

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
August 22, 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 Jim Mavromatis, Acting Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Parks and Recreation Director Lorri Fetherolf, Finance Director Dave Lewis, David Babela Jr. from Finance, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

Mayor Mucci – “Before we proceed with tonight’s agenda and meeting I would like to make a few remarks. I would like to really address the citizens of our community. We as a community are facing some challenges; those challenges must be met with understanding. Tonight our thoughts and prayers without a doubt go out to Judge Bruzzese and to his family. Let me assure everyone because of an action of one individual does not reflect the family or certainly does not represent our community; our prayers are with the entire community. What happened yesterday was really unfortunate and we will have to live with that once again in our community; but I want to thank the responders; the Steubenville Police Department, the Steubenville Fire Department, the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department and the Sheriff, the EMTs, the Ambulance Service, the FBI who was involved, the State Highway Patrol that was involved, BCI who was involved, the calls I received from our state and federal officials. I want to make sure that our citizens understand and ensure that our administrator was on top of it; Mr. Mavromatis from the moment we were aware of the situation in downtown; stood firm and informed accurately to our citizens the correct message; true leadership was shown by Mr. Mavromatis; true leadership was shown by the Steubenville Police Department and we will continue on but we will need to go through another healing process for our community and to better understand the situation we need to have compassion. Quite frankly prayers are helpful actions are even more helpful as I indicated the actions of one individual does not represent what this community is about. We have fine traditions and good traditions in our community and we will in time move on with this particular incident also; but it will take an understanding and frank discussion amongst all of us and as we gather for our prayer service and as we gather in whatever fashion we want and I know tomorrow that there will be healing processes and counselors for individuals in the court house who witness this incident and we will have those available too at our disposal; for our employees if necessary. However we need to come together as a community and move beyond this; we need to understand it; appreciate what conclusions we draw from this and move our community forward and we can surely do that with prayer. So with that I will ask everybody throughout the remainder of this week and if they could attend on Friday at St. Peter’s Church; Faith in the Future and I see that Tracy is here with us; will be having a prayer service uniting our community and I ask for your attendance at that event. Hopefully we will move on with prayer in our community.”

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for August 15, 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 – “Nothing your Honor”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2017-63– BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AN UNNAMED ALLEY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-63. The third and final reading will be on August 29th. If passed by city council the effective date of this ordinance will be September 30th.”

NO. 2017-64 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Johnson, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE BUILDING AND STRUCTURE IDENTIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE TO BE AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE AS DEFINED BY SECTION 108 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING SUCH TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OR DEMOLITION OF SUCH UNSAFE STRUCTURE.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-64. The third and final reading will be on August 29th. If passed by city council the effective date of this ordinance will be September 30th.”

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Johnson – “Yes your Honor. I would like to call a Planning Committee Meeting for September 19th at 6:00 p.m.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes your Honor. I have one and it’s Council as a whole; it’s a resolution claiming the month of September 2017 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and I just want to remind everybody next week we’ll have that Safety Committee Meeting; it’s very important and I think that if the public wants to show up they are more than welcome 6:00 p.m. here at Council Chambers and I’ll get the agenda out a little sooner than today and I’ll send the attachment. Thank you.”

Mr. Timmons – “Just one thing that you might notice Council members wearing school shirts tonight; just want to remind everybody to be watchful of students walking, bus stops, walking after school and just want to show our support to the students, teachers, and the parents of the kids.”

Mayor Mucci – “It was a great suggestion us all wearing high school jerseys to tonight’s meeting and to bring attention to that; of course we want to wish all the students the best of luck in this school year; hopefully everybody will get passing grades.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. First off I would like to call Economic Development Committee Meeting for September 12th at 6:00 p.m. and I would like to extend an invitation to Dr. Florak and also Evan Scurti and Mayor could you; I want to have a representative from the Land Bank Marty could you talk to him and ask him to be there that day?”

Mr. Timmons – “Would you like me to see if I could get the representative back from the Ohio Oil and Gas for that meeting as well?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yea you can if you want. If he would come back up I think that would be a good idea. If you know that guy and he can come up than that’s fine.”

