

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
June 6, 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 Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Johnson, & Paul

Also present; City Manager James Mavromatis, Acting Law Director Costa Mastros, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Sanitation Director Bob Baird, Park and Recreation Director Lorri Fetherolf, Police Chief William McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, and Dave Gossett from the Herald Star.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for May 30, 2017. Second by Mr. 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 – “I have nothing your Honor.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2017-31 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1175 OF THE ZONING CODE CREATING THE BROCKTON ROAD, BRYDEN ROAD, EAST CARLTON ROAD, AND PRESTON ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

Mayor Mucci – “Before we ask for public comments on Ordinance No. 2017-31; council did receive two (2) pieces of communication from the Steubenville Planning and Zoning Commission one dated June 5 2017 from Urban Projects Director Christopher Petrossi and one June 6,2017 from the Chairman William Hendricks. Hearing no objections they will be read; hearing no objections it is so ordered.”

Mrs. Haley – “Public Hearing: Petition for Creation of Neighborhood Conservation District-Brockton Road, Bryden Road, East Carlton Road, and Preston Road in their entirety; Ordinance No. 2017-31. Dear. Mr. Hendricks; I have reviewed the above referenced application and petition to create a neighborhood conservation district consisting of all properties on Brockton Road, Bryden Road, East Carlton Road, and Preston Road, in conjunction with Chapter 1175 of the Zoning Code, Neighborhood Conservation District, Section 1175.04(b)(2) and offer the following regarding the same: 1. The proposed district complies with the boundary criteria in Section 1175.04(a)(2). 2. The proposed district will preserve and enhance neighborhood character. 3. The proposed district will promote public health, safety, and general welfare of the people in the district. 4. The propose district will promote and implement the intent of the Comprehensive Plan. 5. The proposed district will satisfy a legitimate need. In addition, the submitted petition complies with the requirements in Section 1175.04(a) of Chapter 1175. Based upon the above, I recommend that the Commission submit a positive recommendation to City Council regarding this ordinance and petition. Sincerely Christopher Petrossi.”

Mayor Mucci – “Hearing no objections; the letter read from Christopher Petrossi the Urban Project Director of the Planning and Zoning Commission will be entered into the record. Hearing no objections we’ll accept the order. Madam Clerk.”

Mrs. Haley – “Public Hearing: Petition for Creation of Neighborhood Conservation District-Brock Road, Bryden Road, East Carlton Road, and Preston Road; Ordinance No. 2017-31. Dear Members of City Council: At its regular meeting of June 5, 2017 a public hearing was held by the Steubenville Planning and Zoning Commission with regard to the above referenced petition and ordinance. After comment and discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to send a positive recommendation to City Council with regards to the proposed creation of the Brockton Road, Bryden Road, East Carlton Road, and Preston Road Neighborhood Conservation District. Attached for the City Council’s consideration is a copy of the staff report prepared regarding the above. I request that City Council take into consideration the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission with regard to the above. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Sincerely William Hendricks.”

Mayor Mucci – “You’ve heard the letter from William Hendricks of the Steubenville Planning and Zoning Commission; hearing no objections it will be entered into the records; hearing no objections it is so ordered. You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-31. Is there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-31 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Question”

Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-31 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci. The effective date of the ordinance will be July 5th.

NO. 2017-43 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OR RENEWING AN EXISTING TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2017-43. Is there anyone who would wish to speak on it? Please come forward; state their name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Question”

Mayor Mucci – “Before we have the roll call let me just indicate that this is an extremely important issue that will be placed on the ballot for the voter’s approval. Originally this was approved in the 1960s by our citizens; it’s a five-mill operating for the City of Steubenville; it generates over \$650,000.00 annually that goes to general services into our general fund; so of course we want to encourage our citizens to support the five-mill operating levy that will appear on the November ballot.” Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-43 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

Mayor Mucci – “Now I might want to add on to that also that the evaluations are back from the 1960s; if we would ask for the current evaluation the Board of Elections looks at it like a new levy so we’re continuing under the old formula of the 60s and it’s a real estate tax; it’s a renewal not a new tax so your taxes will not increase.”

NO. 2017-44 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 1305 AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 1305 OF THE BUILDING CODE.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-44. The second reading will be June 13th. The third and final reading will be on June 20th.”

