

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 1, 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 DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Johnson, Paul, Timmons, & Villamagna

Also present; Acting Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for July 25, 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 – “Nothing your Honor”

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**NO. 2017-58 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

**Messrs. DiLoreto, Johnson, Hahn**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION TO BE USED TOWARDS FUNDING THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE JEF-SR43-4.21 SUNSET BOULEVARD AND LOVERS LANE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PID NO. 90235, CITY PROJECT NO. 2010-131 AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.**

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-58. The third and final reading will be on August 8<sup>th</sup>. If passed by city council the effective date of this ordinance will be September 8<sup>th</sup>.”

**NO. 2017-59 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

**Messrs. DiLoreto, Johnson, Hahn**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION TO BE USED TOWARDS FUNDING THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE WILSHIRE BOULEVARD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 2017-115 AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.**

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-59. The third and final reading will be on August 8<sup>th</sup>. If passed by city council the effective date of this ordinance will be September 8<sup>th</sup>.”

**NO. 2017-60 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER THE AMOUNT OF \$105,000.00 FROM THE WATER RESERVE FUND (91) TO THE WATER OPERATING FUND (50) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2017-60. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-60 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-60 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

**NO. 2017-61 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO RENAME FUND "62" CURRENTLY THE HEALTH ASSURANCE FUND TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2017-61. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-61 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-61 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. DiLoreto – No report

Mr. Dressel – “Couple short things; one is I would like to thank Judge Mascio and the community service people for all the lawn mowing; they’ve gotten a lot done and secondly North End Ball Field is in appallingly horrible condition so if there’s anyway; it’s not even usable and it’s been under water a lot cause of all the rain

but if there is some way that we can at least get it raked someone could actually use it. There's a number of small girls leagues that use it and I've notice they've all stopped using it down there; so it's bad if you could take a look. Thanks."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Are they using it Scott?"

Mr. Dressel – "No one is using it now."

Mr. DiLoreto – "But they've used it in the past?"

Mr. Dressel – "Yes they have."

Mrs. Hahn – No report

Mr. Johnson – No report

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor I have one. It's council as a whole; it's a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. That's all I have your Honor."

Mr. Timmons – No report

Mr. Villamagna – "The only thing I have Mayor is the roundabout and it was addressed by you already with Russell Hunt agreed to adopt that roundabout cause it looks horrible; weeds are five (5) foot high in there; so if anybody calls and asks you about it; I got a couple calls about it; Russell Hunt is going to take care of it; Total Lawn Care."

Mayor Mucci – "There is a meeting that we're facilitating the first part of August I believe it's on August 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> somewhere in that area to finalize that understanding with Mr. Hunt but we want to thank him and Total Lawn Care for assisting us with this project."

### **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mayor Mucci – "As council members are aware the City Manager is on vacation; a long overdue vacation; but just a couple of reports. Yesterday afternoon and most of the day today continuing here in the future we are starting the distribution of the cans for our residents in the City of Steubenville. I know for a fact that there has been a lot of questions, concerns as we move through this and let me just say that I after all my years here completely understand that sometimes when there is change; people because of the uncertainty not sure of the change and not sure what direction to go too and just like any other change it takes time to get use too. Now I can recall when we placed the 5<sup>th</sup> lane on Sunset Blvd. between Bob Evans and Hollywood Blvd. a lot of people didn't want it; they couldn't understand it why; they didn't realize that we had statistical safety factors; but we had lawsuit after lawsuit; Mr. Yanko lived on the corner there sued us; a council woman did and all but now today everybody has adapted to that and they love that 5<sup>th</sup> lane for convenience purposes but we did it for safety purposes. There's been other changes throughout the community. What we are trying to accomplish within the sanitation department is more efficiency for the department and see where we can better utilize either personnel or equipment; saving on costs so we don't have to raise rates and all. We did have a surplus with the active department and this council and their foresight decided to modernize the collection process in the City of Steubenville in purchasing these cans was one of the ways to go. Now is it perfect? We don't know that yet but we're rolling out the program. The size of the containers; we're getting calls and all; it's too large; it's not large enough; we need an additional can and all. Let me just say that we are going to continue to move forward with the program; answer all the calls and assist any resident that may; Mr. Gossett could verify today I happened to be assisting a couple of our residents; I was on Hollywood Blvd. moving one of the trash containers because it was an elderly woman and all; so we're out there assisting through this process. Tonight what I have for the members of council is; although these are orange some may receive a bright green; some may receive a purple color or whatever but these are accompanied with each of the cans while they are being delivered. Some of our area such as Brady Estates and Hollywood have already received their cans and we'll continue with that process. This is basically accompanying your can; talking about how to use your can; what to place in your can and what not to place in your can. It's pretty self-explanatory also I would like to pass out to the members council frequently asked questions because I know you'll probably get calls at your home or when you're on the street or at (inaudible) and all asking you some questions. The City of Steubenville does own the cart; the carts that are being delivered now is one large cart per customer; a count that we have with the City of Steubenville; a lot of people (inaudible) they need an additional one or they would like a smaller one; we can accommodate that and we will accommodate that but we want to get out the containers to all of our customers first; once that is distributed that should be done is about a weeks' time; hopefully by the end of next week that will be completed; we'll do the analysis and then we'll start going out and either changing out the larger container for a smaller container or if you want an additional container. Mind you that each of these containers had an ID number that is associated with your account number and the Water Department for tracking purposes; so that all needs to be documented as we change that throughout the system so it's not as easy just going to drop off a container at somebody's house or adding an additional container there's paperwork on our end for accountability purposes. But if you look at those questions; put the leftovers out for everybody; they're going to be receiving this; anybody that has an account with the City of Steubenville will be receiving this. You can place in these cans anything materials or any waste that you normally put out for regular sanitation pick up; however we are not going to accept Freon, air conditioners, tires and all we never did accept those anyhow but you can put in these containers anything that you usually put out for the regular collection. What's important though is when you place the container out so our vehicle can go and pick it up either side or rear that we have enough clearance; we're asking that there be wherever you place it three (3) feet on each side clearance so the