Mr. Timmons – “I can.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yea that will be the 12th at 6:00 p.m. It has been brought to my attention this Aberdeen Water Project has been going on; it has been going real good but there has been some problems and these old lines busted while this was going on and mud got in there and everything like that and I had several calls about an alert system; I mean we’re in the 21st Century; schools do it; everybody does it all over the country; they alert people and if we could; I don’t understand our IT program I don’t know if we have one that does that or does he just fix a problem.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Our IT or what we have here is for fixing problems; we could contract for other services if needed.”

Mr. Villamagna – “With that company?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes we can we can also go; what I’m going to do I am setting up meeting with the City Manager in Follansbee, Wellsburg, and Weirton and I’m going to talk to each of them; they already might have a program in place that save a lot of them time and work effort that get the cost factors involved and what does it take to get this online; the case and the point is a lot of them are set up by e-mail or they are set up by phone numbers or text messages that goes out and they get the facts that there’s a water break here it will effect; and then the people know what’s coming. It’s really going to be the responsibility; once we set the platform up of the families; how do you want notified? By e-mail or by text messages and you are absolutely correct; the technology is there it’s the matter of…”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yea I mean we got to take advantage of this stuff; it’s the 21st Century and also the other guy; I got a call from a person he’s volunteering his company if we need his help; this Richfield Group; I have his name I can give it to you later.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Back to your Aberdeen Project there’s been numerous breaks there with that old system there and you’re absolutely correct; they’re putting in the new line there.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yea it happened in the morning at 7:00; they fix that one and I feel sorry for these guys and it broke again later that day and then they had a break on Lincoln Ave. at the same time and there’s just so many things you can do but we owe it to the community to let them know that we have a problem and it’s being addressed and what actions that they will have to take. The other thing that I have is; well I brought up already about the overtime for the Officer here; the garbage cans; they are still not utilizing the new trucks and the problem that I got and I experienced it myself today; it’s no big deal because I’m young enough to do it but all the garbage was not out of the can so I had to dump the can out and I had some smaller bags at the bottom and they just reached in and took the bigger ones and left the smaller bags.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “They physically took them out or did they lift them into the truck?”

Mr. Villamagna – “They didn’t lift them because the little bags were still at the bottom.”

Mayor Mucci – “They take the bags out of the truck I’ve witnessed that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yea they’ve been doing that and I don’t understand that situation; so I had some garbage left in the can and I’m sure it was just an oversight but they are not using the new compactors and I don’t understand that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’ll get an answer for that; but Bob that’s the second; it’s not a complaint; what caught the neighbor off guard and I’ve heard this from two (2) other people that they are physically removing the bags from the cans and not bringing the can up. Now I know one of the trucks has a busted; but there’s two (2) per truck so I’ll find out tomorrow from Mr. Baird.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I don’t know the information; I don’t know how to find it; when the Core of Engineers gave us the Marina there has to be some paperwork with specifications. Do you know where it is?”

Mayor Mucci – “At our last meeting with the National Park Services had a copy of the deed and the restrictions of the Marina; it has to stay under the use of Recreational Activities and I know our Law Director I believe was doing some research on that deed along with our Engineer.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Who would I see to get a copy of that? Cause I want to bring that up in the Economic Development Meeting and I want to know the restrictions so I don’t (inaudible) about things that are already in there.”

Mayor Mucci – “I have a copy at the office I don’t have it with me.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s okay. Could you forward it to me; make sure that I get a copy of it.”

