

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 5, 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 Johnson, Paul, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, & Hahn.

Also present; City Manager James Mavromatis, Acting Law Director Costa Mastros, Parks and Recreation Director Lorri Fetherolf, City Engineer Mike Dolak, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for June 27, 2017 & June 30, 2017. Second by 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 none your Honor.”

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**NO. 2017-54 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. DiLoreto, Johnson, Hahn**

**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 BOULEVARD AND FRANCISCAN SQUARE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2017-54. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-54 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-54 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Johnson – “Yes your Honor; I would like to call; at the last I don’t know a couple weeks ago; announced a walking tour of Pleasant Heights; I’d like to do that at 9:00 Monday morning on the 24<sup>th</sup>; I got to confirm it with Jim and I kind of already confirmed it with Chris; nine o’clock on the 24<sup>th</sup>.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s a Monday?”

Mr. Johnson – “That’s a Monday.”

Mr. Paul – “I’m taking the week off before that could you?”

Mr. Johnson – “You’re taking the whole week off before that?”

Mr. Paul – “Yea I’m taking the whole week off; could you maybe do it on that Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> whatever it is.”

Mr. Johnson – “I’ll check with Chris.”

Mr. Paul – “I don’t want to; I can be here; I can’t do nine o’clock on Monday morning the following week.”

Mr. Johnson – “Okay let me check with Chris.”

Mr. Paul – “If you can’t that’s fine.”

Mr. Johnson – “I’ll announce it next Tuesday because Chris is off July 26<sup>th</sup> and the rest of that week. We want to do it in the day so we don’t have to pay an inspector overtime. Also in August I would like to have another Planning Committee meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> at six o’clock and that’s all I got.”

Mayor Mucci – “At this time the clerk will facilitate the Planning Committee meeting scheduled for August 8, 2017; 6:00 p.m. here at Council Chambers. The other; the walking tour we will announce next Tuesday to facilitate the proper notices.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes your Honor I have something that will be under Parks and Rec. Several months ago Mr. Jerry Barilla brought up naming a couple fields after certain individuals in the community; one Moses Fleetwood Walker; North End Ballpark and the other one would be Mr. Rich Donnelly; and I asked him; I said it was a good idea; I was kind of waiting until we got our nine individuals to help us clean the parks up. I think eventually we’ll have North End cleaned up and I’m not sure exactly which park I would like to have Coach Donnelly because he was an American Legion Baseball Player; Major League Baseball Player; but I’m not sure which Park I would really want to; but I think Moses Fleetwood Walker would be ideal for North End Ballpark and I would like to clean it up. I know we have people working on it; and I know in the house; the Senate bill they passed an Ordinance in October 7<sup>th</sup> it’s Fleetwood Walker Day and I remember when Angie was here; he was really the first black man to play Professional Major League Baseball and he was a native of Mount Pleasant, Ohio and he played for the Toledo Blue Stockings in the American Association; it’s double A for 1884. When he was three (3) years old; him and his family moved here to Steubenville and he actually went to Steubenville Big Red; him and his brother Weldy; when Walker was three (3) years old his family moved

twenty (20) northeast to Steubenville where Moses W. his father became one of the first black physicians of Ohio and later became the minister of Methodist Episcopal Church. There, Walker's fifth or sixth sibling, his younger brother Weldy, was born the same year. Walker and Weldy attended Steubenville High School in the early 1870s, just as the community passed legislation for racial integration. Just as the community passed legislation for racial integration. When he passed away; he was married two (2) times and both wives passed away but he's buried up in Union Cemetery and they called it the Beatty Park Area. So I would like to bring that up and maybe we can present it to our Recreation Board first and then start the process and then I would like to see and maybe talk with Coach Donnelly; I don't know if you want to have Lincoln Heights or Belleview; we're trying to get these dugouts built; and I would just like to get that started through the Recreation Board. I think it will be next week we have a meeting correct?"

Mayor Mucci – “I think that's a great suggestion and the discussion between the Board and our citizens input will also be important in (inaudible) the fields because we don't take that lightly either but both individuals have a rich history here and are deserving of it but there is no self-legislation your sun shining; that will come later after the discussion.”

Mr. Paul – “The discussion yes; I would like to let the public have their input. The second thing I'd like to bring up is that we go into Executive Session on Community Service Staffing; as you know we have lost some funding from the State and we need to discuss that position.” Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Mayor Mucci – “It has been (inaudible) and seconded that we move into Executive Session and forgive me Mr. Paul rephrase that for personal reasons and this could possibly have an effect on budget and negotiating a wage salary so we can move into Executive Session.” Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried by Mayor Mucci.

Mr. Paul – “I want to thank you because of everything you do over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; I tried to bring it up yesterday and a lot of people couldn't hear what I was saying; I do respect everything that you have done for the city for the past twenty-five (25) years and I'm not abiding you farewell yet but I just want to thank you for everything that you do for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. You've done a great job; the senior citizen luncheon was great yesterday I enjoyed it; I'm going to miss you and as I said to Mr. Barilla, Frankie, and Royal; Royal wasn't there but I'm saying if you guys; it's going to be hard to top what Mayor Mucci has done over the past twenty-five (25) years. I'm not saying that you can't but I'm just saying thank you very much. Thank you your Honor very much for what you've done at the senior citizen center.”

Mayor Mucci – “Thank you Mr. Paul for those kind words but quite frankly the motivation; especially behind the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is to celebrate America's Birthday and our independence and our freedom and I enjoy every minute of it.”

Mr. Timmons – No report

Mr. Villamagna – No report

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes your Honor very shortly; before you fellas call these meetings make sure you check with me that I'm not in the hospital or the doctor's office. One thing that Willie Paul brought up; I met with the Judge the other day for about a half hour forty-five (45) minutes for this handout; as you all know we got cut \$60,000.00; I have this all typed up but I'm not going to read it to everybody; everybody can read. My only concern is with the Governor all he's doing now is getting his rainy day fund built up at the expense of education, cities, and the county. His rainy day fund is like a tornado everything he cuts and cuts and cuts; he should be checking on the charter schools and getting the money that in those schools (inaudible); but that takes too long and some of his (inaudible) are in charge. I would like to do something with this and it's going to be tight on our budget cause that's another \$60,000.00 but we got to have that help and Willie we'll get some help out in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward for you.”

Mr. Dressel – No report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yea just one thing; I was really pleased last week; Roland who is our IT person sent me what is ready to go up on the website for the building department and so hopefully by next Tuesday; I think Chris Petrossi is going through it; I'm going through it; we're just double checking a few things but that will be up and available and that means for people doing projects either commercial built for ten (10) steps; for residential build there are twelve (12) steps and you can click on a step and just see the forms and things that you need to know to do that but it also gives people the broad sweep so they don't think they can just come in and say I need a building permit to do my deck next weekend; there are steps that you need to go through. Hopefully if we can get the information out there and help people become better educated about how the department works we can lessen some of the criticism and really see that ways in which they really are eager to serve. I think it was a great step forward.”

Mayor Mucci – “I might suggest that maybe at a future committee meeting; Service Committee Meeting; that we can have the set up here to show them how to navigate through the website; I think that would be very educational to everyone at the committee meeting. Before we move into Report of Administrative Officers; as we opened up tonight's council meeting having reflections on firefighter Nagy; I have ordered flags to be flown at half-mast tomorrow; Thursday during the funeral services for Mr. Nagy. A memo has been sent out to all the respective departments that have flags within the city.”

## **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor; on Mr. Villamagna's request on the reports by the department heads I brought that up last Thursday and the first one should be ready by Monday; we're going to electronically send them except for Mr. DiLoreto the rest we will electronically send it to you. What would be helpful and I would

appreciate it if you could send me an e-mail what issues or specific things that would assist you from certain departments; that way it gives them an idea on what to focus on because they know what they do for a week or two weeks whichever it is; they're trying to help council out to get them the information that they need; so that would be helpful to me and I'll see that you get them so Monday by the close of business you should have that report in your e-mail and Mr. DiLoreto we'll see that you get a copy. To go back to what Councilman Paul brought up with the Mayor and I've seen this time and time again no matter where I work; there's a lot of moving parts that go into a city function; many departments are involved; but the brunt of this 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities; clearly the Mayor has been working on this personally for many months and again our job is to support him and he's done an unbelievable job; from the comments I've heard from the citizens; I walked around a lot in Belleview Park and I was out there when we were serving the food; out there at Prime Time; just the numerous comments Mayor that was told to me is a credit to you. There's no questions here that his dedication has been to this city so again this is my personal observations and comments that came to me. What I would like to do at this time; I have my Parks and Rec director here Lorri; I'd like her to give you a short brief on what transpired from last Tuesday to now."

Lorri Fetherolf – "So I think yesterday went very well; we had 298 people at the pool yesterday so it was busy; no real problems just typical teenage boy stuff but we take care of that every days that's nothing new."

Mr. Villamagna – "There was 298 people at the pool?"

Lorri Fetherolf – "Yep"

Mayor Mucci – "It was free swim day."

Lorri Fetherolf – "There was sixty-two (62) today; so it's been about average; it's going very well out there I do have two (2) pool managers now so I can work seven (7) days a week now so that's good. There is stuff that is happening at the MLK Center soon; the park went very well we had all our vendors there last night and that kind of stuff so for my first one; I've made some notes some things for next year that I would really love to have; men's softball tournament out there or co-ed softball tournament during the day; I think it would bring people in cause that's what we like in for the whole day type of thing; but it's going well and I loved driving the gator around yesterday that was the fun part. So it's going well out there; you know I've had some CAC workers and some of the things that I now; since that's over; going to address the upkeep of Belleview Park and other parks but there's somethings that have (inaudible) around Belleview they're going to help me with some rats issues and things like that."

Mr. DiLoreto – "You got enough lifeguards now?"

Lorri Fetherolf – "Yes actually we have ten (10) lifeguards which is plenty of lifeguards. They work as many hours as they can get so we don't really need twenty (20). I will say as I go through the summer there are ideas I've written down for ways that we can maybe save money and things that will need attention that will definitely have to be done for next year; I would like it to get done for next year; we have to figure out where were going; what direction the pool is going so we can take care of those things and one of the things we'll talk about next week is the fee we're charging right now which is \$3.00 for kids and \$5.00 for adults; I'll make my recommendation and see where we go from there."

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you Lorri and for some reason I thought the favorite part of the day was visiting the food vendor. Thank you for your help at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration."

Mayor Mucci – "Noting that Mr. Dolak is here; tomorrow will be the opening of the round-a-bout; I believe that that is scheduled at one o'clock."

Mr. Dolak – "Possibly one o'clock"

Mayor Mucci – "Possibly one o'clock; obviously because of the funeral service I will not be able to attend but we wish you and the administration well with the opening of the round-a-bout."

Mr. Mastro – No report

## **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Council Chambers were cleared for Executive Session.

Council Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

After we came out of Executive Session, Willie Paul, Chairman of the Finance Committee, sunshine legislation that will amend the Table of Organization, Ordinance 2017-34 to include two positions under the Municipal Court Division -- a full-time (Julie Shriver) and a part-time position (Kim Creech) to supervise Community Service personnel in the maintenance and cleaning of the City Building and grounds keeping and mowing lots for the city. This will be declared an emergency.

Mr. Timmons asked that the reports from department heads include how they are utilizing people doing Community Service.

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