garbage truck can maneuver that can and then place it back in there. I don't think that's really asking that much. After you use the can and I suggest to the citizens to go through the process and use it once or twice three (3) weeks in a row; if you don't think it's large enough you can order another can; if you think it's too large and want a smaller can you can order a smaller can; you can simply do that by calling our sanitation department 283-6000 ext. 3200 so that should answer some of the questions about the containers. It's also important when you place these containers and there's a clearance of 3 feet on each side; the arrow on the top lid is facing out to the street to where the sanitation truck will pick it up that's extremely important for residents to get used to it. Now we that this isn't going to be an easy task; some of our citizens are going to be concerned about it; feel free to call; any office but really the sanitation department and ask those questions because once this gets into place I think people are going to find out that's it's going to be much easier and we're hoping and praying that it will also resolve some of our litter concerns in our community; that people will use this and litter is not going; cause you don't have a lid for your can or whatever; blowing out or falling or animals getting into it. They're pretty sturdy containers and again they are going to be the city's responsibility. Hopefully I answered some of the questions if the members of council have any questions about the roll out of the cans."

Mr. Villamagna – "Mayor the old cans; cans that we have now; can we put them out to throw away?"

Mayor Mucci – "I'll double check with Mr. Baird; I'm going to say yes; here's what we are hoping that I do know; we're hoping that when you receive your can that you start utilizing it for the following pick up; we will still have the labors out there for a short period of time and I think we can accommodate those; however if they can fit within those containers just put it in there."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's what I told a couple people; if it fits in there as trash you can put it in there but I don't know about..."

Mayor Mucci – "If it doesn't fit in there I would think if it's a decent can people may even want to keep it just for storage; in the corner of the garage or something."

Mr. Johnson – "Yes Mayor Chapter 951 is now going to be outdated and is going to need to be rewritten; has anybody started that process?"

Mayor Mucci – "I'm not aware of that; I could check with the City Manager; but I will check into that and get back with you."

Mr. Johnson – "Thank you."

Mayor Mucci – "The second item I would like to quickly go over with the members of council; if you can recall I mentioned to everyone about the Day of Action; United Way and I indicated to you to just get the feel I was going to submit about four (4) different projects. The projects being the watering trough on Market Street, the sign Steubenville on Market Street that's painted on the wall; a cleanup of the Steubenville Marina and the painting of the underpass between Bob Evans and Harding Stadium. All four (4) projects are extremely important for the parents for the City of Steubenville; but I received a confirmation from the United Way and basically the Executive Director came to tell me that she wanted to confirm with me that she had enough volunteers to cover all four (4) projects; which is really fantastic and it's my understanding that Catholic Central High School the new principal out there indicated that all the students will be participating in the Day of Action here in Jefferson County; so we're going to have a lot of volunteers but you know the four (4) project that I have mentioned none of them will come easy. The actual Day of Action is August 31<sup>st</sup>; quite frankly I really doubt if we could get to the watering trough before that August date with the work load within the maintenance department; I don't know that for a fact we need to have more conversations, but the painting of the wall; although I did notice coming down this evening that apparently our last storm knocked over a couple trees so we're going to have to clear those out of there and prepare the wall; but I need a coordinator so I'm asking the members council if there is any interest; I know that you have indicated to me and to any of those projects if you could be the coordinator and the coordinator is going to be responsible for the whole host of things. We got the volunteers so we got the people to do the work now we need to find the materials, any of the equipment we may need, or any of the supplies, lunch if it's going to be an all-day project for the volunteers and all that good happy stuff. If members council would like to take a leadership role in organizing one of these; sitting down with myself, the city manager and Kate from the United Way to go over the project and see what we're going to need and go from there I would appreciate it and if they can let me know this week so we can start putting that into action."

Mr. Mastros – No report

Mayor Mucci – "One more note I have been working with Mr. Lewis in the Finance office getting all the facts and figures prepared for the 5 mill operating levy that will appear on the November ballot and how the funds are distributed so hopefully next Tuesday I'll have a rough draft of that for the members council so we can start (all inaudible)"

## **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."

Patrick McLaughlin – 407 Colonial Drive Steubenville, Ohio. I just want to talk about my mother's property at 201 Rosslyn Blvd. She's been having problems with her neighbors and Mr. Villamagna here is the big reason

why. He shows favoritism towards certain people and I want to contemplate that as bull crap that he does that and you know that you do it. Mr. Villamagna had the police drive by my mom's house every ten to fifteen minutes chalking her tires; they put more chalk on her tires than the recreation does on the ball fields in five (5) years; that's how often he had them out there. Then she had oversize rocks; he said they were too big so he had the city send her a letter we had to move the rocks but I've been out in his ward and there are eleven (11) houses out there with the same size rocks. I want to get with you and the director of (inaudible) and I want to get that taken care of; I want letters sent to those people and I (inaudible) cleared up. Now the neighbor wants to destroy my mother's property by driving his truck in my mother's yard; I want this shown on TV this is a copy of him doing that. I know Mr. Villamagna likes to call WTOV9 after every meeting and get his five (5) seconds of fame but I want my fifteen (15) seconds of fame but I just want to say this and I mean this from the bottom of my heart; you are a disgrace to this city and you are..."

Mayor Mucci – "Okay Patrick thank you. Patrick that is not necessary."

Patrick McLaughlin – "It's necessary for my part."

Mayor Mucci – "It's not necessary thank you Patrick."

Mr. Villamagna – "I'm going to reply to that. I didn't send the police anywhere."

Patrick McLaughlin – "Yes you did."

Mr. Villamagna – "I have calls from the citizens."

Patrick McLaughlin- "Okay"

Mr. Villamagna – "Let me talk I didn't interrupt you."

Patrick McLaughlin – "When you're done talking I'm going to talk again."

Mayor Mucci – "Now wait a minute; wait a minute. Let me just clear something right now; it's not for you or you or anybody else to determine who's going to talk or how long they're going to talk or when they are going to talk; it's up to the chair."

Mr. Villamagna – "I got a call from several people on Rosslyn Blvd. about the rocks being put into the streets; the big rocks the boulders that you are talking about."

Patrick McLaughlin – "And they're removed."

Mr. Villamagna – "So I contacted the City Manager; the City Manager went out there and he said that he saw nothing wrong with the white rocks but he did see a problem with the big rocks; so the rocks were moved. That was the end of my involvement with any of that; I had nothing else to do; I never sent no police car out there; I didn't contact anybody and have the police go out there to say anything to anybody other than me contacting Jim Mavromatis and says Jim I want you go to out; me, Jim, and Mike Dolak went out and we all agreed that the big boulders were too big with the rebar in it because people had a hard time; without that being said that isn't your mother's property."

Patrick McLaughlin – "That is my mother's property."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's the City of Steubenville's property; that's a right of way; we went to Lovers Lane and we stopped a 92 year old man from putting up his retaining wall because it was five (5) foot on to the right of way; so I went and I seen the City Manager I said the guy has had the retaining wall before it was the city limits; we should allow him to put it back up there. We don't allow anybody to have anything on the right of way however we don't ever correct it unless there's a problem; so when I brought that to your problem and I'm not showing preferential treatment to anybody; I answer every call that comes to me some people don't like what I do; I don't work for anybody but the citizens and that's why I went to that complaint. If your mother and father were sitting here I don't know either one of them; I don't know them from a load of coal but I'll tell you who does know them; City Manager is personal friends with them and the City Manager makes everybody takes everything off the right of way okay? But he didn't make your mother takes those rocks of the right of way; that's what I know and whether you think I'm a disgrace or not; listen to me and you listen good; I could care less about your opinion okay? Have a nice evening and that's all I got to say."

Patrick McLaughlin – "I would like to speak again. You don't care about other people; you only care about the people that you want to care about; just like when you had an episode with the police because they wrote your neighbor a ticket; was your neighbor breaking the law?"

Mr. Villamagna – "You don't have a clue what you are talking about."

Patrick McLaughlin – "I know (all inaudible)"

Mayor Mucci – "Okay Patrick!"

Mr. Villamagna – "Mayor are you going to stop this?"

Mr. DiLoreto – "Let's move on."

Mayor Mucci – "Patrick you made your point."

Patrick McLaughlin – "I'll be back next week."

Mayor Mucci – "Fine."

John Mascio – 567 Braybarton Blvd. in Steubenville. I got questions on this trash (inaudible); one and I understand how it should work during the course of the year; but what do you do about this fall when the leaves are falling and there are people who rake and bag their leaves; which have been picked up in the past by the trash collectors and now they are not going to fit in one container; probably would fit in two containers maybe even three containers if you got a lot of trees or large trees; I'm one of those and my next door neighbor does in fact both neighbors do; so what do we do in a situation like that? None of us want to blow them into the street because in my opinion it's a traffic hazard anyway so how are they going to get picked up? That's one question and number two I was thinking about what are you going to do with Christmas time when people are putting out all their boxes and crates and wrapping and everything else and you've got piles of that sitting there. It's not going to fit in the container so how's that going to be handled? Has anybody thought of that? I don't think you can expect people

to buy however many containers for a short period of time like that and they're not going to use them for the rest of the year. Do you have any answers to that?"

Mayor Mucci – "You are correct. First of all blowing the leaves out to the street is a hazard especially if it's a little damp out it can be very slippery let alone for people walking; vehicles also I won't disagree with that. As it was talked about by the committee stages; this council and I know the administration both the City Manager and Mr. Baird are working on it; is the purchasing of additional bags now where that's at I don't know but that would be like for the fall time leaves and all; from the sanitation department for an excess period of time and fall is one of them."

John Mascio – "I have a question about that; we brought this up once before there was no answer at that time maybe because it hadn't been thought out but if the City is looking into distributing additional bags for whatever leaves we'll just say for that. I'm having a problem understanding why people just can't go buy bags like they do now and put them out? It's probably going to be the same kind of bag unless you put a tag (inaudible). Mike Johnson indicated last time when I brought up that it wasn't intended to be a money maker for the city so why couldn't people just do what they are doing now; bag and put them out if there is going to be a manual pick up. Here's another reason why I'm asking if they have to be obtained through the city; there are going to be people that don't have the ability to get down here to get them or maybe because of work; maybe because of age; maybe because of lack of transportation; how are they supposed to do all of this and where are you going to get it because there are limited hours that the city is opened again and that's why I bring it up. Why can't the city bags be used?"

Mayor Mucci – "Your point is well taken and I'll make sure that that gets back to the City Manager for their discussion when they're discussing the bags but thank you Mr. Mascio."

Jerry Barialla – "4353 Steuben Woods Drive. Question about the smaller containers; do we know what capacity that is?"

Mayor Mucci – "I don't know the..."

Mr. Paul – "65; I believe there's a 45, 65, and a 95. Senior citizens wanting those I believe we can discuss that another day because my mother-in-law is one of those senior citizens that would like a 65 or a 45; yea we haven't discussed that."

Mayor Mucci – "Well we do have smaller containers available however (inaudible) we have not been identified to any certain accounts as of yet. The larger containers have been and that's what we are distributing first; you can presently call the sanitation department; talk to Tina or whomever and request a smaller container but I can assure you; you won't receive it for about ten (10) days to two (2) weeks in that general area; but they are noble and (inaudible) we're getting out the larger containers then we'll move into replacing the larger ones with the smaller ones if you request that. You can call the sanitation department right now and request a smaller container you'll go on that list."

Mr. Paul – "But what I thought the City Manager said was he wanted to get the big ones to everybody first."

Mayor Mucci – "That's right."

Mr. Paul – "Then you can return the big one for the smaller one correct?"

Mayor Mucci – "We will replace it."

Mr. Paul – "Right okay. That how I want; cause I have people"

Mayor Mucci – "And if they know right now that they need a smaller container they should be contacting the sanitation department; the numbers on the cart that are being distributed; the sanitation department and request a smaller container however I will assure you they will not be delivered for 10 days 2 weeks."

Mr. Paul – "Okay they can use them for a month that's all that matters; they can get another one. Okay."

Maddy Patterson – "I just have a question about where are they going; is your garbage going to be picked up in the same place?"

Mayor Mucci – "As long as there is three (3) feet clearance; put it right where it's at."

Maddy Patterson – "Yea it is; it's in the driveway in the back."

Mayor Mucci – "You'll put it right back out there where it's at. It has two (2) wheels to make it easy for you; your husband won't have to do it for you."

Joel Marsh – "2402 Sunset Blvd. My primary concern is no matter how small the container are; even if you go down to 45 gallons which is what you were saying; people that are elderly and rely on walkers and all that; they can't use a walker and pull a can with wheels no matter how hard they try. If they can't get their can to the curb what are they going to do about garbage? Because right now they might be able to carry a small bag of trash and place it curb side for them to pick up but it doesn't work; they might use the can as a walker to get to the curb but they are certainly not going to use it to get back to their house and especially if the weather is (inaudible) how are they going to be able to get a can from wherever it's located to the curb with three (3) feet clearance to make this all work? The can can be as small as it possibly can unless it the size of a thirteen (13) gallon can; I'm pretty sure they're not going to be able to do it with a walker, wheelchair, whatever so are there accommodations built into this thing for those type of people and what are they supposed to do?"

Mayor Mucci – "Well first of all I'm not aware of any accommodations for our drivers to go; they're one way or another putting out their garbage now; yes it might be a one (1) bag garbage but these things if you see them and you move them are pretty operable and (inaudible) the cans they have wheels strong wheels."

Joel Marsh – "Yes I know they are on wheels and I know people that have disability problems that can barely push them empty so how are these individuals that are in wheelchairs, walkers, and canes supposed to get them from wherever they're located to the curb?"