Mayor Mucci – “I can give it to you after the meeting.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes. Lorri I want to thank you for the good report and the Recreation Department; we had many closed meetings; many hot meetings and we had an average of thirty-three (33) people per day using the pool and that’s probably that counts of the ones that were in there for free so I think the city did their job and I sort of kept tabs on it; I didn’t do anything up there; I know Mrs. Hahn did; shown a lot of work that’s up there and I think the ones that always complain weren’t there. So there is something for us to do here in the City of Steubenville; the basketball courts are always empty; no one is ever using that; we had applications for city workers for nine (9) jobs and I think eight (8) applied and only five (5) passed the test; either they don’t want to work or they want to have drugs. I’ve been driving around town and there’s sixteen (16) job openings up and down Sunset Blvd. for someone that wants to work; so there is something to do in this town if you’re not lazy and you have a good work ethic so I’m starting to get tired of hearing everybody saying there’s nothing to do; we want to blame the City Government; we want to blame the Police Department; look at yourself and the parents. Thank you.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yea I have a few things that are (inaudible) or things that are happening downtown. We have another (inaudible) starting at the Grand; things to the community development block grant and Fort Steuben Maintenance was the lowest bidder by a lot so they will be doing the job. You’ll see if you look over there today there’s a mess because they have asked me to do some of the demolition which my son and I have been doing; loads of fun. The Steubenville Popcorn Company construction is moving along and it started about a year ago and it’s now just finishing it’s drawing and going into the plan review; they are also working on the façade there and they are putting in a new fiberglass cornice along the top of that building; that should be in soon that it will be delivered. Interestingly they shared with me some information; there’s over fifty (50) businesses there over the last thirty-three (33) years including the paint store, a meat market, a Sally’s was there before they moved, the Woodsmen Hall, the Florentine Ballroom, Frank & Jerry’s was there, and something called Slim Ernie’s Diamond Bar Café which I have never heard of. The Drosselmeyer’s Christmas Shop hosted a dance on the street last week as well as a sidewalk art project which was really cool and it rained right at the end so actually as it’s raining it is sort of cool but when it really rains hard then it’s not cool anymore. It was really fun; my granddaughter that it was interesting so next time she has a huge box of chalk so she’ll be there next time probably and I would rather have her draw there than down in front of my house. Franciscan University orientation starts this week and the visitor center will be up there giving out maps and information about downtown (inaudible) and in the area. The Harmonium Project is doing an Oktoberfest Smile and Music Festival the first weekend of October throughout the city I’m not sure about the location but I think it’s a number of locations; it will be fifteen (15) free concerts. If you haven’t heard there was a ceiling that collapsed at Number 1 Chinese Restaurant which is only good news because; it’s not good news; they’ll be able to get it fixed because the roof on that building is relatively new so whatever it is it’s inside probably from all that steam of cooking all the food. Smitty bought Target Shop so he’s very busy with that and the Community Center. We have farmers market coming up Wednesday’s out at Eastern Gateway and this Thursday downtown (all inaudible). The Ohio Valley Youth Network has a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at West Minister Presbyterian Church with a guest speaker Jim Faber will be there which shows a lot of activity between our youth and our (inaudible) and then the United Way Day of Caring is coming up if you want to get involved you can go ahead on the website or call them at 284-9000 and sign up for one of the projects that they are doing. (inaudible) has a display of the Bill of Rights going on and I also have some copies on the Constitution here (inaudible) ordered a bunch; if you’ve never read it; read it; it’s very short; interestingly enough it’s not long; the entire country runs because of it; it’s a twenty (20) page document and then the Nutcracker Village Planning is coming up as well as the Christmas Parade; so if you want to be involved with the parade or have a booth over at the fort you need to contact the fort at 283-1787 which is the year the it was built and then you can sign up too to get involved with either of those things. Thank you.”

Mayor Mucci – “Talking about the events the Christmas Parade and other events there is an event committee this coming Thursday at the Visitor Center at 8:00 a.m. Thursday morning.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Since we backed up I want to go back a couple more. I want to celebrate a little bit and I’m glad it’s coming (inaudible) I think. There’s a very nice expensive house being built in the downtown area somewhere on 8th Street there; I don’t want to give the exact location; people maybe will go up there and bother them. Plans were submitted and it’s a very expensive home up on 8th Street which is good for the downtown. It might be the spark that maybe somebody else will decide to build a home too. I meant to tell you that and I forgot.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I just have a couple of different things. The dance and the sidewalk chalk were just a couple of the Young Preservationist ventures this summer; they have a 5K club they met twice a week and ran and it was all ages even though it was the younger people doing the work so kudos to (inaudible) Nelson and all of those that jumped on board; I think they are going to do a lot of wonderful things next summer and hopefully draw in a lot more of our young adults in that. They actually had fifty (50) people doing the sidewalk art; some children all the way up to pretty accomplish artist. I definitely want to highlight the pool; I am so proud of the job that you did Lorri; our goal was that it would be opened, that it would be safe, that it would be clean, the people