NO. 2017-45 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1323.01, SECTION 1323.18, SECTION 1327.05, AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 1327.06 OF THE BUILDING CODE.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-45. The second reading will be June 13th. The third and final reading will be on June 20th.”

NO. 2017-46 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 106.3 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-46. The second reading will be June 13th. The third and final reading will be on June 20th.”

NO. 2017-47 – BY THE SAFETY COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Villamagna, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION 303.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE TO ESTABLISH AN ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) FOR VEHICLE IMPOUNDMENT.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-47. The second reading will be June 13th. The third and final reading will be on June 20th.”

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Timmons – “I just have one question. I’ve had some citizens ask about the new garbage cans; where we are at with that; last that I heard was the beginning of April was when they were scheduled to come out; has there been a new date or when are we expecting that?”

Mr. Baird – “That’s being confirmed; the cans are all here and we are basically ready to roll them out; we had something with the delivery; our rep was terminated by his employer; so I’ve met with the new people and we’re actually going to have some people here tomorrow for some related items; as soon as we get the (inaudible) which I assume will be in the next few weeks; as soon as we get the confirmation with the contractor we’ll have that date announced. We’re basically ready to go we’re just having to confirm with the contractor.”

Mr. Timmons – “So we’re looking at a few weeks?”

Mr. Baird – “Yes probably.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – No report

Mr. DiLoreto – No report

Mr. Dressel – “One quick question. We’ve brought up a couple times about the alley between Market and Washington; the pot holes I know we don’t have the money to pave them right now but I was just asking this

evening to find out when that would happen; cause they are so big now that you can't even get to the Rite-Aid drive-thru."

Mr. Mavromatis – "From Market to Washington to Commercial alley; there's a lot of potholes there."

Mr. Dressel – "Okay there's just a bunch of really huge ones there."

Mr. Baird – "We've gotten behind on our paving schedule due to the rain; I'll try to move that to the top of the priority list."

Mr. Dressel – "Okay thank you very much."

Mrs. Hahn – "Just a couple of things; last week we talked about meeting with an IT person here at the city and that happened on Thursday; we took two (2) hours and went through how we could take the website break it down and just shift the materials; it's all the same material; it's not new things but to make it more user friendly or easier to navigate. It was a great time and he thought it could work and he could see the vision; then the building department has done some new brochures; I think it will be very helpful; anytime that you do more of a checklist type thing. Also the complaint form he does believe he can upload that and this means that anyone in the city can take that complaint form. You'll make it clear if you can put your information directly on it and then e-mail it and it will go to our Clerk of Council but you can also print it and put it in the mail; you should be able to fax it in so we'll have all that information on that page; that should be another tool for all of us in to be assisting each other. Then for those of you who were not here for the Parks and Rec. Committee meeting we've have had forty-nine (49) people so far; the volunteers hours I've added up are 156 total; we've been doing a lot at the pool trying to make it something beautiful and obviously clean and safe. Looking forward to opening."

Mr. Johnson – "Yes your Honor I have two (2) ordinances that I like to sunshine both out of planning. The first is an ordinance requesting certification to enforce the Ohio Plumbing Code within the City of Steubenville, Ohio. The second ordinance is adopting the F.Y. 2017 Consolidated Plan/one-year action plan authorizing the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development."

Mr. Paul – "Yes your Honor I have three (3) and they are all out of finance. The first one is amending ordinance no. 2016-113, the existing table of organization of the City of Steubenville and declaring an emergency. That's the one with the plumbing inspector. The second one is then and now; 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. The other one; I'm going to read this one then I'm going to ask our Law Director to explain this one a little bit; it seems like it may generate some money for the city. This one is an ordinance authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Attorney General's Office for the provision of the debt collections services of municipal debt owed to the Steubenville Municipal Court, Steubenville, Ohio and declaring an emergency."

Mr. Mastros – "A week ago Judge Mascio learned from the Attorney General's Office that he was finally taken off the waiting list to participate in the collection program; he was very excited; I think he applied right when he took the bench. The unique thing about this debt collection is not only will they perform normal debt collections but they have the ability to reach into a person's state refund and collect those moneys; kind of like child support or alimony as they currently do; as CSCA can. He was very excited; it took him a long time to get on the program; it's requested that we pass this as an emergency so we don't allow this opportunity to lapse. He has talked and seen by other municipalities where they have collected thousands or tens of thousands of knowledge and unpaid fines. I think this will be a good thing for the city and the municipal court; everything is done; you have received an e-mail from me; has his letter; has the contract all spelled out; so he was very excited and I encourage everybody to look at it so that we can deal with that next week."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Can we get an extra 10%? So if the fine was a \$100.00; we get \$10 and Judge Mascio get \$10."

Mr. Mastros – "We are adding a percentage that is correct."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Good. Mr. Klein is very good; I've worked with him before."

Mr. Paul – "I appreciate that thank you very much."

Mayor Mucci – "Mr. Mastros on that subject the ordinance that Mr. Paul just sunshine; I have a sample of the ordinance and of course the contract is attached to it; should not the ordinance refer to attachment A?"

Mr. Mastros – "It should is that not marked as exhibit A?"

Mayor Mucci – "No would you like to take a look at it?"

Mr. Mastros – "Yes sir."

Mr. Paul – "I have one final; I liked to call a Finance Committee meeting on June 27th; tentatively right now it's at 6:30; after Mr. Lewis sends out the reports we might want to move it to 6:00 but right now it's at 6:30 on the 27th."

Mayor Mucci – "I believe Mr. Lewis sent out the..."

Mr. Paul – "No he didn't send it out yet; but he asked me to do this on the 27th."

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "I have passed out to all of council and you Mayor; this is the statistical information on our K-9 program from January to the current date. This will give you an indication by month what our K-9 handler has done; so if there are any questions please you can ask me now or Chief McCafferty. Bob would that be what you needed?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Yea I have it and will go over it."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That's fine but call me if there is any questions; our Code Enforcement Officer; Mr.

Johnson asked; we've had sixteen (16) cases this is based on everything on the porches that are being kept with

Issue 3 citations and the warnings out of sixteen (16) cases; that's what we have so far since that ordinance was passed since March 25th. That's all I have to report tonight Mayor."

Mr. Mastros – No report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mr. Johnson – "Thank you your Honor; as everybody knows June is a month of a lot of festivals in town; we just had activity at the fort last weekend; we have the home town celebration of Dean Martin; we have the Greek Festival; I learned of another one at the Planning Commission meeting last night. I just wanted to inform the public; it's the Second Baptist Church is hosting its first community festival in the celebration of Juneteenth. The celebration is a great historical significance; Juneteenth is the oldest African American holiday; the celebration was first recognized on June 19, 1865. It was on this day the union soldiers landed in Galveston, Texas with the news that the Civil War had ended and all enslaved people were now free. Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States; Juneteenth is a community festivity honoring an African American heritage and the celebration of self-development and respect for all cultures. This two (2) day event will take place Friday June 23rd and Saturday June 24th from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; free admission and open to the public. There will be entertainment, food, games for both young and old, vendors, a kid zone, line dancing and much more. I encourage the public to attend this event."

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you Mr. Johnson and for everybody to understand; the city is participating; I know we received a letter and we are blocking off a portion of 8th Street for the Second Baptist Church; that went through our city manager's office; he and the chief agreed that that's doable; so we are participating and of course we want everyone to participate in that activity. Mr. Johnson you are absolutely correct this community; last weekend; very very successful Ohio Valley Frontier days; I know Mr. Barilla is here; someday when I went down I was informed that they had record crowds both Saturday and Sunday; they had a great day and great weather; the atmosphere was great but it was living history in downtown Steubenville. We'll continue to celebrate as Mr. Villamagna points out to me all the time about celebrating our successes; we'll move into what I think is one of the great festivals here in the Ohio Valley; the Greek Festival starting next Tuesday running through Friday evening; but then on Thursday the Dean Martin Festival starts with a great concert across the street; to his 100th birthday and we'll be celebrating throughout the weekend and ending the Dean Martin Festival with memorial mass at Holy Family Church on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. There's going to be a lot of great activities; towards the end of the month we're going to take a week break then we'll move right into the 4th of July; so we have a lot to look forward to within our community coming up in the next few weeks and it's a very exciting time for us."

Mr. Villamagna – "I forwarded that e-mail before; about that compactor report."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes"

Mr. Villamagna – "Are we going to have that tonight?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "You can have that tonight."

Mr. Baird – "I thought I may or may not have the information; I was here last week; I didn't bring all my stuff with me; again I had that stuff with me last week; I don't have all the details or my notes with me this week. The questions that were asked in my understanding or the way I understood it; there were three (3) pieces of information that were being sought. One was the price of the truck to handle roll off containers, second was the price of the roll off container itself, and the third being the price of the equipment; the compactor equipment; to actually press; so again forgive me but I do not have that paperwork with me. The truck for that purpose is approximately \$170,000.00 which we could probably do a little bit better through state purchasing; but that truck would be through state purchasing; would be a cab chassis purchase with then the roll off body assembled to it; that would actually have to be designed and built. The \$170,000.00 is a budget carry number; an accurate one for a new roll off truck; that we could probably do better on that price through state purchasing. The container themselves for a 40-yard compactor receiver box our cost on those items; again we could talk about budget carry number being conservative; about \$6,500.00; they can be purchased for about \$4,500.00; I'm using the number \$6,500.00 to be safe and we would probably need a minimum of four (4). The machinery itself; the compactor again is approximately \$60,000.00; again there's different manufacturers and we would have to go through competitive bidding; but budget carry approximately \$60,000.00. What is not included in that number is anything specific to site requirements; drainage issue or power; depending on a specific location that we would have to bring power into that; those would be the acquisition cost for those components to operate that type of a system."

Mr. Johnson – "Did your analysis enclose whether we should go with this? Will it save us money if we go with the compactor?"

Mr. Baird – "Potentially; one of the issues we talked about at the workshop with council was some of the limitations that we have. There are many compactors in the area; some of our neighboring communities have compactors; the important point to bear in mind is that they are not licensed or permitted transfer facilities; what they are known as is exempt; there are no EPA requirements on the operation of those facilities because they fall under the fifty (50) cubic yard maximum limitation placed on those operations by EPA; as long as you stay under that fifty (50) cubic yard limitation you can be an exempt facility; there are no licensing cost; there are much fewer site requirements, regulations, permits that kind of thing. Again in our case; the issue we have is our volume; in theory that could save us money but that problem that we have is that for every garbage truck that we would unload into that compactor; every one and a half (1 ½) or two (2) trucks that we would unload we would have to have a truck leave because we are not allowed to have more than fifty (50) cubic yards of capacity on site."

Mr. Johnson – "Does that fifty (50) capacity; if we left it in the trucks does that count or no?"

Mr. Baird – "Leave it in our garbage trucks?"

Mr. Johnson – “Yea; do we ever do that?”

Mr. Baird – “We have to get empty it sooner...”

Mr. Johnson – “We normally empty our garbage trucks at the end of each day correct?”

Mr. Baird – “We have to empty them each day; yes.”

Mr. Johnson – “We did discuss that in the code enforcement workshop; that was one of our problems; is that a problem we can overcome or is that a deal breaker right now?”

Mr. Baird – “Well it is overcome able but the issue underlying; I think you’re making it clear; is that economically feasible?”

Mr. Johnson – “That’s what we’re looking for.”

Mr. Baird – “Is it economically feasible; logistically we would need to have another site where we would store our containers; in order to avoid running afoul of the (inaudible) state law or we would have to go down the road to a fully licensed and permitted facility; it’s going to effect the cost; to answer the question the cost can change.”

Mr. Johnson – “I understand that; I thought we were going to try and avoid the license; if at all possible.”

Mr. Baird – “Okay so in order to do that we would easily spend over a quarter of a million dollars other words \$360,000.00 in becoming capable of doing that; to drive our trash someplace else. I think that’s where we would have to sit down with the Finance Director and put together a long term view; it would not save us any money in the first year of operation and it wouldn’t save us any money in probably the second year of operation and it may not save us any money in the third year of operation. Long term; then you have to start factoring in your replacement costs; a lot of these refuse vehicles have a service life for 5-7 years; if we don’t get the return on investment in a short enough period of time to justify the expenditure of the money; which I think is where you are going; then the answer would be no; the answer will be it may not be in the city’s best interest or economically feasible to spend that money to create that process.”