Mayor Mucci – "And I appreciate that and those are things we are going to be working out but we're also hoping and praying that we have some courtesy neighbors that may assist somebody elderly in their neighborhood that they are aware of."

Joel Marsh – “In some cases that may work but what if it doesn’t work?”

Mayor Mucci – “We’ll continue to work with those individuals.”

Joel Marsh – “Okay as long as they are getting their trash picked up I guess that’s all that matters.”

Mayor Mucci – “We surely don’t want trash left out because before you know it it’s over a hillside.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Can we contact some of these other communities; cause I just thought about what he said; can we contact some of the other communities that have these garbage cans and find out what they’re policy is? With some of the elderly people that can’t get the garbage cans maybe that will be the answer cause I thought what he just said; I thought about it; there’s some people that can’t handle just a bag.”

Mayor Mucci – “Sure”

Mr. Timmons – “I have a question. I had some citizens asking about removal of the old cans; are they going to pick those up?”

Mayor Mucci – “Mr. Villamagna asked that question as I indicated to him if the old container fits within the garbage can we’re distributing; the larger one the 96 gallon one; they can put them in there to be removed like our trash. Some cans some people want to keep for storage and all but we will continue with our labor force for about ten (10) days or so moving through the community so that we can collect them so they should put them out for garbage.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay so put those out I’ll let them know.”

Jim Marquis – “President of Fraternal Order Police Lodge 1 as you know I’m sure. I’m here to address some lies that were publicly stated in last week’s council meeting. Mr. Johnson and Villamagna both stated last week that when Mr. Villamagna turned in a citizen’s complaint regarding parking trailers in a residential neighborhood, the police personnel responded not to the citizen complaint but to Villamagna’s neighborhood and started writing crisscross parking tickets. I believe that he stated that it was 2-4 minutes; as we all know that everything is documented in this city; everything we do is documented in this city as a police officer; that was at least a minimum of 20-25 minutes before that officer ended up on Marion Place. That’s a blatant lie. The complaint regarding a boat and trailer parked on Cunningham Lane as well as a vehicle crisscross parked on the street. The patrolman responded to the location of the complaint, found there to be no violation regarding the boat and trailer, as it was parked in a private driveway, and cited the vehicle for the crisscross parking violation. The patrolman then continued to write crisscross parking tickets on other vehicles in the area, as well as multiple other streets in his assigned area of patrol that were committing the same violation; crisscross we are talking about. Are we to only cite the vehicles that City Council complains about? How fair and equal would that be to cite one vehicle and not another for the same violation? Are councilmen’s friends and neighbors exempt from the same laws they request others to follow? Is council suggesting that we are to look the other way when violations are committed on their street? Mr. Johnson stated enforcement of violations should be fair and apply to all. If he really meant this, then tell me what the problem is because we feel that is exactly what occurred. Fair and equal enforcement to all regardless of who your friend or neighbor is. Mr. Johnson also stated if half of the effort was expended in crisscross parking was used to address the prostitution issue the prostitution issue would be near eliminated. Where in your vast amount of life experience Mr. Johnson did you become an expert in law enforcement and the rules we are governed by when addressing a suspected violation of the law? The statements made by this Council were false, malicious, and a slap in the face of every officer on the Steubenville Police Department and members of the Fraternal Order Police Lodge 1. Is it not the duty of Council to create an environment and positive image of the City in order to promote growth and prosperity? How are the statements made by Council last week in any way fostering a positive image of the City? I would say if half the effort expended in attempting to make the Steubenville Police Department look bad was used to create job opportunities and solve real issues instead of fabricated ones, the homeless, poverty, and certain crime issues would be near eliminated. There is no “Crusade” or attempt to “intimidate” City Council. The officers of Steubenville Police Department have nothing to gain by making any attempt of the sort. We do believe that city council has no right to dictate how and where police officers do their job. City Council does not have to issue any sort of “mandate” for officers to proactively, not aggressively, enforce any law of the City of Steubenville and State of Ohio, contrary to the belief Council has as to how far their authority extends. Mr. Johnson stated that Council would not be “intimidated” as they should not be. By the same token, the officers of this department will not be dictated by Council on what laws to enforce and where to enforce them. If anything it appears that City Council is attempting to intimidate the Steubenville Police Officers and members of the Fraternal Order Police Lodge 1. Which is directly related to the Health Care; which an independent arid ruled in favor of FOP Lodge 1. Mr. Villamagna I asked you in your thirty (30) years of experience have you ever cited a councilman?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes I have.”

Jim Marquis – “The officers of the Steubenville Police Department will continue to proactively enforce any and all law violations in the City of Steubenville in order to reach our goal of creating a safe business and family friendly environment for each us to raise our children in. Should be the goal of everyone involved? I want to pose that as a question should it not?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes”

Jim Marquis – “Thank you”

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim I don’t know if you are aware of everything so I’ll start from the beginning. First I will tell you this I did make a mistake with the 2-4 minutes and I crossed it out on the copies and I had; it was 24-25 minutes; I crossed it out but I missed the one copy that they got so I do apologize for that but let me go back. I contacted the Police Department and asked about this car; the call was no parking on Cunningham Lane; there’s a no parking sign there.”