would come and see a beautiful environment and we succeeded. So when we get the baby pool opened; we got the concession stand opened and that was successful and you (inaudible) by fire; coming on board right as we were trying to get that opened. I really wanted to (inaudible) your graces on that; all well done. The Marina cleanup we are going to do this best that we can do for whoever comes on the United Way Day of Caring; in particular the observation deck is very beautifully done and so if any of you have some insight into how we could set up the (inaudible) around it; it is an area that gets flooded and I'm looking for some creative ideas and I already had one gardener give me some ideas; we just want to really clean it up and see if we can position rocks that we can put around it to make it attractive but there might be; if you know what kind of plants go along a river bank where it has flooding that would be wonderful to have your suggestion; thankfully Bob Baird's group is going to get to spray the weeds ahead of time so we can hopefully pull them out by fist full and make that wall better and it will also bring in a special piece of equipment to clean-out the boat ramps so hopefully people will less likely to be able to blow a tire on that; if we have ten (10) people we'll get a little bit done if we have a hundred (100) we'll get a whole lot more done and the JB Green Team are giving us vests, bags, and gloves to use. If you are interested it is on a Thursday; if you are working you will not be able to come but we'll start with the United Day of Caring Breakfast and then head on down to the project; I think about 9:30 we'll be on our sites; so anytime from about 9:30 till about 3:00 and feel free to come for 30 minutes; you don't have to commit to the whole day but I would really welcome your help. The other thing that I wanted to mention was at the Visitor's Bureau there have been a series of these videos by Roger Brooks on how to bring about downtown revitalization and it is just encouraging to see towns of all kinds of sizes from a few hundred to many more thousand than we have but lots of small towns being able to better serve their community by having a more vibrant downtown and then of course being able to draw tourism and visitors in so hopefully you will hear more; several of us were able to see it and it may have several showings; everyone is welcome to come anytime that they are showing; I think another one is going to be playing September 6th; I just want to open up to new ideas since it's a real opportunity I think across the country a lot of people are rediscovering their downtown and how it can be (inaudible) in community life; so hopefully that will be an interest to you. Thanks."

Mayor Mucci – "I do want to follow up on the day of action for the United Way. As I reported to the members of Council I really submitted four (4) projects; one the watering trough on Market Street, the Steubenville Sign on Market Street up above the Martin Luther King Center, the clean-up of the Marina Mrs. Hahn has been working (inaudible), and also the painting of the under pass between Bob Evans and Harding Stadium. Pulling this together we were successful in recruiting enough for the clean-up of the Marina; I will be needing this coming Thursday with the executive director of the United Way to put our game plan together that will be at 2:45 in the conference room in the city building and we'll be talking strictly about the Marina and the resources; there's a couple of items that we still need; we may need a lawn mower or two; we'll probably get that and weed eaters off of the city and we want to make sure that the bags of garbage are either removed from the dumpster or the site immediately after we clean-up that following Friday or Monday the latest and we would also like at the end; when we're all said and done for the Fire Department to once again hose off the wall because once we; the M&R Department stakes the lower; as you well know (inaudible) have done that before so that will be following the first part of September; hosing down the wall; but this coming Thursday I can request that the Police Chief and the Recreation Director to be at the meeting at 2:45 at the conference room; I've already mentioned it to our City Manager and he said that I can invite you there and also Mr. Baird is not here but we will extend an invitation to Mr. Baird at that meeting; and of course we want to thank the JB Green Team for donating the gloves, bags, and vests."

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "I received this letter today from the Mayor, City Council, and the City of Weirton and I would like to read this from our sister city across the way there. The Mayor and City Council for the City of Weirton hereby stand with Judge Joseph J. Bruzzese Jr., his family, and loved ones after the tragic and shocking ambush that occurred on August 21, 2017. When tragedy strikes another, the response can either be to hide in fear or to unite and become stronger. The Mayor and City Council for the City of Weirton hereby declare that they unite with the Bruzzese family, its elected officials, appointed officials, and devoted employees to aid and assist the Bruzzese family and the City of Steubenville. Usually if it gets like this; that bring people together; I was not part of the City Government when we had this trial juvenile several years ago and I saw exactly how out of hand it got and this was starting to take a direction yesterday. I talked several times to the press; releasing what I could accurately give them; when you have an ongoing investigation something that is as tragic as this you have to be very cautious at what you put out and I can tell you information was already on Facebook that was incorrect. That is not the place to get information you come to your authorities to get that and I can't speak highly enough on what the Mayor covered, what our Police Departments, our Sheriff Departments, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, our Prosecuting Attorney, the FBI everybody was part of this and I also notice the Chief of Police from Weirton came over with a couple of his detectives; so a lot of the credit from that event yesterday came from the citizens; I mean the citizens that were out during that time who saw things and came forward; we had two (2) city employees that gave statements that were in the alley at the time of the shooting and we're only talking about seconds of the event that happened that will take hours and days to uncover everything there but the most important thing that you have to realize this doesn't define the city in one event

and a lot of people are quickly to say that; that is not the case; we handled an unfortunate incident that happened and make no mistake about this; this was a targeted event; it was a specific target from a specific individual; that's it this has nothing to do with race; it had to deal with an illegal act that was done there and we have a pretty good idea of what the reasoning was behind it. The bottom line is this; this is Steubenville, Ohio this is our town and that's one thing that we all understand that; all the points that were brought up tonight about security you are accurate but I bring this up and I use this as an analogy cause looking at the people that are in this room; it is everyone but a good part of them; if you can remember and I know the dollars and cents that go into this because of my time at the government but we lost a President that was assassinated in Dallas; millions of dollars are spent protecting that person and it was still penetrated so if you have something like that; the point I am trying to make there no matter what you have, no matter what you do, if someone is determined to go after someone it is probably going to be accomplished but when you have the citizens working together; like you hear the phrase if you see something say something that's what you should do and just make no mistakes about this; this was a tragic event; it involved basically two (2) people and thank god there was another armed individual there from law enforcement; it could've been a lot worse than it came out to be. This is about no specific individual, race, color, anything it was about an event that happened and it was over in seconds; seconds; again it will takes weeks, months maybe to get all the facts but I wanted to personally thank all the citizens that were involved that came forward; I was contacted by numerous and this I will tell you; I was contacted by at least twenty (20) different news agencies to comment on this event and I shut down nine (9) of them at least; they wanted to bring back the event that happened with the school that has no involvement what so ever and that was made perfectly clear; this is our town; we don't allow events like this to take us over; we fight back and that's what we're made of here. That's why it's important that everybody comes together; which they did yesterday; it's unbelievable who stepped forward and volunteered information and that's what makes a city; is the integrity of everybody here. So I wanted Council to hear this, I wanted the people in our audience to hear this; we responded and we acted like we should as a town and that's how you win and we did win; as we saw this we knew exactly everything we needed to know about this and we have unbelievable forensic evidence; all types of evidence to know exactly what happened so I wanted to explain this to everyone here; everyone did a remarkable job including our citizens and again stay away from the negativity; stay away from that Facebook because there is no accountability there; I've told numerous people numerous times if you have a question about something in this city than call me or make an appointment to see me and I see people all weekend; I'll run into people and they'll ask me and if I don't have the answer I will get it for them so Mayor thank you for the time; I thank the citizens of Weirton; the administration over there and I meet regularly with the City Manager there; we talked about a variety of things; make no mistake this is the Ohio Valley and we have help here from the rest of our neighbors here so again thank you Mayor; I'd like to have Lorri if you would like to stand up and talk a little about her statistical."

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you for your leadership yesterday was a very hectic day; I know both of us were running in and out trying to answer questions and all but we do appreciate your leadership and the time (inaudible)."

Lorri Fetherolf – "So the pool closed on Sunday I can't say that I'm not kind of relieved and happy about that at this point. It makes a long summer but I can say if you want to talk about safe; we kicked two (2) people out all summer and from the pools I've been with that a miracle; that's a record in itself; that tells you that the kids were behaved and we stopped the behavior before it got out of hand. We were opened a total of 58 days; we were closed for; we closed early either because we had nobody there which happened the last week and a half; we closed several days because nobody was there or rain fourteen (14) of those days so when I averaged in the days that we were closed to rain; it averaged out to about thirty-three (33) people. I cannot find any history on what we did last year or the year before I just can't; I'm still searching and I cannot find it; I'd like to be able to compare but we'll move on with at least these stats now; I will say that I am developing a plan to give to Mr. Mavromatis for next year. Which will include some facility issues that need to be addressed as well as things that the Rec Department can do to get more people out there; they are things that we have just not done, swim lessons, water aerobics, and by letting people know that they can rent the pool and those kinds of things; we're going to get that all together and again we'll start this in about four (4) months we have to start pushing for things. We are going to get something out there I've got some really great things for next year online but I'm hesitant to say what they are yet because as soon as I do and we don't get it then I'll hear about it; but we will have that's a goal of mine to have something out there; we took the slide down so what else do we have out there for the kids. Overall it was a good season; the guards I could tell were not happy with the summer; they get bored and they get tired; (inaudible) staff out there so I'm looking forward; they all want to come back next year; that's a good sign if they want to come back; we're moving on and we'll start planning for next year. Thanks."

