vice President but as President of the OMEGA organization and I would like to carry that particular project for the waterline through to make sure the funding is in place; so I want to thank Mr. Barilla for allowing me that opportunity and keeping the City on the top of the totem pole there; holding an office is really in the best interest of our community and really Jefferson County being represented so I’m honored with that. At first they thought they were going to get rid of me like many of you out there however they did present me with a plaque basically for many years of public service, dedication, and commitment the Ohio Midwestern Government Association for your invaluable support, leadership, and experience in economic and community development which has been very instrumental in the growth of OMEGA. A sincere thank you from the officers, executive ward and all so I was honored with that but yet there’s still a lot of work to be done so not everybody get too excited; I’m still going to be around here and there.”

Mr. Paul – “Well it said invaluable and you are.”

Mayor Mucci – “Thank you. Let me just say in my conversation just so Council knows I’ll be happy; there’s 8 meetings annually; we have already picked the month of May for the City of Steubenville to host OMEGA and if you can remember there’s really 2 organizations; EOGA and OMEGA; OMEGA is the Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association; EOGA is the Eastern Ohio Government Association but they work hand in hand; their offices are in the same complex in the same room basically they share a conference room and all. Today the director of EOGA was there and as we were talking and having some discussion he’s just so impressed and proud of this particular area; one year we had Mr. Barilla up in Sugar Creek I believe at the Carlisle Inn for an award presentation I believe there is probably 300 people from the 10 county region there; mostly economic development people and investors and all but that was for tourism at the fort; here this past year we were able to submit the name; 3 organizations did; the Port Authority, the City, and the Fort submit the name of Mark Nelson and they were awarded the small business award for the region which really included 28 counties in that particular endeavor; we were able at that banquet or luncheon I should say promote the Nutcracker Village which is really a great opportunity because it’s within driving distance so those planning organizations although sometimes tedious are extremely important and also an avenue for us to put our best foot forward and to get the word out of what’s happening here in the City of Steubenville; with that I would like to move on to our administrative officers; oh wait before I do that I too Mr. Paul would like to thank Mr. Johnson for his 4 years of service here to the City of Steubenville without any doubt establishing the reserve fund that we voted on tonight is critical and important for the future of the City of Steubenville to be on a sound fiscal standing especially with the State Auditor but more importantly you also helped establish an avenue where people could protect their investment in the neighborhood and that’s the Neighborhood Conservation District so your work did not go unnoticed here Mr. Johnson thank you for your service.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you your Honor. I’m quite familiar with government work and time spent with the government; you usually remember 2 things and there’s always quite a few spread there; the time you’re sworn in and the time you leave and sometimes everything is a blur in between but Mr. Johnson on behalf of the City, myself I would like to present you with this small token as a remembrance of your time that you put here with our City. Michael Johnson Councilman Second Ward January 2013-December 2017; Mike thanks for all your hard work and dedication to this City. At this time I would like to have the Mayor come down. First time I’ve seen this since I’ve been here.”

Mr. Paul – “Can we call him Domenick?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mr. Mucci Mayor Mucci.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay Mayor Mucci. He is the Mayor he’ll always be the Mayor to me.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “This is a more difficult one; Dom the many years that you have given to this City clearly what I said earlier fits to you; you remember the day you started you remember the day you leave and somewhere in between is a blur; you’ve had a lot of good memories; you’ve been through this City with some bad times; words can’t express the gratitude that I have as a citizen here in what you’ve done and again only being here my 12th year clearly when you heard of Steubenville, Ohio it rang with Domenick Mucci as the Mayor so on behalf of the City myself I present you this; has a beautiful stand this goes on Mayor and I hope when you look at this you remember of all the people you helped; this City especially and again I’m going to miss you. Lastly I would like to thank my staff it has been an interesting year; I can clearly tell you to get ready

for next year because it's going to be a very interesting year; we're going to focus on a little different things; Council is focusing and drilling down on specific things and it's all focus for one thing making the City better but again I'm one person it's you and your staff that does the work day in and day out. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and again enjoy the next 2 weeks with your family that's what this is all about; you've seen where the town has gone; this year's light up was phenomenal and the people are still talking. Bob behind the scenes with your people; all of you and this is what a lot of the citizens don't see is the behind the scene things; I do because I'm here every day I know what you do but again I can't do this job without you and I appreciate everything that you've done for me in this City as well as Council; it's a team effort a lot of the citizens I see on the weekends; they approach me and they say they see a change and that's important because these are the people that we service out there so again I want you to have a great holiday; to the people that come every week to Council thank you because it's important that you do come at least you hear and you see things and it's important to get feedback and that's what this is all about. Mayor that's all I have for this evening. Thank you."

Mayor Mucci – "Before we move on to our Law Director let me say what an interesting and outstanding day this has been for me. Receiving a plaque earlier today from OMEGA and receiving this plaque this evening from the City of Steubenville; 36 years; if you think about it we have met every Tuesday and not too many meetings I have missed let alone the committee meetings throughout the year, the social engagements within the community, the official acts I have to do in the community, but truly I have been blessed by the citizens of our community for placing their faith and confidence in me time and time again; as a councilman, as councilman-at-large, and as the Mayor. It really gave me an opportunity to meet a lot of people and do a lot of things in our community and that was rewarding but again it was the people that put me in office and it gave me the confidence to be the Mayor. You know I have worked with over 50 different council members throughout my career and you could talk to any one of them we still have a relationship if they are living; we still have a relationship and an understanding and I go back to some of those members of Council for advice from time to time and I will truly miss that. I was also honored by working with 3 different Mayors unfortunately the City of Steubenville only has one living Mayor and that's Mr. Walkoski who's in the nursing home at the present time but I had the honor of working with 3 different Mayors and believe it or not under both forms of government; the Strong-Mayor form of government and the City-Manager form of government; I had the honors of being on the chairman of the search committee to hire the first City Manager and I worked with all 7 City Managers that the City had and I learned a lot from those City Managers and Mr. Mavromatis you've shown me a lot in the time that you've been at the helm of the City and I do appreciate that too. But you know through that course I have also served on 6 different occasions now as the Acting City Manager for the City of Steubenville; over 28 months of that duty for our community and let me tell you that would have not been possible if it wasn't for our capable department heads; throughout the year we had some outstanding department heads and today we have outstanding department heads; a lot of times people say things aren't getting done or things are wrong and this and that and they like to point fingers and all; let me assure all of our citizens that the members of this Council and the members of the Administration and all the Department Heads truly have the City of Steubenville at heart. Now I've attended over 1,800 Council Meetings and preceded probably over 50 special meetings; over 2,000 committee meetings not to speak of 5,800 community events and believe it or not performed over 2,200 weddings between my office or somewhere in the community many of them across the street in the beautiful Fort at the fountain but it has truly been amazing and rewarding for me but it is time for us to move on and I know for a fact because I had the opportunity of so far I believe 5 times meeting with the Mayor elect Jerry Barilla to prepare him for his journey as the Mayor for the City of Steubenville and I could assure everybody that their choice was a wise choice and Jerry I want to wish you the best of luck January 1 as we conclude our transition period; but once again I want to thank the community Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Mr. Mastros – No report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mr. Villamagna – "Mayor I don't know but maybe Yonk has been here longer. I was here working with the City when you started as a Councilman and I've known you since 1st grade at St. Anthony's School; we've had arguments, disagreements, I sat across from you as a union leader and negotiated contracts but we always ended up talking after that we were never mad at each other except for that day and your loyalty to the City I don't think could ever be questioned. I loved working with you we disagree, we argue, we came to some conclusion you know what was right and what was wrong sometimes you won sometimes I won; I'm very honored to have worked with you; I wish you well; I want to be able to call you because of valuable (inaudible) is leaving here and I appreciate everything that you've done Dom and you could've said this was the most extraordinary Council that's the only thing (inaudible)."

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you Mr. Villamagna but that's normal and I would hate to continue to correct you but you said sometimes you won sometimes I won no I made you believe you won."

Mr. Villamagna – "Now the next thing Mike. A little over 4 years ago I didn't know you from nowhere and we sat in that front row right there and met each other when we were running for office and we became very close friends; I talk to Mike all the time we've discussed just messing around life whatever; we've become very close and Mike is a very unique person because Mike is very articulate; when I'm talking sometimes I'll leave something out and anybody who's been to a meeting knows that my English is very (inaudible) correct but Mike has been there; I've called Mike to ask him to explain things to me because I'd be lying to you when I

first got here that 13 million dollar budget was a little bit intimidating you know balancing a check book that I have at home; Mike not only gave me the answer he explained to me how we got the answer; Mike has been a valuable tool to the City I'm going to miss Mike; a lot Mike you're like a brother to me and I don't know what else to say except that I'm going to miss you Mike and good come out of it because me and you are friends and we'll be friends until we're gone so thank you."

Mr. Johnson – "Thank you Bob."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Dido."

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."

Ed Florak – "434 Scenic Dr. Thank you Mayor for allowing me the senile citizen to take a little more time to get out of my seat to address the Council. I got a couple of things that I want to share with the Council since it's the end of the year. First of all Mayor congratulations on 36 years I hope that among other things that you're able to convey to our new Mayor how important OMEGA is because I remember years ago one of our Mayors and former County Commissioner said to me wow Jeff Tech gets a lot of money out of OMEGA and I said yeah because we keep our (inaudible) in the trough and that's what you have to do; you let those people know that we have needs and you've done an excellent job and I want to commend you. I would also offer you in retirement one ambition just remember this you can never become what you once were. To you Mike congratulations I enjoyed the 4 years that I have observed you here on Council I didn't always agree with you and yet I respect the way you were prepared or the way in which you presented your sides of the issue; I think all of us; at least I speak for myself I appreciated the fact that you were on top of a lot of issues and it certainly is moving forward that has become (inaudible) and finally to all of Council I will only ask you one thing; I asked that you consider, reconsider, resend or whatever you were going to do that ordinance that was passed a couple weeks ago as long as we don't have people that come to this meeting and (inaudible) over issues I think allowing people to come into the meetings and express themselves almost (inaudible) rather than having to prepare or think it through can be very valuable thing to you folks as you try to administer to this City in the future. Good luck to all of you."

Joe Smarrella – "112 Starkdale Road. I'd like to echo what Dr. Florak said I call him Doc out of respect. Mayor you did a wonderful job over the years like I didn't agree with you all the time but we still talk."

Mayor Mucci – "Am I still a puppet master?"

Mr. Paul – "You had to do that."

Joe Smarrella – "I got some questions I have to ask cause a couple citizens; no a couple citizens ask me today about is there an outside contractor cleaning around the building; do we hire somebody outside of our respected you know?"

Mayor Mucci – "Not to clean the outside of the building; we do have a lawn care service for the green area between; Market Street between the Court House and the New City Building."

Joe Smarrella – "Yeah Mr. Core asked me to bring it up today so a lot of times when I come up here I'm representing a citizen because they deal with me. I said I just go to the meetings but you know what I do want them to know that I bring it up and then the other thing on Route 7 there's a tree going across the wires on Route 7; I don't know if it's ODOT I think I talked to you Jim about it one time; I don't know if there's anything (all inaudible) come from our building; it's got the storage on Third Street."

Mayor Mucci – "From our Public (inaudible) building?"

Joe Smarrella – "Yeah that tree that's going across the wires on Route 7."

Mr. Mavromatis – "You've got Slack and you got South."

Mr. Villamagna – "Slack Street there's some vines going across there."

Joe Smarrella – "Yeah they've been going because one of the citizens asked me to bring it up because he wanted to write a few letters."

Mr. Villamagna – "Not Slack South Street."

Joe Smarrella – "I think he called Jimmy I don't know he (inaudible) like I said I get up here sometimes and people put me up here because they know I come but Merry Christmas everybody; I'll be here; I like coming down here and being aware of what is happening in the City and you guys do a hell of a job; you know that; I don't agree all the time but that's the way we walk (inaudible). I got to ask that guy that played Santa Clause the Council at Large Kenny."

Mr. Paul – "Kenny Davis"

Joe Smarrella – "He's been doing that 20 something years he told me and I think that this Council should do something; bring the fire truck up at the Polish Club; that's a lot of years to play Santa Clause for Christmas; he does one hell of a job."

Mr. Paul – "That's why he gave my wife her engagement ring."

Joe Smarrella – "Is that right? I just wanted to let you know a Resolution..."

Mayor Mucci – "Okay we need to talk about City business."

John Mascio – "567 Braybarton Blvd. I want to echo a little bit of what Dr. Florak and Slugs had to say. Dom you've been here more years than most of us want to remember but I have to honestly say I don't think there's anybody that knows more (inaudible) of the City than you; you've probably filled almost every position there is; you were a Councilman, (all inaudible) you've been the Mayor."

Mayor Mucci – “I have never been the Law Director like you have been. I started with the City when Mr. Mascio was our Law Director for the City of Steubenville; we were in the Strong-Mayor form of Government and we use to have a conference table right here in the middle that they sat on one side and on the other side was the media and we had some very lively Council meetings when we had 9 members of Council and I think we can remember Mayor Crabbe was the Mayor back then.”

John Mascio – “I have to say it was more enjoyable sitting at the table with the press then having to sit with all the City officials and everything you learned a lot talking to the press believe me. Mike you’ve been a good Councilman for the last few years and I want to thank you for the time and effort that you put in and I remember talking to your wife on election night and she said she had mixed feelings about it (inaudible) so and I can understand because that phone probably never stops ringing when you’re a member of Council. But what I wanted to bring up was a little bit about what Dr. Florak said about reconsidering the ordinance 2017-88 and I’ve read this thing over now since that was passed and I pulled out the charter; in my opinion and I’m saying this as an attorney my opinion I think it violates the City Charter. Charter says that before adjournment Council shall provide any person or group at least 5 minutes to speak on any matter pertaining to City business at least 5 minutes. What you put in your ordinance was that the total length of time when a speaker may appear before Council shall be a total a 5 minutes; big difference; huge difference; then you add which shall include all participation by the Council members, elective officials, and administrative representatives which means; this is not a derogatory thing but when I started talking the Mayor got in with some of the past events that we’ve had that was time taken away from me towards my 5 minutes so anytime that you go head and start eliminating the people by saying whatever Council brings up, the administration or anybody working for the City that might have something to do with what is being said you are reducing the time; I don’t think you can change the language of the Charter the way you’ve done it and I think you might want to reconsider what you’ve done; I can understand you wanting to put some sort of procedure in that maybe have some control of who’s speaking and over what matters they’re speaking that’s one thing but when you start fooling around with the language of the Charter and the way it was written and the intent of what was put in there now I think you are in violation of it and you might want to seriously reconsider what you put in here. There’s other things I want to talk about but I think I’m just going to end with that. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.”

Delores Wiggins – “1620 State St. This is a great honor for the Mayor and the reason for this presentation (all inaudible) because doing his (inaudible) as Mayor and the years he’s been the Mayor; he’s the first Mayor; we have 7 black churches 7 African American Churches; he hadn’t missed any event in our churches; none; programs he’s there; now it may not mean much to you; you have no idea what that means to me and these young ladies here and the whole African American Community. When he comes (all inaudible) before the service is over not Domenick he stays; I have paper work on what he did (all inaudible) Mayor Mucci was there and he stayed all the way through; he never leaves; this means very much to us; you’re the first Mayor that ever did this I think he missed 3 meetings because he was out of town but that is remarkable let’s give him a hand. Our churches have a lot of services in the (inaudible) and Dom was there; this is remarkable I cannot believe it; I want to say that I knew his parents especially his father; he father was a strict disciplinary that’s why he’s the Mayor. I’d like to say everyone that is here today comes from a woman and it matters I don’t care if you come (all inaudible) it matters how your reared because I can tell from; we all can tell from your actions in life how you’re reared and Domenick Mucci was reared; his father didn’t play what he said he meant and I appreciate that but his actions stem from that; he has been faithful, he’s been committed over and beyond he (inaudible) our churches; we appreciate that; that’s really something (inaudible). Dom we appreciate you and I sat on 2 boards with him he’s a very intelligent man; and you know he jokes (all inaudible) we appreciate this. I think I got the years mixed up 36 years? I have 26 years.”

Mayor Mucci – “No 25 as the Mayor of the City of Steubenville and the others on City Council.”

Delores Wiggins – “I would like to read this. Domenick Mucci Steubenville Mayor 1993-2017; from the faithfulness and dedication beyond your commitment to the (inaudible) of the community and the churches; presented by the Ohio Valley Black Caucus Inc. Dolores Wiggins President December 19, 2017.”

Mayor Mucci – “Mrs. Wiggins once again I would like to thank you also for your service to the City of Steubenville serving on our Civil Service Commission and I know we had many discussions and challenges through the light but your service to our community is extremely important. Mrs. Wiggins mentioned about my mother and father; I truly miss them but Mrs. Wiggins was absolutely correct; you grow up in a family style that we had being the old Italians and the way we had you have to turn out good there’s no doubts in my mind but my parents taught me a lot and I try to carry that through; I continue to tell people through my public service life 36 years that I’m not a perfect servant I was a public servant and I do appreciate people accepting me and again time and time again reelecting me and placing their faith and confidence. The African community that you’re talking about the events that I attended and all was truly a pleasure but I did that throughout the whole community in all (inaudible) of our community; it’s extremely important that the Mayor be in tune to the community and what’s going on and there’s no better way then attending events and listening to people but I will tell you there’s been some fantastic events with a lot of good food and a lot of good music and I enjoyed every minute of it and I would do it again. Thank you.”

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR