

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
June 27, 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 Dressel, Hahn, Johnson, Paul, Timmons, & Villamagna

Mr. Timmons moved that Mr. DiLoreto be excused from the meeting. Second by Mr. Johnson. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci.

Also present; City Manager James Mavromatis, Acting Law Director Costa Mastros, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Parks and Recreation Director Lorri Fetherolf, City Engineer Mike Dolak, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for June 20, 2017. Second by Mr. Johnson. 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 – “Yes I have one; it’s a notice of legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control; it says please complete and return this form to the Division of Liquor Control whether or not there is a request for a hearing refer to this number in all inquiries B NEW 6928228-0190; it goes on to ask if you would like to request a hearing or not; it would be in our county or in Columbus; please sign below and mark the appropriate box indicating your title.”

Mr. Johnson – “Yes your Honor I make a motion that we make the letter a part of the record and the copy of the letter be given to the City Manager, Mayor, Law Director, First Ward Councilman Mr. DiLoreto, and the Police Chief.” Seconded by Mr. Villamagna.

Mayor Mucci – “It’s been regularly moved and seconded that the communication received be filed, made part of the minutes, refer to the City Manager, Law Director, the Mayor, Police Chief, and of course councilmen.” Roll Call. All ayes. So moved communications accepted declared Mayor Mucci.

Mrs. Hahn – “I just wanted to ask because the last time we had a request we asked for a hearing is there automatically a hearing?”

Mayor Mucci – “Only if we request it on the form that is provided to the Council Clerk there’s a section to fill if you want to ask for a hearing with the Ohio Department of Liquor Control.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Is there any special reason we should request a hearing? Is this is a neighborhood area?”

Mayor Mucci – “Yea that’s why; it’s Speedway; but this is the communication; the reason it was accepted and moved onto the City Manager, the Law Director will review it, the Police Chief will review it for any complaints at those locations and the ward councilman should have an idea of the neighborhood; they can request a meeting. I believe we had fifteen (15) days for the hearing? She has the thing here.”

Mrs. Haley – “7/24”

Mr. Johnson – “It’s not in a residential neighborhood it’s by the old Wheeling Pitt Plant where we approved the Flying J Travel Center; that’s the location.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I just didn’t want to miss the chance to ask the question; I thought we made a point the last time to say we do have hearing.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We did; the last time that we sent it that we were opposing this was for the establishment at 7th and Franklin.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Right”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And then resend it back based on the statements by the owners there and how they personally guarantee that they are going to regulate that. This is a normal procedure by the State Liquor to send these out to a city; if we have any objections then our Clerk of Court would request a hearing then that is when we state that. Unless someone here knows then let me know; I don’t know any objections at this point because of where it is located at and what the pilot is trying to do.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you very much I appreciate it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes mam.”

Mayor Mucci – “Any other petitions in communications Madame Clerk?”

Mrs. Haley – “I have nothing else your Honor.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2017-49 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 3rd 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 third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-49. Is there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-49 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-49 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci. The effective date of this ordinance will be July 28th.

NO. 2017-51 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE F.Y. 2017 CONSOLIDATED PLAN/ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION THEREOF TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND URBAN PROJECTS DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR F.Y. 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AS INCORPORATED IN THE ACTION PLAN.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-51. Is there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-51 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-51 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci. The effective date of this ordinance will be July 28th.

NO. 2017-52 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING CERTIFICATION TO ENFORCE THE OHIO PLUMBING CODE WITHIN THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-52. Is there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-52 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-52 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci. The effective date of this ordinance will be July 28th.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Dressel – No report

Mrs. Hahn – “I have a couple things; we’re going to have the next volunteer time period at the pool and we are mostly planting, a little weeding, but planting tomorrow from 4-7; so I don’t know if that will fit some of your schedules better than the earlier time period. It will be really helpful for me to know if you are bringing any plants with you because some people have begun to take some of their extra perennials out of their own gardens and bringing them to share them and I’d like to kind of plan it out. If you use my city e-mail address that would be great and then I would know in advance. We’ve had a donation from DiGregory’s barberry bushes we’ll be putting in; we’ve had donations from Frankie DiCarlantonio from myself and some others; it’s beginning to fill in; it’s beginning to look nicer; tomorrow from 4-7 and I believe it is our 17th volunteer time period and I’ve already had 56 different people be a part of it; over 200 volunteer hours; that’s very exciting. Then I just wanted to mention the prayer service next Tuesday; I would love to have all of you there especially I would love to have the council members there if possible; even though we have a lot of pastors participating we are giving them 1 to 2 minutes so we’ll see. I have a father and two (2) brothers that our pastors and it’s very hard for pastors not to ad lib but we’re hoping to keep it to the time period but it would be great to gather together and to really pray for our country and our city.”

Mr. Paul – “Day and time again?”

Mrs. Hahn – “July 4th 10:00 a.m. at the fountain. We would love to have you all join us and please pass the word on; bring your grandkids and your kids and anybody (inaudible)”

Mayor Mucci – “And also Mr. Paul there are fliers up there with the whole day of activities.”

Mr. Johnson – “Yes your Honor; I’d like to sunshine an ordinance out of Service Committee; an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a Developer’s Agreement with Franciscan University of Steubenville for intersection upgrades at the intersection of University Blvd. and Franciscan Square and Declaring an Emergency and Mike could you expand on why it is an emergency.”

Mr. Dolak – “Possibly a month; month and a half ago we applied for a grant application which we received from the Ohio Department of Development and the (inaudible) grant. The entire project cost is about a \$198,000.00 and half of that is paid for by the grant; we already applied for the grant and received the grant; the grant agency just wants us to establish a relationship with the University and an agreement kind of establishes that; it says who’s doing what and who’s paying for what.”

Mr. Mastro – “Like I said I did review the agreement; I have some cons that are being typed up right now; nothing major; I’ll go over them with Mr. Dolak; I might ask for a few additions to the agreement possibly after I go over it with Mike; I might have to (inaudible) one meeting but other than that it should be ready to go if not next meeting then the meeting after.”

Mr. Johnson – “Okay great. The only other thing I have a question for Jim; Jim I brought up a couple weeks ago about locking the bathrooms at the parks at dusk and reopen them in the morning; you were going to look into that can you give us an update?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes; Mr. Baird sent a request to the manufacturer; is where we had to go too to get the keys made. Right now because we have two (2) different types of locks on several of these bathrooms we’ll have a series of four (4) keys will have to be used at this time. The Police Department will get the four (4) keys so they can go to the different bathrooms as needed and eventually when we get the different locks sent to us with one (1) key then they will be changed out where there is only one (1) key. There were too many keys; too many locks; this has to be changed out so they have been ordered and eventually we’ll have one (1) key for every bathroom in the city; the Police Department will have them, the Fire Department will have them, so if they need to get in there. I did have them check on your other request; there was no reports of any prostitution at that park bathroom up there. It doesn’t mean they didn’t see people go in there; what I will ask council to do and I realize that you have a lot of people contacting you; if it’s something in the nature that a crime is here have them call me and I will see that they talk to the right department and get as much information as possible; which will be helpful to the Police.”

Mr. Johnson – “Are we starting to lock them now?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “As soon as they come in they will be locked; the keys we are waiting for; cause the letter had to be sent on city letterhead to the manufacturer to make the keys to send to us; that’s the problem; these aren’t your normal keys that you could go to M & M Hardware; you’ve got to go to the manufacturer to get them on city letterhead and they have been ordered.”

Mr. Johnson – “Did they give you any idea on when they would be in?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “They should be here next week; that’s what was told to me.”

Mr. Johnson – “Alright thanks.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes your Honor I have one (1) ordinance under Finance; it’s an ordinance adopting a tax budget for the fiscal year 2018 for the City of Steubenville, Ohio providing for a public hearing thereon, and declaring an emergency and I would like Dave to elaborate on a little for us.”

Mr. Lewis – “What we want to do is to get the most up to date projections to the county so the tax budget is based off our forecast; that was reviewed in tonight’s packet so it’s the latest information that has to be to the county by July 20th and we have to pass it by July 15th. In order to pass it there has to be a ten (10) day period from the day that it is introduced. We won’t have you guys vote on it next week but we’ll wait until the following week; vote on it and then I’ll take it to the county after you guys pass it; but it is basically the projections that you see every month but it’s in the format the county wants to see (inaudible) and the emergency helps us get the most up to date and latest projections.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you Dave I appreciate that.”

Mayor Mucci – “And just so everybody knows; to make it clear; the vote on the tax budget will be July 11th; at the council meeting that is scheduled July 11th.”

Mr. Mastro – “If I may; can we make sure that the Clerk puts the notice in the mail as soon as possible for the hearing or for the vote for July 11th? We have to have that; it is under statue for the public hearing.”

Mayor Mucci – “The Clerk will send the notice to the paper that the vote will be held on July 11th for the 2018 Tax Budget for the county.”

Mr. Mastro – “Thank you Mr. Mayor.”

Mr. Paul – “And I have one more item your Honor; I like to make a motion that we move July 4th meeting which is Tuesday to July 5th which would be Wednesday the next day at 7:30 p.m.” Seconded by Mr. Villamagna.

Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. Timmons – No report

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim I want to request that all the department heads start giving a weekly report; not here; they don’t have to be here physically but a written weekly report. I went over to the commissioner’s meeting and every Thursday the engineer, they have a different name for the M&R guy but they put in the week patched holes on County Road 26, if we could have a report; they use to do that here and then it stopped because Tim Poland wasn’t here long enough. If we could have a weekly report given to you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “When would you want the reports; would it be better on Friday to be given to you so you know what the whole week entailed. When do you want it?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Just for council; then you can tell us or give it to us and let us know so we have some idea what has gone on during the week because there’s a lot we don’t know. Some people call and say what did they do last week that they weren’t paving or whatever; but it’s just good for council to be aware of what is going on.”

Mr. Timmons – “Couldn’t we get them with our packets?”

Mr. Villamagna – “If you would want to do that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “When do you pick your packets up?”

Mr. Johnson – “They’re e-mailed to us.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That would be okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Except for Mr. DiLoreto we could print his out.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yea; well Karly makes us a hard copy anyways because I like to be able to read it too.”

Mr. Timmons – “Yea I think it would be easier.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s fine.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you very much.”

Mr. Paul – “We actually use to get the minutes from your department head meetings do you remember? We did that; we got the minutes from your department head meetings and then he told us what went on; waterline break on sunset; they fixed it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well again a lot of the things in the department head meeting don’t come out like you’re asking.”

Mayor Mucci – “If you don’t mind I’ll clear some of this up; you didn’t actually get the minutes from the department head meetings what that was; was a recap by the department in divisions they use to be called bullet points from whomever; each city manager had their own names and they were sent out by my secretary; all departments would submit them and then we would send it out all in one (1) report at the end of the week. If I am not mistaken it was requested to not continue those reports.”

Mr. Johnson – “No I requested not to give us the prostitution report where every report was there’s no crime occurring down on North St. and we all know that was untrue and I said can we quit giving those. But the other reports would be very valuable.”

Mayor Mucci – “Mr. Mavromatis I’d be happy to provide you with some of the ones in the past on how they were constructed.”

Mayor Mucci – Mayor goes over schedule and activities for the 4th of July activities. “Also on the ledge I put out that the rising star talent night will be at once again in the community; this event is with the Ohio Valley Youth individuals; it’s going to be a great and enjoyable free evening at the amphitheater and that starts at 6:30 p.m. on July 8th. Of course we want to continue to encourage everyone to attend the free concerts every Thursday evening at the fort and to my understanding we are getting record crowds down there until now which is a great sign; a lot of good activities in the downtown area. I also would like to take the opportunity before we move on to thank Toni Dear who assisted me; as you all know we’ve had a lot of people this year volunteering to assist me with the flowers and the concrete flower pots on 3rd and Market St. After years of carrying water from the fountain over to the pots and all I thought I got a little smarter at my old age and I bought fake flowers. If you can recall a couple weeks ago we reported on those fake flowers because we had people coming out of the wood work and volunteering to water the fake flowers; which was very nice of them; one of them happens to be in the audience too but I won’t mention who that was; but since we didn’t need their assistance and all but quite frankly I wasn’t happy; throughout the years I believe everybody got to know me about the fake flowers and I wanted it to look more real. Toni Dear took personal interest and concern about the flowers and if you look at them when you drive by you would think they’re real flowers but Mr. Barilla they don’t need watered. We appreciate everybody and Toni thank you very much.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “To assist council with the issue that they have been having the last several weeks or couple months on the grass issues in the city; one issue has been the nine (9) people that we were trying to hire; we have approximately six (6) on board now and hopefully another three (3). A lot of discussion has been had with Mr. Baird and his staff and one of the things that we’ve come up with is how would we attack this problem? Well this is a problem that has been going on for decades; it has to be addressed to a certain degree but it’s not something that you can do then the citizens rely upon this when this is their responsibility; so the way we are going to attack this is similar to how we do our bulk pick up; we’re going to put away an X amount of days or weekends; Fridays and Saturdays or any two (2) days during the week when we have the manpower and we are going to focus geographically on every ward and we’re going to start with your ward first then go on to Mr. DiLoreto’s and then we’ll work our way out to the west end. Unless there is an emergency on something then we’ll redirect the resources for that specific problem only not the geographic area and keep track of the properties here. We’re going to utilize our code enforcement person, we’re going to utilize also our building inspector because these people will be told what they see if there is possible violations then we will send our people that we need to go out there and what you have to do is put all this (inaudible) together to focus on all the number violations; now there is a judicial process we have to follow; we can’t just go in and arrest people; you have to follow what the law requires. This I will tell you though; this came up again last week; by the time the police got the call and got out there it was over with; there was a pickup truck with West Virginia tags came up university we suspect; came up Wellsley we know that was a fact; ducked into an alley and dumped the garbage out of their pickup. The caller couldn’t get the plate number because they couldn’t get it they said; description of the vehicle everything there; now it’s very simple; if we catch these people the vehicle will be seized and impounded; they will be arrested and we’ll do whatever full extent of the law we will charge them with; we know this has happened before; this was reported last year but we cannot be everywhere; there will be a day; maybe a policeman will catch them when they are leaving; coming up which is fine; then we go back to where the dump was occurred and then we go from there. So the same thing we’re going to look at our garbage issues this way; again all these problems require manpower; which we are slowly getting on board but you have to deviate from your normal schedules so again Mr. Baird and Mr. Maracino have worked out a plan; tomorrow they’re supposed to start and that’s how we’re going to go with this and again we’ll monitor this to see how it goes; all I can ask council is if you have a specific location that’s called into you please get the specifics. A lot of times that I get calls or e-mails sent to me; (inaudible), W. Market Street; well Market St. is a long street; it starts at the bridge and goes up to the bottom of the hill there; try to get as much as you can there from your callers; that helps us go because some of these places they give you an address and it’s not the right address and then we waste our time looking up and down the street. But these are the things that have come up and we’re going to try to manage this the best we can; you have to attack the problem with everything you have and that’s why our building inspector is going to be involved, our code inspector will be involved and we’ll see how this works out and I’ll keep you posted on that. That’s what we’re going to try and do to combat this; all I can ask is

the citizens and the neighbors in Steubenville; when you see illegal dumping report it; if you don't all you're doing is aiding and embedding this to go on in your neighborhood. Don't get directly involved with it but get us the information that we need. The police need as much information as possible and as quickly as possible; I talked to one lady; oh I didn't want to bother the police; listen if they are tied up on calls they can't go if they are going on a more priority call but if you don't call then they can't be stopped and that's the bottom line. So that's what we're going to do. I ask council if you could do this it would make it easier; I understand why the request was made not to have our department heads there; I don't have a Ouija board or a crystal ball I can look at when something you want to ask; I want to get to the answer when that question comes up or let me know in advance so that I can make sure that the department head is there. I prefer having our department head here because I don't know what's going to come out of the gallery sitting there; it's a wild card shoot that's what it is. Listen I can adjust their schedules where they can get time off with comp time; it is summertime a lot our on vacation I've got that; but if you know you need something or you want to bring it up in council then let me know I'll have the right people here; just like tonight with Mr. Murphy; I could've had him here just so he could've gave you everything you needed there. I was overly concern because when you originally sent me the e-mail I called him immediately and got the bits and pieces; I deal with calls every day; but having so to speak the horse's mouth there we got our answers that we need. Again I'm just trying to work with council to make this easier for you and your constituents that call you; believe me I get the calls every day that's why I ask the questions; the more information I can get it's easier for me to give the direction of my department head so we can get the job done. At this time Mayor I would like to have my Parks and Rec Director give a report on the pool so council knows where we're at exactly. Thank you."

Lorri Fetherolf – "So the pool is doing okay; just depends on what day it is; today we had fifty (50) and Sunday we had nine (9); so it kind of depends on the weather and that type of stuff. We're all ready for the 4th of July stuff; all the staff out there and got the decorations and other stuff. We're moving into; I'm going to have some special events so I have a family swim night from 7-10 on July 15th; it will be \$5.00 for the entire family to get in; I've got prizes and stuff to give away; I've found a lot of stuff around the office that I can give away. I look forward in the future to have a teen night swim; it's a general night swim but I thought there's lights out there that work and are actually on the pool which is good so I thought let's let the community come out and enjoy somethings. The concession stand is doing very well and it hopes a lot to offset our costs and those kinds of things and I've been really watching the number of guards; so hopefully this year our expenditures are not going to be quite; stat wise; as big as it has been in the past. Ratios are 1 to 25 so I don't need five (5) guards out there when we're averaging twenty-five (25) kids. So we've been doing some painting so when I see guards around doing nothing; they've painted picnic tables; I know we've talked about painting that wall on the one side that's got the rainbow and stuff on it; I just want it to look a little better and maybe we'll attack the wall in the fall. It's going well; we're getting there I just wish for some hot weather but we're getting there. Thanks."

Mr. Villamagna – "Lorri I had the occasion to be up at the pool the other day and Lorri and I had a little conversation; it was nice; the pool was nice; the staff the kids; I played with them a little bit; messing around and they are all friendly and they seemed like they really enjoyed being there too so that was a big plus I was really impressed with those kids because the communication that I had with those kids and that was nice so congratulations."

Lorri Fetherolf – "You know I have a story; so a kid got in trouble the other day and I kicked him out because he was cussing at me and I don't stand for that and one of my eighteen (18) year old guards said look you got to understand some of these kids don't have dads can I go talk to him and I was really impressed with an eighteen (18) year old understand that; comprehends that; the kid came back and apologized to me; he was out for two (2) days then came back. I just think that that is the kind of staff that I want; it can relate to the kids out there and still understand that a rule is a rule and here is how you need to behave."

Mr. Villamagna – "When you mentioned West Market; I meant to tell you this the other day; couple of people have mentioned this to me; there is a water trough up in there and I know it's overgrown back there but I don't want it to overgrow onto that trough because it's old; there's a lot of weeds up there and I couldn't see that fountain so I'm not sure if it's growing into the fountain; if it grows into the fountain it could hurt that structure. If we check it is and it isn't to that structure maybe we can get a couple people up there and volunteer to take the weeds off it and at least know that it's not ruined."

Mr. Timmons – "I just wanted to clarify Mr. Mavromatis that we can only do something if they are dumping and we catch them and they are out of state?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "It can be in state also; that was just the facts and information that I was given."

Mr. Timmons – "But if it's just tenants that are leaving and just leave it all there and the landlord does nothing for a month are we going to cite them? Is that the plan?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "The way that I understand it; it's the landlord's responsibility; it's their property so that's who we'll go after there and we've done that before the landlords have cleaned up rather than being cited in the court; they've got it contracted out and it was taken out but again it's tracking down who it belongs too; some of them just flat leave and the owners live in another state."

Mr. Timmons – "Right; that's an issue that I have."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Exactly so then we have to go through the process; what we have to do and put a lien on the property."

Mr. Timmons – "Thank you."

Mrs. Hahn – "Two things; there are these twenty (20) tires now piled up in a spot by the water tower; I don't even know how people can afford to buy all these tires that they throw out; it's incredible and yea it could be people from other areas but I don't know; that really needs to be gone after. Do we have a requirement of

people who are landlords of properties in town that live out of town? That they have to have somebody who's responsible; listed as a manager of the property; is that something worth pursuing legally because I feel like it gets really tricky trying to hunt down these people and get them to follow through. I spoke with a woman today and she mentioned that she's going to put a home on sale that's near Woodlawn and she mention that it's possible to rent it up to eight (8) people, three (3) can be above the garage and five (5) can be in the house and I said it's R2; you can't have more than three (3) unrelated people in that house; I don't even know the rules of an apartment above the garage and she said really. Then she said its vacant now and I asked how long has it been vacant? She said about a year; you know you have to register a property that is vacant; it's a \$200.00 charge and she didn't even know that. Honestly it is out of site out of mind for a lot of people and then there not necessarily in touch with people who are reminding them of what the rules are so we need to be very clear about the rules but I wonder if we need to require someone to be responsible; I'm not saying it has to be someone that is licensed in some way but someone that is signing as property manager if the owner does not live in Steubenville or in the state. Any thoughts on about that?"

Mr. Johnson – "I have one; I don't know if it is legal; I mean it would be great if we could do it; I tried to research other cities; I don't know if it is actually legal; I couldn't find any other cities that actually required that; I think I did find one that the landlord challenged it. If it's legal I'm all for it; I just don't know if it's legal because you're treating the people out of state different then you do the people in state."

Mayor Mucci – "Mr. Johnson maybe at your next Planning Committee meeting that can be a conversation..."

Mr. Johnson – "That's a good idea."

Mr. Mastros – "I can assist Mike if you have any questions."

Mr. Johnson – "That would be great."

Mr. Mastros – 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."

Mattie Patterson – "818 North 6th Ave. The apartment building that was torn down in front of Quinn Church; the weeds are really high now so I was just wondering; you said you were going by wards; I'll ask Scott right across from Quinn Church; all those high weeds."

Mr. Dressel – "Right I know exactly where you mean; that is in the 4th Ward so that will be first hopefully; Yonk's ward would be next; starting on top of the hill then going from North to South; and then West."

Mattie Patterson – "And I do want you to know that the prostitutes have not stopped; they have not stopped."

Judy Cunningham – "220 North St. Steubenville; I've been coming to the meetings for years; this is the first time I've ever stood up. I want to stand up for our councilmen; not the usual thanks but I've learned so much here. Mr. Johnson has helped me so much I'm still speechless over it; a neighbor's tree fell on my house and did a lot of damage; no one was injured and that was a good thing but I still have the tree on the house. I went and found out who owned the lot next to the house; I went out to their house; they weren't home; left them a note; a lot of Wintersville people forget where they come from; I shouldn't of said that but anyhow it's a Wintersville person; couple weeks they told me it was an act of God; I said well fine but your tree belongs to you and it's on my house and I can't find anybody to take it off. I thought surely we have a legislation for this; so I spoke to Mr. Johnson and he did some research; then I got the mean letter from the building inspector that to tear it down or we'll tear the house down and blah blah blah. So I thought what am I going to do? I went up to the house thinking where am I going to get somebody; people won't work to get this tree off of my house so I can replace the gutters; I went up there with the measuring tape and everything and the tree was gone; the tree was gone thanks to Mr. Johnson and I know that's why I don't have the expense of taking the tree off the house; then I'm coming here and Mr. Dressel saying over and over about the city having a dumpster; I don't have a lot of stuff but what I have I take it across the river; well I don't have to do that anymore. So I went down to the city building today and problems were solved; thank you very much both of you. So you guys and people think that don't do anything; you do a lot and I do go to the senior luncheons from time to time and I hear a lot of nice things about Mr. Paul but he speaks for himself. Thank you."

John Mascio – "567 Braybarton; a question for Mr. Mavromatis; Chuck Murphy isn't here; can you give me an idea of when the streets (inaudible) on Braybarton where the water lines were repaired months ago; I know I caught your attentions for those they've all been repaired."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Well again it's a matter of priority; I did specifically look at the one; personally drove over; he is aware of it and again it's based on the priority; we've got them all over the city."

John Mascio – "I know how long does anybody really have to wait to get one fixed and I can understand that you have other things to do and things will pop up. That one is from last year; the one at the top of Iva Way is at least six (6) months; I would think there would be less than that to get them repaired. Willie I would think you would be screaming your head off; it's your ward."

Mr. Paul – "I have no complaints; no one has called me about it."

John Mascio – "Well I'm telling you about it."

Mr. Paul – "Call me; you know what you've turned up so many things in my ward but you've never called me; call me; my number is in the book."

John Mascio – “Can I ask you a question? Do you drive around your ward Willie?”

Mr. Paul – “I do drive around my ward.”

John Mascio – “You didn’t see those streets torn up at the top of Iva Way, Braybarton and the one up the street.”

Mr. Paul – “You can call me.”

Mayor Mucci – “Point well taken.”

John Mascio – “Bob the weeds that you’re talking about; are you talking about the old fountain going up the old Market Street hill.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes the one the Floater Brothers built; that water trough.”

John Mascio – “Many, many years ago? The one where Steubenville was painted by that kid?”

Mr. Villamagna – “No no just the wall there; up above there; about midway up Market Street there was a water trough on the right hand side for horses.”

John Mascio – “Yeah yeah”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah that’s what I’m talking about.”

John Mascio – “I have one more question we put that Steubenville on the overpass up there which I saw tonight and I don’t think it’s finished yet.”

Mr. Villamagna – “It’s not done.”

John Mascio – “Is there any way that we can utilize some of the community service people or anything on that wall; that you come down Washington St. hill where that kid made that painting of Steubenville; clean that up and make it look nice; I say community service specifically cause I don’t want them to spend a lot of money on something like this but if we have people available to do it; I mean that kid put a lot of time and effort into that thing and it looks horrible; it really does ; I think something ought to be done if we can do it.”

Mr. Dressel – “I have a quick comment on that; I drive by that many times and it needs to be bleached; it’s got mildew and mold; it’s fine other than the fact that it’s just dirty; so even just gently power wash and we do have volunteers that want to clean the water trough which we’ve had request from Kimberly about a year ago and there’s another whole group now that would like to get in there if we can get them a key and they said they’d go up and clean all the weeds up and they are aware that there’s a huge poison ivy issue up there; so were trying to find someone who doesn’t get it so we can clean it up; if we can get in.”

John Mascio – “Is there a source of water to power wash that there?”

Mr. Dressel – “No if you just actually spray it down with that exterior gray bleach and just rinse it off; it’ll all just come right off.”

John Mascio – “He did a nice job and I just hate seeing it sit the way it is; it could be fixed up I think it would be a nice attraction and if we use the community service people or something like that it’ll be a very little expense.”

Mayor Mucci – “The wall coming down Market Street extension was originally painted as an Eagle Scout project by Nicholas Morelli; his father Charles lives on Lawson Ave. and since the original painting was done it has been addressed on three (3) different occasions; the last one was by Kim Felmet but any how she worked for the bank and her husband was also the county prosecutor. That wall has some challenges; that mold continues to grow on it; time and time again even when we refurbished it the last time it was under the United Way and again Kim Felmet took on the project; a lot of people from the financial institution that Kim worked for volunteered and worked on it a whole day. But it does continue to grow the mold and discolor the wall; so if we’re going to give it another attention to it; we’re going to have to find a way for that mildew and all not to grow and I really don’t have those answers for it. Now the watering trough if you can recall; the old Market St. hill coming down before Washington Street; I live right on the top of it; I’ve walked that hill many of times to St. Anthony School but the watering trough is a historical site; there is some significance to that wall and we have to watch how we address it. I know that throughout the years we thought that white washing it blah blah blah; if there are some historic concerns Mr. Petrossi can address but the watering trough itself is beautiful. If you can recall we had bushes and actual water in the trough at one time; we’ve removed those; but we even use to decorate that for Christmas; if you can recall we had Mr. Agresta’s large dinosaurs; I see someone in the audience has a smile on their face because I think they remember the dinosaurs or maybe know where they are at; but part of the atmosphere for Christmas decorations coming down the hill and if that could be cleaned out and maintained; it is a beautiful site I would agree with that.”

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

ATTEST: _____
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APPROVED: _____
MAYOR