Mayor Mucci – "By the break down that you gave us the total attendance for this swimming season 1,683 I believe is a good mark and I couldn't believe that you are having a hard time in finding records on the attendance in fact if Council could recall in our post audit hearing I had asked the auditors to do an inquiry about the attendance and how we were keeping records up there but may I suggest that we probably could tell by the financial end; what revenues was generated by the admission of the pool compared to it so that should be something of interest and should help be able to guide you."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's another example of; cause the city didn't keep the pool open; they helped keep the pool open with countless citizens too many to name but all the citizens pulled together to keep that pool open. Companies volunteered their time, manpower, equipment, materials, citizens came up there and planted flowers, pulled weeds, cut trees down, and that's what happens when a community comes together; the pool I thought

looked very nice. Is it going to look better next year? Yes. Did it look good this year for the time frame that we had? I think it was beautiful and that's the result of a community coming together instead of spilling a lot of hatred and being stupid."

Mr. Mastros – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Mucci – "If there is anyone wishing to speak to City Council on City business please come forward and state your name and address."

Joseph Smarrella – "112 Starkdale Rd. Steubenville, Ohio. I was going to speak at the last meeting but I think Teresa DiCarlantonio had a nice speech about Steubenville being a not so friendly towards people renting property. I waited for a week and I went after the meeting and Karly gave me the water policy of the City of Steubenville that's been changed September 1st, September 15th, and the 29th 2015 and I read it and I'm here to talk about one part of it that I never agreed too and I will never agree too. When somebody comes to the City of Steubenville to rent a place and they put the water in their name; paid the deposit to the City of Steubenville and they don't pay it; you go after the landlord; I think that's wrong and it didn't just happen; it happened years ago; it was not this administration and I'm not bringing up old stuff to rehash it but I think we ought to look into that; she was very right in what she said last week; we're not that friendly to landlords; they're some bad ones but I'm here to tell you that I had one for forty-eight (48) years; I had twenty (20) at one time; I took care of my properties and I tried to be right with the people that rent them. The bad landlords they should be punished but as far as the guys that take care of their properties I think that's one part and I'm going to check further on it how the administration; cause you guys weren't here then I think Yonk you might have been when they passed that ordinance; you and the Mayor I think. I think it's wrong and I think its unconstitutional maybe I'm wrong; Mr. Mastros I'm not sure but I don't like that. If somebody murdered somebody in my apartment am I held for murder? That water thing and then a few people that ripped off; Teresa told me; that when they came down to pay the water bill that they didn't even qualify for the deposit; if that person put that toward the deposit that should go towards the delinquency first; I think we should revisit this and I hope that the Council that is here now; maybe you don't agree with me but that's the way I feel; when she brought that up last week I went right to Karly and she did a wonderful job she had this ready for me the next day; I want to commend her cause she did wonderful at her job; but that's all I have to say thank you."

Mayor Mucci – "Mr. Smarrella from what you have turned towards me looks like an ordinance from the City of Steubenville and the three (3) dates that you read wasn't changes it was our three (3) different readings of the same ordinance that we gave; just for clarification."

Mr. Timmons – "Costa isn't that state law though?"

Mr. Mastros – "What part are you referring too?"

Mr. Timmons – "Just too where we can hold them? Yea so we can't (inaudible) state law?"

Mr. Mastros – "(inaudible) meaning?"

Mr. Timmons – "Go around it or make something up."

Mr. Mastros – "We are permitted to do that it is not mandated; we are permitted to do that. I'll double check on that but I believe I am correct."

Mr. Timmons – "Okay"

Mr. Mastros – "It's a permission it's not a mandate."

Mr. Timmons – "Okay so that will be something we can look into."

Tony Piergallni – "710 Lawson Ave. The other day I was traveling down Lovers Lane and I watched a Wal-Mart tracker trailer go around the roundabout; climb over top of it and leave tire marks all over the place. I know it's a new piece of street that has been approved you brought that up about all the other ones today. I went out to the intersection of Lovers Lane and Sunset and the sign that says "weight limit" there a number 5 and some black lines; it's illegible so we have to be able to let the drivers know what the weight limit is on the street before we're ever able to enforce such a law; I think somebody ought to take a look at that sign."

Mr. Villamagna – "Where is that sign?"

Tony Piergallini – "As you turn off of Sunset onto Lovers Lane there's a number 5; you don't know if it's 5 tons, 15 tons, 50 tons."

John Mascio – "567 Braybarton Blvd. this kind of follows up with a little bit of what Tony said. I think it's been brought up before; the access to the bridge there's only so much height that trucks have to meet to cross the Market Street Bridge. From what I understand and I've seen a couple of them; there are no signs on Third Street either if they are going North or South that tells them what that height is; there are trucks that go down there and now they're jammed up; they can't cross the bridge; they got to back up hold up traffic and it's a real mess and how much would be involved to put a sign on both sides of Market Street so they know what the height limitations are down there?"

Mark Nelson – "272 County Road 26. First thank you Mr. Mavromatis for your words regarding the events yesterday and for your leadership. In other business; it has to do with the second ordinance that was read tonight for the second time I think next week is when you guys vote on it. It has to do with the demolitions I think there's

five (5) or eight (8) of them on the list now; the next round of demolitions; last week since last council I approached 4 or 5 folks within City Government as well as 4 or 5 folks within County Government or organizations and it was a shock to me to realize that the City didn't own most of the properties that were being torn down and the City didn't know how to sell the properties once they were torn down and I just encourage Council to review all of that before continuing this and I realize Council probably feels like they're in a catch 22; what do you do with this orphan property? (Inaudible) However many years and it's been since Mike Kern has been on this Council because I discussed this with him in his backyard at a picnic one time and that was 10-15 years ago that we discovered this; we've already been in some part of the process of demolishing homes and then 10-15 years later and we still don't have the answers to that. I've been to plenty of tax sales like I said I only seen the City Representative once at a county tax sale and it was by an alley in Buena Vista one time. I just suggest to looking at the two fold approach to stop the problem today and then also how to deal with the properties that we already have. Lastly we were talking about the tall weeds and the trees right down the street on 4th Street there's a new alley; they're vacating an alley here but there was a new alley created mid-block and there was a tree that was dropped and left there all summer and that's all on a piece of property; last year had a home now it's gone; no one owns it and no one is taking care of it; no one is addressing it and there's not a for sale sign and down the street there's another house being torn down there's no for sale sign in front of that or has there been; the grass has been mowed around it very nicely; for years we thought somebody owned it and just didn't care about it and there's never been a for sale sign for anybody to even step forward and say we're interested and then taking it over. We say oil and gas is going past us and I think this is one way that we can definitely address the opportunities with oil and gas when you slide some of these properties back in to useful parcels. The Land Bank at the County; I know you brought that up this evening Mr. Villamagna but they are very interested in working with the City to use the land bank; I think that Cleveland counties all work together and there's three (3) of them that work together in the land bank around Cuyahoga County that work with sliding the properties towards owners; holding on to the deeds until the actually owner occupies structures; get caught up to a certain level of code requirement and then the deed transfers into that home owner at a fairly low rate. We heard that one of Roger Brooks videos of Kentucky where they actually spent \$10,000.00 to give the homes to people instead of spending 10 or 15 thousand dollars to tear them down; they would actually pay the people to take them and live in them; I think the stipulation there was that the house had to be created to some part of an art project but again it's getting the homes back into the tax rolls so the City is making money instead of having this (inaudible) what use to be neighborhoods. The city plan is called (inaudible) city is already maintaining the infrastructure cost the gas lines, the water lines, the trash truck going by and they are not making any money off of that. The other part would be that Columbus also has a an established plan on how they sell their orphaners properties is what they call them; I just encourage Council to review all that before spending more money next week or voting to spend more money on these properties for demolition. Thank you."

Mayor Mucci – "I want to point out that the ordinance that he made reference too; 2017-64 does not call for 6 or 7 demolitions; the ordinance actually calls for 3 demolitions out of the Community Development funding and if Council could recall there was a list of tentative demolitions provided to us with 60 structures to be removed and then an additional 8 structures that were fire damaged and I believe all members of Council will have that. I will ask for Mr. Sohovich, Marty to be here for the September 12th meeting to give you a better insight on the policies and procedures of the Jefferson County Land Bank because if you can recall I was the one who created it when I was employed by the County for the County."

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR