

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
March 14, 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 DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Johnson, Paul, Timmons and Villamagna.

Also present; City Manager James Mavromatis, Law Director Gary Repella, Finance Director Dave Lewis, M&R Director Bob Baird, Rec Director Mary Beth Sills, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star and WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Mrs. Hahn moved that the minutes of March 7, 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. 2017-18 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

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 first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-18. The second reading will be March 21st and the third and final reading will be March 28th.”

NO. 2017-19 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A P.Y. 2017 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OHIO ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-19. The second reading will be March 21st and the third and final reading will be March 28th.”

The Mayor announced that we will not be presenting Resolution No. 2017-20 until March 28th.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. DiLoreto – no report

Mr. Dressel – no report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes; I just wanted to report on the meeting we had with Andrea Irland; we were able to have two different meetings; one had to do with the City officials and then the afternoon one was open to the community and even with such short notice; about twenty six hours or so; we had probably at least twenty people there.

There were a lot of interesting conversations. At this point probably the most important thing that I feel a need to bring to everyone’s attention is the conversation started by Mr. Snelting who was representing BHJ; he said that he believes it is in the works that the Market Street Bridge is not going to remain once the bridge is put in Brilliant; and it’s a great concern for a variety of reasons; many, many people use that particular bridge; I think it could have quite a negative impact on the economics of our downtown and our work on redevelopment and definitely it would take away that connection that we have with Weirton and there are people working on the Weirton trails that want to connect the Panhandle Trail over to the bridge. There are certainly people here who have been working diligently on bike trails and so I’m hoping to present to you a letter next week that I would really like to ask Council to consider signing; a letter of support just saying for a variety of reasons we ask them to give serious consideration to letting the bridge remain. Because that was brought up by the BHJ representative I felt free to go ahead and say the concern that is and I know Mr. Mayor, you had talked about how much you tried to preserve the Fort Steuben Bridge and how disappointing that was for us to lose that one and now we’re down to two bridges so if there is any difficulty with Veterans Bridge where are people going to go; they’ll have to go all the way down to Brilliant to cross over; I’m really concerned about that. On the positive side there was a lot of interest and one of the things we’re hoping to do is find activities to draw people down to the marina. We found out that on May 5th and 6th Ohio doesn’t require a fishing permit for those two days and Jefferson County Soil and Water had said that they are open to the idea of bringing down a number of fishing rods and it could be a wonderful chance for people who love to fish and haven’t had the chance to fish and people who’ve never fished before. Again, we’re looking for activities for our kids and so hopefully; keep your ears open because hopefully we’ll be able to announce something down the road. May 5th and 6th are two days the State of Ohio doesn’t charge for a fishing permit and so it could be a lot of fun and we just really want to bring people to the river and have them see how fun it could be to be down there and all the different things.”

Mayor Mucci – “Thank you, Mrs. Hahn; what Mrs. Hahn is making reference to; the State of Ohio obviously as you know has a fishing license so that day you’re abstained from having one and you can fish in any of the lakes or rivers throughout the State of Ohio. I just wanted to also indicate to Council that I think we definitely need once again to form a coalition of consensus building; when they had thought about closing the Market Street Bridge in the past if you can remember about eight or nine years ago the federal government there was a stimulus package and the State of West Virginia, who owns the Market Street Bridge, decided to invest in rehabbing the bridge to expand the life expectancy of it hopefully by an additional twelve to fifteen years. Mayor Paesano from Follansbee at that time and myself; we really put some lobbying efforts together; it was really Mayor Paesano and some of the leadership in Follansbee that did the lobbying to have the governor set aside some of the stimulus money to do about a \$12 million renovation to the Market Street Bridge. It was stated unfortunately at that time that because of the age of the bridge we were just buying time. The State of Ohio did it to us right up the river with the Fort Steuben Bridge. But I think our selling point in joining; we have a golden asset across the river in Ruby Greathouse with the trails and greenways and who is all for understanding the connectivity between Ohio and West Virginia; who did wonders for the trails and greenways over there; but I think we need to form a coalition. If the State of West Virginia, in five, ten, fifteen years or whatever; is going to be talking about not putting the proper maintenance dollars in the bridge and closing it to vehicle traffic; I think we should at least try and convince them on the importance of it to be a pedestrian walkway or trail way; so what Mrs. Hahn is indicating is right up it; but it’s not going to be the City of Steubenville alone or even the State of Ohio who doesn’t own the bridge. I think we need to start forming our partnerships and building up consensus with the leadership across the river; but thank you for that great report and so far, so good with the park service reports to us.”

Mr. Johnson – “I’d like to make a motion to approve your recommendations to the Tree Commission; Justin Sofio, 385 Rosemont Avenue; term to expire 2020; and Thomas Way, 1212 Pennsylvania Avenue; term to expire 2020.” Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. Paul – Mr. Paul turned the floor over to Judy Bratten who gave the quarterly/annual report for the Visitors Center and Historic Fort Steuben.

Mr. Paul – “I would like to call for a Safety Committee meeting on March 21st; next week at 6:30 here in Council Chambers please. We’re going to introduce our new Code Enforcement Officer. I also want to make a motion to enter executive session following public forum to discuss personnel in the Park and Recreation Department and that is all we’ll discuss; personnel.” Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. Timmons – Mr. Timmons announced that he is against the project to put the City name on the Lawson Avenue Bridge and turned the floor over to Amy Taggart who gave a proposal for the Lawson Avenue Bridge to be done by the Hilltop CDC. Mr. Mavromatis noted that any project done would need the approval of ODOT.

Mr. Villamagna – no report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you, Mayor; first thing; next Wednesday we’re having a workshop meeting from 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon until 7:00 p.m. at night. The purpose of this workshop is to brief my Council members here on things that effect the City to help them better answer their constituents when they receive their calls. It is open to the public but it is not open to public forum; this is a working meeting here and I have specific briefings that I’m giving to all of the Council people. Again, there will be questions from Council so I wanted to make sure there was clarification on that. Number two; to probably the majority of people in town from what I understand; I don’t read Facebook and the only reason I don’t read it; there’s no cleansing of it; and I mean cleansing of the facts that are in there; our Council people represent our City and their respective wards and I respect what they do because they’re there answering to their constituents; but this I can tell you; nobody knows this city better than I do and where our problems are and I don’t make decisions, I don’t look at things unless I have all the facts; I can tell you one of the things that we’re going to do next week; I want Council to personally come out to the pool; if it’s got to be two visits that’s fine. I was out there yesterday and they’ll see these pictures next Wednesday; I took pictures all around the pool; I was inside the pool to see what’s there. I pulled the statistics for last year; we had 1,742 but I did the numbers; 9% of our population in the City of Steubenville used that pool and you can pick a variety of reasons why they didn’t; some people the bottom line is this; it’s nothing more than a large bathtub; there’s nothing to do but jump in the water. The slide that we have there has been out the best that I can tell since 2012. With the financial data that was given to me; this goes from 2010-2016, seven years is what we have here; there are only two years that it had a profit to it and that was in 2013 and 2014. Why was that; in 2013 there was \$43,280 that came from donations because Council put out a program asking the citizens; they were trying to win a car, it was a raffle; but it was to bring the money in; the next year \$40,593 came out of the general fund; so when you look at the bottom here we have 2010, 2011, 2012; and then 2013 and 2014 were the two years that money was infused in there; then you have 2015 and 2016; all of those years, five out of seven; was in the red; so you have to look at all these things. Why do people come to a swimming pool; times have changed all around this country; they talk about Follansbee, Weirton, Mingo; but you go and look and see what kind of money they put in to those pools and you understand why people go there; a lot of this is nothing more than a babysitting location to drop kids off. 2015 a subject had a gun taken off of him that he brought in the pool; 2016 they had a fight in there; the police had to be called to come in there; we have high school kids that are our lifeguards; you need adults to manage the pool and it involves money; you have to look at the liability issues. The walkway that is outside of the pool that leads from

the east entrance of the pool up to the clubhouse has bricks that are in disarray; walking bricks that are over an inch and a half separation; that clearly is a liability issue for the City. We have pine trees that are growing there that the pines go in the pool every day and they spend time cleaning it; those need to be removed. So we need to seriously look at this; I'm not talking about closing the pool permanently. When I mentioned that it was maybe we need to close this for a year and get all this fixed and get the money for what we can do. Mr. Villamagna has gone out on his own time and effort to locate people to help offset those costs; that's when you have a community that wants to work on something and they want to believe in it. But to continually put money in an operation that continually loses; that's not smart business and that's my job to bring this to the attention of Council. I will tell you this; I had one person that had the decency and courtesy to come in and see me today to ask me about this; not go to Facebook and put your comments on there when you can't be held accountable. When I make a decision here I make it with all the facts that I have; I'm responsible to do that and Council expects me to do that; it may not be a popular decision but if it's the right thing and the safest thing I've done my job. I have a responsibility to the citizens and to the City to protect both sides from any injuries or anything to these kids. Look and see who really goes; the bigger obligation I have; what is mostly used at that park at Belleview are those ball fields; it is used by the high school; it's used by groups that want to hold benefits there; it's used by little league, Babe Ruth league; those fields are used. Have they been properly set up; the answer is no. Again, this is stuff that's happened over many years and the cry is this; this isn't Burger King and you're not going to get it your way. We have to sit and look; be smart about how we spend our money and that's what we have to do. Council has an obligation to look at this; in fairness to them they need to go feel the pain out there and look at that; they're smart people, they look at things in their wards; but you go back and you look at everything in this city and what's gone on for many years; and last week we discussed the garbage issue; by the grace of God they were protecting us and we got to arrest people last Wednesday on putting illegal garbage out there; you can't just say we'll pick it up; it doesn't work that way; there are liability issues that go with this to the people that do that; you're going to face criminal charges. The other thing is; we don't have manpower enough to do all this. Mr. Baird has accepted what has been dumped on him; a responsibility because of his professionalism what he does in his shop; we have to have multiplayers to try to take care of this. And again, I can't get into the personnel issues of it but we currently do not have two of the maintenance people that we had three or four months ago; they've retired. So now who fills this void? We've got to do that; we've got to hire a Parks and Rec Director; these are all key positions that need to go; but again, I don't expect the rest of the City to know this; how would they? But it's easy to go on Facebook and make your comments; go out and do the walk and feel the pain out there and look at that. I've gone to other pools; I've gone to pools in Bridgeport, WV; I've gone to Weirton pools; I haven't seen Mingo but I have seen Follansbee; a lot of money has gone in to those places and this is money we don't have. This is a good community; we have the resources here to call upon but we've all got to play together. What does that mean; that means the parents that drop their kids off need to be responsible and have someone there; that's not our job to babysit children at a pool; it's the job of the parents. Our job is to protect those kids when they're in that pool and using those facilities. So again; bear with this; let Council see this; let it be evaluated by us. But I have an obligation to protect the citizens of this city and protect this city and that is what I'm going to do. It may not be easy decisions but again I have to look at this. I hope this answers some of the Facebook users. My recommendation is; be like the gentleman that came to see me today; at least he had the courtesy to come in instead of jumping on Facebook and blowing off about what he or she doesn't know about; so I give credit to that individual. But the bottom line is this; we will look at everything and that is where we're at right now. We've had comments in Council before; it's easy to come up here and stand and say something; and this goes a couple weeks ago; this individual stands up and says he had people say the City is too hard to deal with; well if you thought it was that important to talk about that then why didn't you have those people come and see me because believe me; if our employees have made a mistake I will get it corrected. But I will tell you right now; 99.9% of our employees do an outstanding job and why do I know that; because I have gone out there; just because they tell me something doesn't mean I don't believe them; but I go out on my own to make sure is this work being done. I have a collection of phone calls you can listen to; irate citizens calling that don't know what they're talking about. Our people are paid to help our citizens and that's what I expect out of them. The bottom line is this; we're going to look at everything. If this pool's got to be closed for a year to make it where it should be, the right pool; then do that and have everybody lined up to contribute whatever we need. If we need community help; be there; if we need help from these construction people; trust me, I know our business people here; I could go to just about anybody in this town, if I asked them to help they would do it; because they know one thing, I will tell them the truth, it'll be factual and they'll see the benefit out of it. That's how you survive as a city. All these cities up and down the Ohio Valley have suffered from these mills going out several years ago. So this is where we're at; I said this a year ago when I first saw the nutcrackers; they hit a homerun. This Fort is a homerun and you saw it last year what happened; it's as simple as that; those fireworks you had there; it was a collection of ten people that contributed \$200 a piece to pay for those fireworks; they didn't want to be named; they just wanted it to happen. And I'll tell you that picture is worth \$1 million that showed the light up. That is everybody here that was part of that; the Mayor, the City Manager from Weirton could not believe that. I knew what was going on and just to see the looks on those kids faces; that tells me it can be done here; but it's got to be done the right way; it's got to be using our funds properly; and it's got to be everyone on the same sheet of music and that means Council and that means everybody out in this audience here. Because you can win this; it's going to take some time but none of this happened overnight; I'll tell you that pure and simple. I inherited all this and I'll tell you; we're climbing a mountain but we're going to do it one step at a time. All I can tell you is my people do their job and I will back them until my last breath and we will make this happen."

Mr. Villamagna – “This walk-through; if we can I’d like to do it as a whole; if we have to notify the press and they want to come I don’t have a problem with that because I think it’s important that we all see it at the same time so there is no back and forth; get it all worked out all at one time and say that because the commitment is we want the pool open; can we do it; I don’t know but I think the sooner we see this walk through the better because if we don’t make a decision to open it pretty soon we’re not going to be able to open it anyway; the sooner the better and everybody together.”

Mr. Paul – “Next week we have a 6:30 Safety Committee meeting; I think maybe we could meet at 5:30 and meet at the pool and go from there; look at it and when we’re done come down here; would that be ok? We’ll go 5:00 at Belleview Pool and then at 6:30 we’ll have our Safety Committee meeting down here.”

Mayor Mucci – “The Clerk will facilitate the proper meeting notices. If I may suggest to the Chairman of the Recreation Committee; you might want to consider inviting the Recreation Board members also. If I could mention; Mr. Villamagna, you did mention earlier about talking to some of our community partners that would like to invest and help with our pool; that’s fine but we also have to make sure we follow our procurement policy; for example, the slide that you mentioned; at one time I think you Mr. Paul were a member of the Recreation Board but we had first of all World International Testing, Joe Bressler; did an inspection on the slide so that might be of value. However, there were prices on removal of it and also the scrap value of it and at the time our Law Director indicated to us that we had to advertise for that to give all scrap dealers the opportunity to bid on the removal of it; I don’t think that opinion has changed so although you’re getting those thoughts and ideas we still have to go through the procurement policy and make sure that we do offer that.”

Mr. Repella – no report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mr. Villamagna – “I got two calls from jurors this week; they both got tickets over at the courthouse for two hour parking; there is nothing they can do. I was wondering if there was something we could work out with the judge over there where they could validate the parking.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The judges were already told to give them something stating they’re on jury duty and it can be brought to the court here and it will be dismissed.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I guess these people didn’t know that because they paid the tickets and called me to see if I could talk to the judge or something.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The courts know that; they were told this several months ago.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I’ll get ahold of the two judges; as a matter of fact I got picked for jury duty so I’ll tell them that maybe they could tell the jurors that if they get a ticket all they have to do is come over here and tell us. The second thing brought to my attention by a citizen; you guys remember the flood out Lincoln Avenue when all that damage was done to property; at that time the people that lived there put out the things that were damaged and the City picked them up to help them out. An elderly citizen 90 years old had some wind damage done to a small gazebo outside, it got crushed; and they don’t know how to get rid of it, they don’t know what to do. If they can get it to the curb can the City pick it up?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “They can call the City and ask for a drop box to come over. I realize they’re 90 years old but somebody has to be moving that for them.”

Mr. Villamagna – “It’s not that much; it’s not big enough for a drop box; but the rule of no construction material but it’s all damaged and down. I could go over there and move it out to the curb for them. It’s not that much.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Give us the address and we’ll look at it; that’s the easiest thing.”

Bob Baird – “Give us the address and we can go look at it and see what they have.”

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.”

Teresa DiCarlantonio – “I live at 407 Lawson Avenue. Steubenville Hilltop Community Development would like to make a public announcement. We’re preparing for our litter pickup which is scheduled for April 22nd and the protocol is the same as it always has been for the past ten years; those who want to give a hand on Labelle will meet at the old Roosevelt School; those who want to help out on Pleasant Heights will meet in front of the Trinity East Hospital parking lot. Donations are always helpful; moderate donations; we feed our volunteers a moderate luncheon afterwards. The program is intended to help the City out to keep litter low at a minimum; we have a continuous problem with litter up there as you know; and it’s a program that has been effective throughout the years and we want to keep it going so we’ve got good volunteers; it’s a good program and it’s set for April 22nd at 11:00. We’ve got Franciscan University giving us a hand; there is anywhere from 25-35 student volunteers; they’re a big help. We put a couple hours in on a Saturday afternoon. If there are any questions I’d be happy to answer them.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I’d just like to see more people that live up there get involved instead of Franciscan.”

Teresa DiCarlantonio – “You know, Mr. DiLoreto; we’ve helped to change some attitudes up there; we have good folks up there; we have good landlords too that make phone calls and tell their tenants to get out there and clean up around their area. And of course the property owners are more than willing; even if they can’t be there on that Saturday they’ll handle their block maybe a week before; so it’s a good thing.”

Mayor Mucci – “Teresa; does the Hilltop still receive assistance, a grant from the JB Green Team?”

Teresa DiCarlantonio – “We haven’t heard.”

Amy Taggart – “JB Green did not issue grants for 2016; we did use our grant from 2015 and we still have supplies left over; that was \$1000.”

Mayor Mucci – “I would like to make a comment; first of all it is no secret that the bridge that connects Labelle and Pleasant Heights will go under reconstruction and starting on April 3rd; it must be luck with this cleanup on April 22nd, that is usually my path walking across the bridge picking up the litter; down Belleview, Euclid down to Steele so I might have a little break; so if you want to assign me to another area, Teresa; feel free to. But I want to say something about the Hilltop group; since they started the cleanup the first year if you can remember there was litter, litter, litter galore; we had piles; not at the end of the block but in the middle of the block on the side of the block; everywhere because there was a great amount of litter. I think attitudes are changing on the hilltop and surprisingly enough I noticed throughout the years that once this is announced that this is going to take place; the week prior to a lot of the neighbors are already going out there and policing their own little areas. The Hilltop group has been persistent and it is showing in the results; there is less, although we still have our problem areas and hotspots and all; there is less litter because of the efforts on both hilltops by the group so thank you for that and if you need a letter of support for the grant I’ll be happy to provide that to you. If there is anyone else wishing to speak to City Council on City business please come forward and state your name and address.”

Helen Freeman – “I live at 129 Wildon Avenue. I was one of the ones that commented on Facebook but I saw it in the paper first; I saw it on the front page of the Herald Star and, pardon my language, it pissed me off. There is absolutely, positively nothing for these kids to do and to take away the pool is ridiculous. You have stated Weirton has done work to their pools; Mingo has done work to their pool; Follansbee has done work to their pool to keep it open. Guess what; we had the north plant down on Route 7; they actually had Weirton Steel, they had Follansbee Steel, they had Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel all in their cities; whenever those mills shut down those towns crashed. Grant you, Marland Heights pool is still under construction through donations and everything; but how did Mingo manage to keep their pool open; how did Weirton manage to keep Starvaggi Pool open; how is Follansbee Pool still open; there is no excuse for Belleview Pool to be closed, none. Another thing I wanted to bring up is the garbage situation; there is no excuse for; I understand that people are lazy and people throw garbage out whenever they feel like it; but there is no reason why the City can’t do it because I got to thinking about this one. There was a drug bust on my street I think it was in September and the house was dismantled from the inside because evidently they were tearing the walls up, tearing up furniture, tearing up the mattresses looking for drugs; that was on a Tuesday night because I was gone for fifteen minutes down here at a Council meeting and everything was piled out on the street. The next day, Wednesday morning is when my garbage pickup is; every last bit of that trash was gone; there is no reason the Street Department can’t pick that garbage up; I have seen these sanitation workers and they are lazy. When they use the packer and garbage flies out on the street they don’t pick it up.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “It’s not their job.”

Helen Freeman – “Yes it is; if they use the packer and there is an air bubble and garbage falls out on the street whose job is it to pick it up? They are wearing gloves; it could be a needle; it could be a used sanitary napkin; something needs to be done; it needs to be picked up.”

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.”

Mark Nelson – “I live at 272 CR 26. I want to say thanks to Kimberly for proposing the letter of support for the trails; I want Council to know that the Revitalization Group Board last night passed a letter of recommendation of support for keeping the Market Street Bridge open as well as looking at the concept of a ramp on the west side of the bridge, our side of the bridge. And also last week on Friday; the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District Board also voted a letter of support for both of those things as well; so the momentum is already begun to establish a grass roots effort to let whatever body; we’re not sure which one they’re all responsible but all different government bodies that Steubenville does care and Jefferson County does care and relies a lot; for economic reasons as well as hopefully recreational reasons, on that Market Street Bridge. The connectivity of Steubenville to Weirton was also the subject at the Heartland Trails meeting that was in Pittsburgh that I attended; the map shows the trails coming right through Steubenville and on to points west; Soil and Water is building trails on the west side of the County as well and will connect in to Harrison County so it all goes right through Steubenville and at the Heartland Trails Summit in Pittsburgh there was a lot of talk of the economic value of trails in our community; not just for us citizens to use but also as an attraction for tourism but also as an attraction for the retention of the youth and attraction for those that are looking to move to the area for jobs and whatnot; it is a great amenity. Last night at SRG there was a representative of the Weirton Trails Association; they’re proposing connectivity between Weirton and Follansbee along Route 2. The West Virginia group is looking at access to the Market Street Bridge at the west side dealing with the removal of a guardrail as well as the potential of a crossing light on the Route 2 side; on our side they’re looking at proposing an ADA ramp and family friendly ramp access point instead of the stairs down by the amphitheater. Hopefully all this is in motion to really make this connectivity happen because it puts Steubenville right in the center of the convergence of a lot of trails; and even right now Jerry and Judy could attest they have people come in and park their cars and ride their bikes or walk across; you can actually bicycle to two or three states from Steubenville; certainly you can walk across the bridge to visit another state which is pretty unique; it is not very often you can do that; so keeping it open for traffic and for increased recreation is really the goal of the letters. The second thing is if Council and Mr. Manager is looking for a model pool to look at; our family is constantly pestered in the summer to go and visit the Urichsville pool; Urichsville is a tiny community but it has a powerful pool; it’s a beautiful water park. If you draw a circle around Urichsville you’ve got a family going all the way from Steubenville, an hour drive;

it's a simple little pool but it's got a lot of amenities. I don't know what it costs and I don't know if it makes money or if it is just a service that is provided at a loss actually to the city as an amenity but it is attracting families from Steubenville to go all the way to Urichsville to make use of their water features up there; thank you."

Mayor Mucci – "First of all; Mark, to answer your question about the Market Street Bridge; it's rather plain and simple; the State of West Virginia owns the bridge and will have the final decision on it so a lot of lobbying with the state legislators in West Virginia has to happen. If there is anyone else wishing to speak to City Council on City business please come forward and state your name and address."

Jeffrey Hawkins – "I live at 1515 Ridge Avenue. In regards to that young lady mentioning about packers and the garbage people; you're all wrong with that one, lady; because I can testify to that; yes you are; every Wednesday I go out with my packer people; I'm behind that truck when they go up on Wildon and I know exactly what we do; when they drop something out they go out and pick it back up. Second thing is; this recreation meeting that you're having on the 21st; is it open to the public? Also, the roll-out of the new cans; is it still April 1st or we don't know?"

Bob Baird – "Yes; there are a couple things that have been discussed that are going on that may impact that but on or about April 1st we are finalizing with the company that actually does the delivery; we're meeting with them next week to kind of finalize some things and we'll know for sure then the specific date. Weather will play a role in coordinating the delivery to each location but that is the plan."

Jeffrey Hawkins – "Also I want to say I praise sanitation department; I'm with them every week."

Helen Freeman – "No you're not." At this point the Mayor had to bang his gavel to get Ms. Freeman to stop with the retorts.

Mr. Baird reminded the citizens about the altered sanitation pickup schedule because of the forecasted whether issue.

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."

Mattie Patterson – "I live at 818 North Sixth Avenue. And I'd like to commend our rubbish haulers because they do a good job because I know every Friday when they come to pick up ours my husband is out there because he helps them. And another thing; when you have anything extra that you put out during the year I think you should call a private hauler and pay to have it hauled because it's not fair for them to have to keep coming back; 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."

Mr. Repella – "If I could have a Councilman ask for an executive session regarding our healthcare lawsuit against JHP and OPEC HC; it'll only be about five minutes so I can give you a quick update."

Mr. Paul moved to include the healthcare lawsuit in the executive session. Second by Mr. Johnson. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci.

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