Jim Marquis – “Absolutely”

Mr. Villamagna – “I called down there and said there’s no parking there and the car is there; cause I found it because people are calling me and telling me how they are coming up that hill and almost getting hit. It was a dispatcher so they told me we’re busy right now we’ll get to it; I said okay; so I take them for their word; I know that you’re busy sometimes and you can’t get there right away and that’s cool. Following day I get a call from the same person and they say Bob the car is still there; I called again; listen the car is still there; we’ll send somebody out; I’m not going to follow everybody around to make sure the car is gone or ticketed or whatever. So about three (3) days later I get the same call from another person and they said all the neighbors are upset about this car going up the hill why won’t they get anything done? I said listen I’ll get something done. I called Jim I said Jim you got to help me out; that car is still parked on Cunningham Lane; I’ll take care of it; whether if he told you guys or not because I got some doubt whether if he even said anything; the car was there. I called back to Jim and I was mad and I told him I says I’m not asking you now I’m telling you I want somebody to take care of that car; that’s the truth; Jim said I’ll take care of it; right after that and you can say what you want to say; I’ve been retired for fifteen (15) years; I sit in that garage every day and I smoke a cigar; there ain’t been a car on Marion Place hardly ever; a car come down Marion Place and wrote the citation which I got no problem with; none; as long as everybody is getting the tickets. So then the car was still not ticketed over there; cause I got in my truck and I went over there and looked and the car still ain’t ticketed; it was crisscross parked but it was in a no parking zone; that’s where it was at in a no parking zone; that was the problem; that was the call. The cruiser goes up there and they give a ticket for crisscross parking and I said to Jim; I go Jim I called no parking that’s my problem there; no parking; it comes down to the same policeman everybody drives and they say call, call, call; they don’t want to hear all the stories. So they wrote the easiest ticket for them; crisscross parking ticket; that’s not the call Jim and I don’t care about the easiest part is writing easy; crisscross parking and no parking is no easier or harder to write either one of them. I says to Jim I got three (3) trailers parked on Rosslyn Blvd.; three (3) trailers parked there; commercial trailers; illegal right? I says Jim; I ain’t allowed to tell anybody what to do; I can’t tell Jim or anybody or any department or you guys or anybody; I says Jim I got three (3) trailers parked on Rosslyn Blvd. and one of Stratford; he said I’ll take care of it; he calls me back; Bob; he don’t take care of it the trailers are still there; people are calling; there was an accident up there where a car went off the side of the road; car was coming around there went over into one of the yards; damaged the property and the truck. He said I’ll take care of that; he didn’t take care of it; he didn’t take care of it; so again I call and I argue with him; you know how I am once I go out I got to say something to him so I said something to him; he says well I checked with the Police and the Police told me they’re legal. I wish he was here; I wish you guys would’ve come next week cause he’s on vacation when everything; so I said it is illegal; it’s 5.15 whatever the code is I said it’s 5.15 and he calls me back and says I’ll take care of it; so they send somebody up there and they move the one trailer into the driveway; still ain’t allowed to put them trailers; not a commercial trailer; you ain’t allowed to have a commercial trailer on the street or in your driveway I’m pretty sure about that but they’re off the street part of the goal was realized. The trailer on Stratford had commercial air conditioners on it; commercial air conditioners; one of them fell off the trailer and was half on and half off the trailer; I called Jim for two (2) weeks and asked him to get something done; now I know the Police patrol that street; I know they do; did they know; did they get that call? I got no idea; I don’t think you do either; that’s where the frustration comes in with this; now since the beginning of the year there was a 117 tickets wrote for crisscross parking; in a matter of days there’s a 137; 140 tickets wrote or something like that; a lot of tickets wrote for crisscross parking; that leads me to believe; why would you only write 117 then all of a sudden when this all starts we go out and write; he ain’t here but I’m going to say this and I wish he was here cause I want to say this; nah I’m going to wait I don’t want to say that yet until I talk to him. But there is a lot of miscommunication coming from him to you guys and from you guys to us; I was a cop for twenty-six (26) years; I’m still a deputy sheriff; I’ll stick up for you guys 100%; now I’m going to go into something cause I told Robbie to invite me to a meeting I was going to tell you in a council meeting but I’m going to say it now and if I get in trouble I get in trouble. The hospitalization; I’m on a different side of the fence now you know what I mean I’m not negotiating for you guys I’m looking out for the city; that being said when I read the Fire Department contract; I called and I just happened to do that I don’t mean him that’s not who I talked to; I called a high ranking member of your Police Department and I said don’t sign the contract because you’re getting; on the insurance; he calls me back and he says to me I checked with whatever that guy’s name is that represents you from OLC and he said everything is okay; then go head and sign the contract; that’s what happened with the thing. I thought I would tip you off and I ain’t allowed to do that but I did because I thought it was wrong to do it; so when we had the meeting with the lawyers; the lawyers tell us; which we pay them big money; but now we got Costa so he don’t charge us anything; we pay them big money and he calls and he says don’t open the contract; cause if you do you’re going to create a hornets nest that you won’t be able to calm down; but we listened to what they said; that’s the story on the hospitalization. The tickets; if you call me three (3) days in a row Jim and you said how about looking into something for me and I didn’t look into it for you what would you think? You would think I was (inaudible) my responsibilities as a Councilman right? These citizens when they call me; I don’t drive around and make the stuff up; they call me for everything; leaves, grass; Officer Dorsey; I stick up for Officer Dorsey 200% I told him that; he does an excellent job; he does a great job with the leads.”

Jim Marquis – “From morning until night; he’s out there morning to night.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I call him; he’s on it right away; citizens call me they call me back they go that Officer Dorsey he’s a good guy; he talked to us; I do got a problem if you know about them calls and you didn’t go then I would have a problem but I don’t know if you did or not. That’s why I’m telling you and I wish he was here because there is a miscommunication because I am not just randomly saying this. You guys are doing your job but somebody ain’t doing it because I wouldn’t of had to call; the trailer on Rosslyn; on Stratford Blvd. is still there.

Even after all this commotion it's still there. Now let me talk about favoritism; you guys wrote tickets on Harvard Blvd.; bunch of cars on Harvard Blvd.; here's the call that I got; I went outside and I told the people your giving everybody a ticket; I don't think it's right because we didn't get warned; she said all of a sudden he's writing another ticket for another car and the lady runs out of the house and says my uncle is Jim Mavromatis. I'm just telling you Jim cause I know you don't know because it didn't happen on daylight so did it happen? I don't know. This is what we hear so now I check and everybody got a ticket except this guy; is it Jim's fault? I don't know whose fault it is.

Chief McCafferty – "I can answer that."

Joel Marsh – "Excuse me! Excuse me besides from this being a personal conflict and these guys don't know..."

Mayor Mucci – "Excuse me! You're out of order. You'll have the opportunity to speak."

Mr. Villamagna – "I am answering an officer that had a question."

Mayor Mucci – "And I am allowing that to continue and quite frankly if you don't want to listen to the conversation you're welcome to leave."

Mr. Villamagna – "In the beginning I drug the other City Manager over there and I said get in that car; they had an old (inaudible) spring loose; (inaudible). The dog and Sargent Cook in an old LTD I fought to get that; got that; Captain (inaudible) come through there wanted that computer system; what is it called? Remember the Chief will tell you that; we're going to ask for the cheapest one; why? Council won't okay it. No get the best! Now we get out of this shack over here which is a disgrace into the Health Department; ain't nobody here anti police; nobody Jim and you know me; you've known me since you were a young patrolman. If you think I'm anti police then you are way off base pal because I got another job to do here for the city and I'm trying to make it good for everybody. You would feel the same way; if I called the police three (3) times and they don't come; I got to say something here."

Jim Marquis – "Absolutely but I wasn't there."

Mr. Villamagna – "I know I'm just telling you; you guys say we're lying and we're not lying."

Jim Marquis – "From 2-4 minutes"

Mr. Villamagna – "I said I was wrong."

Jim Marquis – "It was wrong; I wish all we had to do was worry about crisscross parking; the night before we had fifteen (15) rounds of a 232 go through (inaudible)"

Mr. Villamagna – "Oh I understand. But where did crisscross parking come from? I called about a no parking and the next thing I know officers are telling these people thank councilmen for the crisscross parking; I never said a word requesting you to do crisscross parking; did I ask you that? I don't know if somebody else did."

Jim Marquis – "I don't know where"

Mr. Villamagna – "I wasn't a ticket guy when I was on the police department and I ain't a ticket guy now unless you get the call; if you get the call then you got to go. When the speeding came up; City Manager was on TV; we're going to crack down on Sunset Blvd. until it's all over and done with; we warned everybody; now this crisscross parking thing and he ain't here and I ain't happy that he ain't here and we're going to talk to him when he gets back but that's the truth Jim. That's the honest to God truth. I can't say it any better than that. He's not anti-police and none of these councilmen are anti-police; we want a strong police department."

Jim Marques – "You should"

Mr. Villamagna – "We do!"

Jim Marques – "That's why we thought this was outrageous. (All inaudible)"

Mr. Villamagna – "Well that's a whole different story."

Mayor Mucci – "Yea Mr. Villamagna; I think your point is well taken and Mr. Marques your point is well taken."

Mr. Villamagna – "Hey Jim we're friends and I hope we're going to remain friends."

Chief McCafferty – "I would like to answer that question you proposed about; about being the relative; I spoke to the officer; he was writing tickets; he ran out of tickets; he said whoever is crisscross parking when I come back is getting a ticket; I spoke to him about that he simply ran out of tickets."

Mr. Villamagna – "And I don't have any (inaudible); a citizen said to me"

Chief McCafferty – "I understand; people don't always say exactly what happened but that's what happened. The officer ran out of tickets."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay (inaudible) but we still talk; we can talk about the problems."

Chief McCafferty – "Yea"

Mayor Mucci – "Mr. Villamagna; points are well taken; this has been out in the public and it has been a topic of conversation and it was a good conversation tonight; the exchange; however the bottom line I think of all of this is the lack of communication and the lack of communication goes both ways; apparently from what you're indicating Mr. Villamagna I think that this could probably resolve with a setting with the City Manager and his (inaudible) to make those lines of communication. I do know that Council is receiving now weekly reports also where they can verify the activities; not only within the Police Department but also all the other departments which is a great way of communicating because we can't be on the 24/7; but this discussion really it was good for tonight but (inaudible) other discussions with our City Manager."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Mine will be short and sweet. First of all we got to realize that we're both here for the City and everybody gets complaints including me; the police department, the garbage department, to the weeds; the other day a complaint about prostitution; there's a prostitute walking down 4<sup>th</sup> Street; there's a patrolman; he gets out talks to her; she leaves; ten (10) minutes later she's back out on the street again. You can't do everything; I think we got a (inaudible); I wouldn't be a policeman today for a million dollars or a school teacher I'd be dead. What these guys go through I would never want to go through in this day in age; we've got to work together and find

the job to do; do it; I don't ask for no favors and I don't want any favors. Just do your job; I think we got a good Police Department and I'm Catholic and I agree to the death penalty. Thank you."

Mayor Mucci – "Let's wrap this part up by saying that we agree that we will move forward with improving the communication and to the President of the FOP and to our officers; I think it goes without saying my support within the department; my support within the city employees the 220 employees I consider them all ambassadors for the City of Steubenville; we do appreciate your work; we do analyze the risk that you're taking every day you are out on the street; if you are going to return home to your family or not so we do appreciate that. Sometimes on the administration side we have to make decisions and hard decisions and that's part of the process as you know throughout the year we've been doing that; the negotiations and other policies that we adopted but we do support the Police Department. I think authorizing the painting of the blue line in front of this building to show support to the Steubenville Police Department is a small way of showing a sign of our support but quite frankly looking at our city as a whole we have a lot to be proud of and the Steubenville Police Department is part of us being proud in this community cause we know that you do your job and we do appreciate that. We also know that there are other employees that do their job too; collecting garbage, patching pot holes, or providing engineer expertise or technical assisting whatever the case may be; we live in a great community."

Rob Cook – "Vice President FOP Lodge 1 and I just have one thing to add; I agree with everything that you said but don't you think that anything that Council said towards the Police Department last week probably should have been done in a private session? Doesn't anybody think what good did that do to show in the public that City Council is in disagreement? What positive image of the City does that create?"

Mayor Mucci – "Point well taken. Wait. Mr. Cook you don't call on people to respond."

Rob Cook – "I'm done that's all I had to say. I just think it should've been done in private one on one instead of for the public to see."

Mr. Timmons – "I agree with you but I feel the same way when I saw the police officer remarks on Facebook I mean that is also public about; I mean I don't want to go through it and read it again; it was read last week but that's the same way I felt and that was the first that I have heard of it. That's the first that anybody had said something so; yea don't you think that could've been handled in private?"

Rob Cook – "It was already aired out in public by that point."

Mrs. Hahn – "Oh no."

Mr. Johnson – "No"

Mr. Timmons – "No that's not right."

Rob Cook – "Okay"

Mr. Timmons – "That's what I mean I agree with you."

Mayor Mucci – "The point is I believe what he is trying to indicate is it was placed in social media and that's where originated; which it really didn't but points are well taken on both sides again our conversation earlier and this conversation; communication."

Mr. Villamagna – "I agree with you 100% and I got a lot of frustration that why I wish he was here tonight; we tried to do it in private and he just kept saying he was going to take care of it; we didn't just blurt that out we tried to do it in private first but he wouldn't let it happen so we had to air it public; cause I agree with you it should've been done and we tried to do it but he just blew it off."

Mr. Paul – "Yea I want to say something. You know what? First of all; my son-in-law is a cop; I respect what these guys do; I really do okay; I know you were a police officer yourself Bob. I'm so tired of this bull crap on Facebook! All of you got to stop! I've asked you guys to get off the Facebook crap alright? You guys should get off the Facebook crap too! It's bull crap okay! We don't need this stuff for this City; we just went through a thing when I first got on Council with this; you remember the case? I'm not going to say what it was all about we had to clean that up and now we're going to start this crap again? You know get along; I think this City Council is doing a great job and I think the Police force is doing a great job. I love the Fire Department; I love everybody in this town that works for this city; I think we're all doing a great job we are fighting for one cause; there's some people that come in here and they want to complain weeds and they want to complain about this but we're still trying to do the job we're here to do; that we were elected to do. These guys do what they were hired to do. Facebook forget about it! Forget about it! Please! That is the biggest problem in this town."

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you Mr. Paul. Social Media is not only a problem in the City of Steubenville it's all throughout the world and sometimes it's a good outreach and sometimes it can be very misleading and things end up in conversation like they did this evening."

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

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MAYOR