

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
March 28, 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 Hahn, Johnson, Paul, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto and Dressel.

Also present; City Manager James Mavromatis, Law Director Gary Repella, Engineer Mike Dolak, M&R Director Bob Baird, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star and WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Mrs. Hahn moved that the minutes of March 21, 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 – 3rd 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 third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-18. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-18 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-18 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-19 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd 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 third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-19. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-19 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-19 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-20 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2017 AS NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH.

Mrs. Hahn moved that Resolution No. 2017-20 be adopted by roll call. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll call. All ayes. Resolution No. 2017-20 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

Mrs. Hahn presented the Resolution to Sharon Kirtdoll, Sandi Rue, Lisa Thomas and others from the organization that is in charge of most of the Minority Health Month activities. They thanked the City for the resolution and detailed the events that will take place in the month of April.

NO. 2017-21 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2017 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE.

Mr. Johnson moved that Resolution No. 2017-21 be adopted by roll call. Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll call. All ayes. Resolution No. 2017-21 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. Johnson presented the Resolution to the members of the Fair Housing Commission who were present; John Barnes, Mattie Patterson and Gloria Crossland. Other members are David Chester and Jacky Hines. He thanked the group for all that they do at no compensation. The group thanked the City and encouraged anyone with any housing issues to contact Chris Petrossi who will forward the information to the Commission.

NO. 2017-22 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO PATRICK WHERRY.

Mr. Paul moved that Resolution No. 2017-22 be adopted by roll call. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll call. All ayes. Resolution No. 2017-22 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. Paul presented the Resolution to Patrick Wherry and thanked him for the beautiful benches he made for Jim Wood Park. Patrick thanked Council and stated that he is a proud citizen of Steubenville and was honored to participate in this project to make his hometown more beautiful.

**NO. 2017-23 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE 2017 CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR MAJOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF
STEUBENVILLE.**

Mr. Paul introduce Mike Dolak, City Engineer who outlined the roadway improvements that will be included in this CIP. Mr. Paul moved that Resolution No. 2017-23 be adopted by roll call. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll call. All ayes. Resolution No. 2017-23 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mrs. Hahn – Asked for a code enforcement workshop; it will be discussed and scheduled.

Mr. Johnson – no report

Mr. Paul – Called for a Park and Rec Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30. He also sunshined a resolution proclaiming the month of April as Autism Awareness Month; a resolution proclaiming the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and an ordinance ratifying the one year wage and benefit contract with the Fire Union.

Mr. Timmons – no report

Mr. Villamagna – no report

Mr. DiLoreto – Informed Council that Rich Donnelly is planning on putting his medal on display in the City of Steubenville.

Mr. Dressel – no report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – Thanked Mr. Repella for his years of service and presented him with a beautiful plaque for his retirement.

Mr. Repella – Thanked the City for the plaque; detailed what he had enjoyed about his years of service and had no report.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mr. Villamagna – Asked for an update on the sign at East Carlton; Mr. Baird stated that it was finished but needs to be installed; asked for a cleanup of the signs posted on utility poles throughout the City because they are not allowed; he also asked that the restrooms at Belleview Park be opened since sporting events are currently taking place and the port-a-johns are overflowing.

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.”

John Barnes spoke up about his opposition to the closing of Belleview Pool. He stated that the black community is frustrated and will not tolerate closing the pool.

Mr. Villamagna stated that Council is frustrated as well and has no intention of closing the pool for good. Mr. Paul suggested that he attend next week’s Park and Rec Committee meeting. Mrs. Hahn also expressed her wish for the pool to remain open and safe for our children.

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.”

Sunny Solomon spoke about kids playing in the street near his house and I think wants legislation prohibiting that. Mr. Dressel clarified things that had been discussed between him and Mr. Solomon; he informed the children to play in their yards or in front of their own houses.

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