Mr. Johnson – “I agree and that was our whole intent was if this would save the city money. There’s an outlay for equipment that’s natural but over the time frame; does it save the city money? Is this something that our Finance Department can do or do we need to go up to a consulting firm to analyze whether or not this is economically feasible for Steubenville to enter into this?”

Mr. Baird – “I don’t want to speak for him but I think he can calculate the internal investment; if that’s something he wants to do.”

Mr. Johnson – “Well Willie maybe we can bring that up to him on the 27th?”

Mr. Paul – “We can.”

Mr. Johnson – “I don’t want an answer on the 27th; is this something he can look into and he can look and get back to us; if he can’t; fine; then we set a deadline; because we’ve been talking about this for at least two (2) years; I’d like to put it to bed or move forward with it.”

Mr. Paul – “I went down and talked with Bob...”

Mr. Baird – “It was soon after the workshop meeting.”

Mr. Paul – “We sat for about two and a half (2 ½) hours in his office and talked about this; I would suggest maybe you set up an appointment with him and let him tell you more of some of the things that are involved in this thing cause there’s a lot of ifs and variables... and I don’t know if he can give you that answer that you guys are looking for because there are so many different ways; different routes to go.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well he said you didn’t have everything that you have with you tonight.”

Mr. Baird – “That’s correct.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So there’s other stuff that is involved; maybe we should; cause I want everybody; cause I don’t want to be the guy; I’m not going to make the decision; we’re going to make a decision on it. I think we need to set up a meeting where he has everything and maybe with Dave Lewis and us to sit here and go over; and maybe invite the EPA guy to come here also and let him tell us what we have to do. He says he has stuff but he doesn’t have it with him tonight and it was supposed to be tonight.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It was supposed to be last week; based on your e-mail.”

Mr. Villamagna – “No based on my e-mail Jim it says June the 6th.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay well then it’s my error not his.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I’m not saying whose error it is that doesn’t matter to me one way or another.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I had it ready last week; we can accomplish what you want and I agree you should have that meeting.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So we can have everything and obviously the EPA; if there’s going to be a problem with the EPA then I would like to reach out to the EPA and have a representative of the EPA here to explain; I think that makes sense to have him here. It’s been going on; I think the EPA; Bob have all his information we have here and have Dave Lewis here to explain the finances.”

Mr. Johnson – “If it makes economic sense we want to do it; if it doesn’t then we don’t want to do it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “The whole goal; we sat here and we listened to; in the committee meetings that we don’t have enough man power to do these things; we don’t have anybody in recreation; we have city properties that have grass as tall as me; we’re hiring nine (9) people to do this; so we’re trying to make it easier for the employees work; we have to do something to make it easier now is that the answer? I don’t know that’s why I want somebody else to tell us the answer and we’ll make the decision once we hear it. This is my goal and has been my goal; I brought this up when I first came on council; without further discussion if we could have the EPA guy, Mr. Baird, and Dave Lewis and they can make it at their convenience; when they have the information instead of me asking for a meeting and then not being prepared. Okay? Thank you.”

Mr. Baird – “If I may; it will be very helpful especially if we’re going to bring the EPA rep in; for our region it’s a woman and I think she has offered her services to come in; she is more than happy to come in and speak to

council; it would be very helpful for us to understand this as completely as possible; what we are trying to accomplish and what goal we are trying to reach. Please understand; that this has been discussed many times; some of the questions that I've asked to try get clarification on what we're trying to achieve and what our objective is. I'll be honest I don't understand the answers that I've been given; I want to help and want to provide that information; I'll set up the meeting to have EPA come down and provide information but a lot of the questions have been about cost; just like the comments I don't understand where it is coming from; I don't understand some of the statements that have been made because I don't know where they are based; I don't feel that they are accurate; and the sanitation fund is to my knowledge the only stable fund in the city at this point; we've done a pretty good job of maintaining effective and efficient operations. We are trying to make improvements; as far as our work and safety and our community appearance and things like that; if it is a man power thing then I need to be clear so we can construct a solution that achieves the desired goal; this process would involve more manpower; it would involve more equipment; it would involve more money; more travel expenses; more cost in transporting waste further distances; again if you can imagine; we have twenty-five (25) cubic yard trucks and we run four (4) of them so that's a hundred (100) cubic yards of garbage a day and if we want to stay under that fifty (50) cubic yard limitation; we're going to have to take a truck; two (2) trucks say; truck and a half if we get good compaction; we're going to have to take a truck out of that station for every truck and a half that comes in that station. Before that truck is halfway to the landfill we're are going to have to send another one. So when I say it's a \$170,000.00 for the roll off truck that's the truth; in order to operate the system and we all have to understand what the (inaudible) means; we might need two (2) of them; so I need to understand; we're going to help you the best that I can; with the most accurate information that I can; I need to understand the nature of the question or be as accurate as I can."

Mr. Villamagna – "I can be clear; I thought I was clear with you; I can say it again; I don't know; I don't know anything about sanitation and I don't pretend to know. I don't know if it is cost effective; if I knew it was cost effective I would just say do it right now; you just gave me more information in the last two (2) minutes then I got since August. Our goal; unless I'm wrong; if anyone on council doesn't agree with me; is to see if it is cost effective which no one knows on this council; to see how it effects our manpower situation so if we need more man power or if we don't need more man power; to find out what the EPA rules are and then make an informed decision and vote on whether or not we want to do this or we don't want to do this. The reason we are trying to do this is manpower; trying to make it easier for your men; financial to ease the burden on the city and go to a four (4) day work week; we've been talking about that since before I was here on council. If it's not a good idea; I just want all the answers; you just gave a lot of them and sit here and then make a decision one way or the other but I think we're clear; am I saying it right or am I miscommunicating?"

Mr. Johnson – "No that is our goal; our goal is to operate the sanitation department as efficiently as possible and we've already started that with the cans and the arms; the State of Ohio when they came and did they're audit they said we probably have more sanitation people in our department then we need; that's what they said. Now you go to the cans and the automated arms; you can do that with less people; the sanitation is a healthy fund but right now it is running at a yearly deficit; not a big one but it's probably because we took money and gave it to the water fund; I understand that; our ultimate goal and I think it's very simple; does a compactor with all the equipment that it (inaudible); additional people; does it make economical sense for the city? So if you tell me you have to go out and buy seven (7) trucks and hire ten (10) more people then more than likely it's not economical and we kill the idea; but if you tell me one (1) truck and all the stuff you mentioned but our disposal cost is going to decrease by \$50,000.00 a year; well then maybe it is economical; that's it. All the other things; you're saying that we are throwing out all these things that you don't know where we get it; none of us are sanitation experts; all we said does this economically make sense; as I said if we got to go to get an outside consultant to tell us I'm willing to do that; if that is the proper route; because we got to bring this to an end soon one way or the other; so if you have the numbers and Dave can come up with them then I don't want to spend any money on an outside consultant. If we can't get it in a reasonable amount of time then I'm willing to spend money on an outside consultant."

Mr. Villamagna – "Does that clarify what we are looking for?"

Mr. Baird – "It does and like Councilman Paul said I'd be more than happy to sit down and talk to you. That in large parts was the; Willie correct me if I'm wrong; that was the large content of our conversation."

Mr. Paul – "I know my decision but I'm not going to sway you guys."

Mr. Baird – "I just want to be clear; when we have this conversation; I need to be clear at what we're trying to address; this will not affect the four (4) day collection schedule at all; there's collection and then there's disposal and we are talking about a transfer station or compact that has the disposal pump component of the operation. I don't think we can have a conversation about a compactor or a transfer station in the context of a four (4) day collection schedule or these other issues because they are essentially unrelated. It will not enable us or prevent us from going to a four (4) day collection schedule."

Mr. Johnson – "I agree to that."

Mr. Baird – "It's a disposal component it's not a collection component; that's all and I won't say anymore; I'd be more than happy to sit down and talk with you; I'll facilitate a contact with EPA to have them come in and any information I can find I'm more than happy to do."

Mrs. Hahn – "Just one small thing I would add and what part makes me interested in exploring this is that we don't just have a healthy sanitation fund; at this point we have an excessive amount in there when you're talking about millions of dollars that really we're to be collecting the taxes from the people for the expenses that we need; now it was them for a purpose; we thought we were facing something we really had to save for; am I understanding that correctly? There was a ruling possible for the EPA that we were going to have to do something (inaudible)

apex or something? Anyways we didn't collect it under any false pretense or to just have it but the question on my mind is if we have this amount; which we really shouldn't just hang on too; is there something effective that we can do; it would be a larger expense now that down the road we would be relieving our people from having to raise taxes to cover expenses? That's the cost savings; that's what I am looking for and the idea of transfer stations; in my mind is maybe there is even some way in which we would generate some business in our city by serving the other communities around us potentially. I don't know if it's possible; we need more facts."

Mayor Mucci – "Okay let's just clear up a couple things because now; I think we've come to see quite a bit. First of all the reason that the sanitation fund was building up a healthy fund was not for Apex; (inaudible); Steubenville had a landfill that was closed and we have to come into compliance. We do have a consent agreement with EPA on the closer of our landfill; we have done some work; but the royalties that we received from gas and oil; we put in some wet lands and did some improvements out there; as we get any of the royalties back into our (inaudible) we have to continue to make the improvements. It's not really taxes; it's a user's fee; you pay your sanitation and it's not a tax to people; it's a user fee; they pay it on their water bill. When we are talking about a transfer station that is different from a compactor; the compactor; Mingo and Toronto has one; ideally and I've said this quite a few times and when I was on JB Green Team (inaudible) waste authority; I tried to encourage if we could have a transfer station; a facility and partner up with Apex; I think that's a route we should explore also to see the cost savings and the efficiency because then we are not paying that \$2.00 designation fee because we aren't using Apex; twenty thousand or so dollars a year; I'm not quite sure the exact figure that it's costing the City of Steubenville and we could encourage the communities that are using the compactor; Mingo and Toronto; to bring their waste to that facility; again work that facility with Apex on the operation and the other communities that will help Apex generate the rubbish for their landfill and I think that will keep our cost down. That would be a long term and a long goal of getting the other communities to buy in. But if you look at; you got to think regional; when you look at the City of Steubenville we need partners for sanitation to reduce our cost and I think the other communities would look at it if they see a cost savings too. Those are all kinds of conversations that we'll continue on."

Mr. Baird – "If I may; (inaudible) is my only point at this moment,"

Mayor Mucci – "I understand."

Mr. Baird – "What is it that we are trying to accomplish? If we want to have a transfer station and open it up to other communities and accept more waste; that's going to change the numbers that I just gave you. Now you need scales; now you are building a completely different animal then you were building if you were having a different conversation and you almost need to know who those partners are before you commit to doing that kind of expenditure. I agree with the Mayor if you are talking about something like that; that is more regional idea; there may be other players involved; your site requirements change; everything changes. If the question is what should the city do? That's a big question; if the questions is should the City of Steubenville purchase and install and operate a compactor with less than fifty (50) cubic yard capacity; to stay under the requirement of the EPA; if that's the question; then okay; that's a pretty easy question to answer but this conversation which has been going on for a very long time; as evidence by here tonight; it quickly becomes a question of transfer station, larger participation, regional issue, other players and that type of thing; you can't answer the question because you don't know what you want to build."

Mr. Johnson – "Our question is not the transfer station; that's regionalization; that's getting Mingo, Toronto, everybody involved and there's not a lot of willingness to do regionalization in this area; as evidence by Brilliant is putting in their own water plant when you got Mingo; you got Toronto and Steubenville; so our question is the trash compactor."

Mr. Baird – "I'll get our EPA person here; I'll facilitate that and we'll have all that information in the council's hands and go from there."

Mr. Johnson & Mr. Villamagna – "Thank you"

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you Mr. Baird. Big conversation; maybe we should have those conversations at a (inaudible)."

Mrs. Hahn – "Just an announcement I'm asking the Clerk of Council to let all of the council members know of our June 19th; 9:00 a.m. meeting at the Pugliese Conference Room."

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you Mrs. Hahn and the clerk will facilitate the notice to the media with the National Parks Service."

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."

Tony Piergallini – "710 Lawson in Steubenville; now that the spring clean-up is completed; we are starting to see sofas, couches, furniture back in the alleys again. I was just wondering if there was a way that the employees driving the trash compactors could make a log, take photos, maybe forward them to Officer Dorsey and maybe get some of these things; he can start a list and in his free time; go ahead and try to investigate the site and get some of these areas cleared out. Thank you"

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR