

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 21, 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 Paul, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn and Johnson.

Also present; City Manager James Mavromatis, Law Director Gary Repella, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Health Commissioner Nicole Runco, City Engineer Mike Dolak, Urban Projects Director Christopher Petrossi, M&R Director Bob Baird, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star and WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Hahn moved that the minutes of February 14, 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. 2017-9 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER THE AMOUNT OF \$323,429.90 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND (90).**

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-9. If there is anyone wishing to speak on this ordinance please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-9 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

**NO. 2017-10 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn**

**ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 521.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE.**

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-10. If there is anyone wishing to speak on this ordinance please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Johnson – “Thank you, your honor; for the last several years Council has been dedicated to revitalizing the neighborhoods; eliminating blight; we have passed the Neighborhood Conservation District which has taken off like crazy to help with the neighborhoods; we’ve knocked down over 100 houses; we’ve put in the budget the opportunity to hire more code enforcement; and the latest piece of legislation that we’re going to pass tonight is this outdoor storage. Some people are calling it a couch ordinance; yes, it does prohibit upholstered furniture from being on your front porch; but that is a safety hazard. There are several communities that have had college kids lose their lives because fires started on upholstered furniture on their front porch. But this is more than just a couch ordinance; it talks about junk; it talks about abandoned cars that are sitting in your backyard; it talks about appliances that are sitting out around the house; it talks about general junk and it is designed to help the neighbors reclaim their neighborhood. Council is continuing down that path and we will continue down that path as long as we’re elected. I encourage everyone to vote for this tonight.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I like all the ordinances; I just hope that we can enforce them and make them good.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-10 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

**NO. 2017-11 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1323.122 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE.**

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-11. If there is anyone wishing to speak on this ordinance please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-11 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

**NO. 2017-12 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 RIVER RAIL DEVELOPMENT, LOCATED AT STATE ROUTE 7 AT SOUTH THIRD STREET, STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, FROM I-3, HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO I-1, GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.**

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-12. The third and final reading will be April 4<sup>th</sup>; however, there will be a public hearing by the Planning Commission on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.”

**NO. 2017-13 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1175 OF THE ZONING CODE CREATING THE CRESTLINE DRIVE AND CENTRAL AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT.**

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-13. The third and final reading will be April 4<sup>th</sup>; however, there will be a public hearing by the Planning Commission on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.”

**NO. 2017-14 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1175 OF THE ZONING CODE CREATING THE WHITEHAVEN BOULEVARD AND DEVONSHIRE ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT.**

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-14. The third and final reading will be April 4<sup>th</sup>; however, there will be a public hearing by the Planning Commission on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.”

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Paul – “I make a motion that we enter executive session following public forum to discuss the City Manager’s yearly evaluation and personnel in the Rec Department.” Second by Mr. Johnson. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. Timmons – no report

Mr. Villamagna – “Under Pride Committee; I like to celebrate stuff, you always tell me we should celebrate things; first off I want to congratulate Mr. Repella for being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his career which I remember him playing; he was one heck of an athlete. I’m proud of you; I know your kids are proud of you and your wife is proud of you; good job, Rep.”

Mayor Mucci – “Mr. Villamagna; I would agree with you but in Mr. Repella’s mind he is still a great athlete.”

Mr. Villamagna – “The second thing is; another hometown boy, Rich Donnelly; he got picked as one of the coaches for the USA team in baseball; I’ve known Rich all my life and you can’t find a nicer person. To me it’s like going to the Olympics really; it’s like he’s going to the Olympics as a coach and I invited him down here next Tuesday to tell him congratulations and to give him a little send off before he leaves to coach the USA team. It’s just a great honor I think to have a kid from Steubenville, Ohio end up a coach for all those major league teams and now he’s going to coach the USA team; so next Tuesday he’ll be here.”

Mayor Mucci – “Thank you, Mr. Villamagna; may I suggest since you made the announcement and congratulated him this evening maybe you want to sunshine a resolution to recognize his accomplishments and we can present it to him.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I want to sunshine a resolution of commendation to Rich Donnelly.”

Mr. DiLoreto – no report

Mr. Dressel – no report

Mrs. Hahn – “I just wanted to mention one thing; I want to specifically thank Chris Petrossi; he heads Planning and Zoning and Community Development and he came to my home; we had 41 neighbors come and hear about the neighborhood conservation district and get a chance to ask a lot of questions; we had some people from other areas who are thinking about doing it in their area; I just really appreciate his willingness to come in an evening to do that and it’s fostering a lot of great interest and conversation.”

Mr. Johnson – no report

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – no report

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.”

Frank Calabria – “I live at 3975 Argonne Avenue. The City cut the trees across from EGCC on Argonne; are they going to replace that guardrail too? It’s all dilapidated and rusted.”

Mayor Mucci – “Is this on Sunset or Argonne?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It’s on Sunset at Argonne; the one in front of EGCC.”

Mike Dolak – “We can take a look at that.”

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.”

John Mascio – “I live at 567 Braybarton. Speaking on what Frank just said; I was by there today and I had somebody with me who made that very same comment about that guardrail and how bad it looks; people coming in to town see that rusted out dilapidated thing; if it could be replaced it would be better. The main reason I got

up; Gary, as humble as you are; as a former Law Director I will volunteer my services if you want a resolution in your honor.”

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