

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 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 Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Johnson, Paul, & Timmons.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Acting Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Parks and Recreations Director Lorri Fetherolf, & Dave Gossett from the Herald Star.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for September 5, 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. 2017-67– BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 2ndreading

Messrs. DiLoreto, Johnson, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW FOR THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY SUPPLIES FOR USE IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAID MATERIALS FOR THE YEAR 2018, AUTHORIZING THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO OF CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT THEREOF.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-67. The third and final reading will be on September 19th. If adopted by city council it’ll be the effective date of October 20th.”

NO. 2017-68 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-113, THE EXISTING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2017-68. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-68 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-68 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes thank you Mayor. First the ordinance that we just passed was to hire an extra Police officer for the Police Department; I think Council made the right decision; Mr. Mavromatis recommended it and we followed up with it to make the city a little bit safer and increase the size of the Police Department. The second thing is I said it during the Economic Development but some of these people weren’t here; there’s a new business in downtown; it’s an appliance store it’s in Mr. Barilla’s building I’m sure you’re glad to see that gone and it’s going to be new appliances and second hand appliances; he got some other plans for the opening and they are remodeling now putting new carpet in and stuff making it look a little fresh and the building was taken care of by you so I’m sure he won’t be in there too long but I’m very glad that you had good luck with the building getting rid of it and the city benefited from it. That’s all I got to say.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes your Honor I want to say a few things about last week’s meeting; as you all probably know we had four (4) fires in our area; two (2) of them were in my ward; all these properties that don’t belong to the city we have already covered this; the city gets nothing from the sales of these properties; it goes to title search, taxes, and so forth and so on; we’re criticized for tearing down these houses well come to my ward I just went into one today; walked into a house on South 4th Street; walk in it take your hard hat with you, take a pair of (inaudible) with you, and wear a mask; I wouldn’t put a dog in there; I feel bad for the people on both sides of the facility; their houses are pretty well kept and clean; as I said before if you own property we got to take care of it. The fire up on Spencer Ave. we’ve been criticized cause there’s no fire plug or water; whether that is true or not I don’t know but my theory is if somebody was living in that house they could’ve reported it; in fact one City Manager wanted to close Spencer Ave. down and shut her off because of the activities that were going on up there at that time and I said no keep it open. I want to thank Bob Villamagna for bringing in a new business maybe he should be on the Economic Committee. I hope these fires stop and desist I’m just concerned that one of our fighters are going to get killed or get burnt; hopefully the person if there is one is caught in the fire and it takes his life; save the tax payers a lot of money and save me a lot of grief. Finally I know I’m hard sometimes but it’s ridiculous these people in one of those houses don’t know where they are going and that fire

is coming out of there and taking up people's lives and people I don't like to be modest and I don't want to be criticized or get any ideas; it's a shame that we don't have more people running for these offices; one person unopposed; it should be five (5) or six (6) people; the problem with this town is we got a lot of problems and no solutions. Thank you and if I offended anybody I'm sorry."

Mr. Dressel – "I just have two (2) quick things. Christmas parade is being organized so if you are interested in being in the parade for your business or whatever you like please contact Judy at the Fort and that also goes for the Nutcracker Village (inaudible) market if you would like to open a booth or want to be involved give her a call. Then Friday the 15th of September is a POW MIA Ceremony at the flag pole behind the visitor center at noon."

Mrs. Hahn – "Couple things. First of all today I took three (3) hours and a few people with me to work on the marina; we're trying; you talk about years of just weeds growing and hacking them down but not digging them out so we're really trying to dig. If any of you are interested or available please come to the marina from 1:30 to 4:30 on Thursday and we're just going to keep at it and the wonderful thing was the community service people came and we had four (4) of them come; three (3) of them for about an hour and a half and one was only able to come for a half hour but they worked really hard and they did a wonderful job; we have two (2) great supervisors Julie and Kim they did a great job and they were helping out too. I think it's possible just one root at a time one weed at a time that we can make something that is really attractive and benefit lots and lots of our people. We also hope you'll be thinking of possible activities that we can bring people down to the marina next summer so if you could be thinking about that; Lorri and I were talking about recently that that weekend that doesn't require a fishing permit which would be the first weekend of May and if we could get the rods that the Jefferson Soil and Water thought they could lend us you know contact them and maybe we can hope that some people find a love for fishing they didn't even know they had and they could exposed their children their grandchildren to it and it could be a lot of fun. If you have any thoughts or ideas maybe you can talk to Lorri or myself because we would like to be able to draw more people down to the marina to really be able to enjoy the beautiful Ohio River. So Thursday 1:30 to 4:30 if you want to come and don't bring a flat level shovel it won't do anything you got to bring a pointy one. Also tomorrow night I'm going to speak on at Franciscan University and everyone is welcomed to come and they just asked me to talk about the city; this is the adopted home of kids for 4,5,6 years depending on if they stayed for some grad studies and so we want to encourage them to really see this as their city and see the opportunity here to think maybe someday their major would play some kind of a role in the city; they all have to do a senior thesis so maybe we can be what they study and contribute some good ideas to us and hopefully some will stay and settle; anyway you are welcomed to come it's in the basement of the J.C. Williams Center in the Gentile Gallery at 9:00 p.m. cause that's when college kids are free. That's it."

Mr. Johnson – "Thank you your Honor. I would like to sunshine a piece of legislation out of Planning; and ordinance amending Chapter 1175 of the Zoning Code creating the Brady Circle-Granard Parkway-Hamilton Place-Jackson Place-Longford Drive-Norton Place-Williams Place-1800 Block of Columbia Avenue-1700 and 1800 blocks of Oregon Avenue Neighborhood Conservation District. By my count this is the 23rd neighborhood that has taken advantage of this; created a Neighborhood Conservation District which plays a key part into maintaining and revitalizing our neighborhoods and I'm glad so many neighborhoods have done so. I think it's the largest district so far."

Mr. Paul – "Yes your Honor I have two (2) items. First of all I would like to make a motion that we go into Executive Session following the regular meeting after Public Forum for personnel issues relating to the Law Director's position." Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci. "Yes your Honor on September 26th; two (2) weeks; I know Mike has a meeting next week; I'd like to call a Finance Committee Meeting to order; 6:45 or 6:30; Scott are you going to be here?"

Mr. Dressel – "No."

Mr. Johnson – "I'm not going to be here either but you can still have it."

Mr. Paul – "We'll have it. What I want to do is listen to Dave's report but also set the ground work for what's going to happen in October cause we know we want to discuss with the department heads again early for a budget next year. If you want to wait we can wait."

Mr. Johnson – "No you should still have it."

Mr. Paul – "We'll have it at 6:45 and then we'll discuss how to set up the first department head that we want; we'll go with the easiest one because I know you're out of town for two (2)..."

Mr. Dressel – "two (2) weeks."

Mr. Paul – "When you get back maybe make it for the second week in October; the 10th we'll go with the department head meeting but I'll have the Finance Committee meeting just so we can hear Dave's report. Okay?"

Mayor Mucci – "May I ask will the other members of Council be present for the Council meetings that day? Since we are missing two (2). Mr. Paul if you don't mind I think there might be a question; you're calling a committee meeting; you don't have a majority of the members can you do it jointly with another committee just so we can cover a bit of the..."

Mr. Johnson – "Do it Council as a whole."

Mayor Mucci – "You sure you can do it as Council as a whole?"

Mr. Paul – "Okay Economic Development you want to do that? We can do that yes and we'll have Dave..."

Mayor Mucci – "Economical?"

Mr. Paul – "yes"

Mayor Mucci – “The clerk will notify or send out the proper notice that there will be a joint Economic Development and Finance Committee meeting scheduled for September 26th at 6:45.”

Mr. Paul – “No 6:30. I did say 6:45 Mrs. Hahn made a good point; at 6:30.”

Mr. Timmons – No report

Mayor Mucci – “Very briefly I would like to inform everyone I left some fliers out on the rail; the City of Steubenville will be observing Trick or Treat night for our residents on Tuesday October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 and anybody wishing to participate and distribute treats to the visitors should leave their front porch light on and of course children should wear light clothing, reflective clothing, and all small children should be accompanied by an adult and they should only go to familiar places and not unfamiliar neighborhoods and kids parents inspect the candy before your children dive into it. Also to celebrate Trick or Treat for the City of Steubenville the Saturday before the 31st which is the 28th the Steubenville Parks and Recreation Director will have a Halloween Party at the Martin Luther King Center from 1-3; please advertise it.”

Lorri Fetherolf – “So I moved the date to be closer to Trick or Treat so we’re going to have it on Saturday the 28th at the Martin Luther King Center; you’ll need to sign up so they can start calling on Monday we’ll put their names down; I’ve already had a number of kids (inaudible) all of the treats and things. We’ll have hot dogs, candy, and all kinds of good stuff so 1-3 on that Saturday.”

Mayor Mucci – “I don’t believe that; Mrs. Rue is may be familiar with it; but Mt. Carmel or at least some of the member of Mt. Carmel is planning a Trunk or Treat once again on 5th Street and we’ll have more details on that so that’s encouraging to see that the citizens are now participating in making safe areas for our young people in our community. Also this evening I would like to announce a proclamation that I will be presenting as the Mayor of the City of Steubenville proclaiming September 17th through September 23rd as Constitution week and I will be presenting this to the convention visitor’s bureau as you’re well aware the display across the street we encourage everyone to be educated and to view the display across the street and finally again I do want to mention to the Member of Council I heard from one member of Council on the 5 mill renewal levy that will be on the November 7th ballot for the City of Steubenville; once again it’s extremely important we need to move forward with a (inaudible) again it generates about \$633,000.00 to our general fund; I’ve already passed out to the Members of Council on how the funds are distributed and mainly going towards personnel costs the Police, Fire, Street, Municipal Court and Recreation and Building and Planning Departments; so we need to move forward with that if you haven’t contacted my office please do so as quickly as possible and I need to notify the Board of Elections on our designated treasurer and I would like to do it this week.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Monday night we had our board meeting with JB Green Team; I brought up to the board then because this was a request from Council; this has to deal with our tires and electronics pick up; I’m going to bring it to the board next month for a vote; I wanted to at least give some data so Council understands with the first pick up that they did there was a cost of \$7,865.98; that was the total; tires was \$1,963.50; and electronics was \$5,902.48. Now since then; what JB Green Team was hit with the companies that they deal with the lowest one increased pick up on televisions so they already instituted this with other areas. For those that bring TVs and TVs only; there’s a \$10.00 charge all other electronics are free; all tires are free and this will all be in the paper and on News 9 but the bottom line is majority think we’re going to have this pick up and we’re going to schedule for the 4th of November and we will have it at the old Grant School parking lot there on 4th Street and South. That way it is easier to bring the two (2) tractor trailers in, set the cones up to direct traffic in there so it will move smoothly and they will give you a receipt for the cost of the TV only; the rest is free. I wanted to bring this up I’ve asked (all inaudible); I will tell you from the last pick up the majority of the tires came from us; from the city; from our people picking them up because they do not take them to the dump site where we go; so I wanted to bring that up so we will get that answer next month when we do that. I’ve had some of the store owners approach me; I try to do a walk once a week up and down 4th Street and Market and what we’re going to look at for this year and this goes into festivity time on the Nutcracker time of lighting of the tree; is contacting all the store owners that we can contact to try and get some lights; clean your storefront just the storefront; I’ll block off the rest, clean the windows, and put some type display in there so the visitors that come here we do have several restaurants that are open but when they walk 4th Street and Market Street and those areas they’ll see the festivities in the town so again last year it was too quick to try it; we’re going to try it this year by contacting the owners and we’ll see how that goes. The last thing is those of you that have come by North End Field it has been redone; it’s been graded it looks very nice I was there today and I also went up to Murphy Park up in Pleasant Heights; they are filling that with the proper amount of dirt and it will be a grass infield that will be sotted so those are the two (2) major ballfields that the Parks and Rec board recommended that they wanted done first so that’s where we’re at. Naturally if we have any funds left towards the end of the year we may do an additional ballfield so again I wanted Council to know that and the citizens that are here and again I thank you Lorri for staying on top of this you’ve been a good (inaudible) to make sure we’ve got this done. Thank you Mayor.”

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.”

Teresa DiCarlantonio – “407 Lawson Ave. I want to make a public announcement the Hilltop Organization in Steubenville Hilltop CBC organization is going to hold our fall litter sweep Saturday October 14th and it’s going to be the same procedure that we’ve been use to for the past 11 years; those interested to do LaBelle will meet at Roosevelt School; those interested in helping out Pleasant Heights will meet at the Trinity East Hospital the front parking lot and it’s at 11:00 a.m. in the morning; students want to sleep in. We’ve got a great hand from the Franciscan University; we’re going to get between 30-35 students who are going to participate in the cleanup; any small donation will be appreciated cause we help have a luncheon for our volunteers after wards; they work hard for a couple hours and that’s the least we can do. I don’t know if there are any questions?”

Mayor Mucci – “Are there any questions for Ms. DiCarlantonio? If not can I have at least one of those and I’ll post them in our City Building?”

Teresa DiCarlantonio – “Yes thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Teresa is there any chance of us hitting some of those alleys up there with those kids? Pulling the weeds out of some of those alleys like Roswell, Summit, and Orchard; I’ll get the tires.”

Teresa DiCarlantonio – “We can do that at another time Mr. DiLoreto it’s tough to get volunteers.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay I’d like to do it one time and one time only and then after that let the citizens take care of their property.”

Teresa DiCarlantonio – “Yea we can work something out.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay. I’ll be with you cause I can get the judges; I’ll get the judges to agree to it also. Thank you”

Mr. Villamagna – “I just want to say one thing to you; thank you for your dedication to the hilltop and to the city itself; I know you’re a hard worker.”

Teresa DiCarlantonio – “Thank you and thanks for everything that you do.”

Mayor Mucci – “Thank you Teresa and I do want to point out and I think that you would agree with this Teresa we’re finding out that since the Hilltop Group (inaudible) have been at this for a few years now that we’re changing the habit of our residents also; we see them picking up more and more on a more regular basis too so the hard work that you and all the volunteers do and all is paying off so thank you.”

John Mascio – “567 Braybarton. I have a question on why the garbage packers are not being used. They’ve been here a couple months.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well three (3) weeks ago we got the final documents from the State to sign off to make them legal to go on the street and we’re in the process of changing 350 cans out there; they want different size cans and 150 that want more cans; those trucks can only be used in certain areas. So the question that I would ask you is your garbage being picked up?”

John Mascio – “Jim yes my garbage is being picked up but for the amount of money that was spent and when those new cans were put out; I think it’s a fair question to ask why the trucks have not been used yet.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And it’s a fair answer. They will be out there when they are ready to roll them out there our job was to get these cans ready to go.”

John Mascio – “Yea but is there any time frame?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I would probably say within the next week or two (2) they’ll be out there.”

John Mascio – “Okay that’s what I asked.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But again Mr. Villamagna asked me two (2) weeks ago and that’s when I signed those documents the day before we can to Council but again Mr. Baird has a solid plan to roll this all out there together; we also had a breakdown on the trucks that were retro fitted because people called me and said our men are taking the bags out of the garbage cans; we got no other choice we don’t have the trucks to go in there so I explained that to him they still did their job and again that’s why they’re there.”

John Mascio – “The question was why didn’t you answer the question and (inaudible) for another couple of weeks then that’s fine.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Again if that changes I’ll be more than happy to brief Council.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim since you said that; I notice that they’re not doing it so the question that a couple people asked me they said whatever garbage that we put out if we used a regular can or whatever they are picking up everything until we’re going to get this all set up at one time right?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Because I felt bad that I had two (2) big bags of grass cuttings inside that thing and they had to lift them out so until we absolutely set the deadline that this is going to be the day that this goes into effect then they can put out...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes. Again they’ve come up already with cans and extra bags there; they just pick the bags up and put them in there.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I just wanted to make sure because I didn’t want to tell somebody then put it out.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “When that day comes then if it’s not in the can it’s not going to get picked up; this is why it’s important that people have now had this for several weeks; is that one can enough and if it isn’t that’s why you order another can because when it’s finally said and done; if it’s not in that can it’s not going to be picked up.”

John Mascio – “Question. I brought this up 3-4 weeks ago are people rake and bag their leaves going to have to buy extra cans in order to go head and put bags of leaves in it for a 3-4 week period of time? Then we get to Christmas time I brought that up to what do you do at Christmas time with all the wrappings and the boxes?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s why you get an extra can for those days that you have throughout the year. Again you and your wife are by yourselves but when the grandkids come and you have Christmas or whatever holidays you’re going to have more and I can sit here and tell you I’ve been there and done it already; one can was not enough when I had the grandkids in.”

John Mascio – “But I’m just talking about cleanup leaves and things like that; it’s a short period of time when you get leaves and you put them out to be picked up.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We’ve had the discussion already about the leaves and my recommendation to Mr. Baird when we finally decided; I think all the leaves should be bagged; put at the end of their property line to be picked up by our people. This is why I asked that because then it can go to one location but again I’ll tell you this they’re people that stick garbage in there with the leaves and I can’t control that but you are correct. That’s the easy way to do it because here’s what happens with the leaves; people want to rake them down to the street and then they park their cars on the street.”

John Mascio – “That’s a problem.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It is and we’ve come by with our machine that sucks the leaves; we can’t get around the cars and then we got to come back when we have the street sweeper come out at the times of day that they are at work; so again other communities they already do this you just got to have a set way to do this. Now I realize we have elderly people that may not do that but someone takes care of their leaves.”

John Mascio – “The standard ordinance says that you can rake the leaves (inaudible) curb side; people have gotten that to where they pile them up in the street and you’re right and now they just take up part of the street (inaudible) traffic flow are dangerous and it’s a real problem.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Exactly.”

Sarah DiCarlantonio – “2719 Whitehaven Blvd. You know we’re talking garbage trucks, leaves, garbage cans whatever I would like to take a minute and talk about the drug situation here in Steubenville and also I read the article that was in the paper last Wednesday after the Council meeting in reference to the Medical Marijuana situation. I personally know people that would benefit through the Cleveland Clinic which is the 2nd highest rated Hospital in the country from medical marijuana; to categorize medical marijuana and then the next step they’re going to become heroin addicts is about the most absurd thing that I’ve heard; there’s positively no comparison what so ever. What if it was your child that had health issues and you know it was proven that the only thing that would help them in any way was for them to receive the medical marijuana. I’ve read articles I’ve seen many stories on families that have actually had to uproot their families to go to states that had medical marijuana so that their child or children could benefit from it. We have such a drug epidemic here in the City of Steubenville and I just can’t figure out why people can’t get their heads out of the clouds and start realizing it. We have SUVs; these people drive better cars that I ever drove and I worked for the Federal Government for 32 years and I couldn’t afford one; SUVs, Cadillacs, Escalades, these big SUVs and a lot of them 9 out of 10 are out of town plates; they’re not coming here just because they’re coming here because we have the reputation of being an easy access drug community period. Everybody around us has drug busts Bellaire down the river little town, East Liverpool the East Liverpool community I find it absolutely amazing what they have accomplished up there, you have Wellsville, you have Toronto across the river you have Weirton and we get nothing here; nothing and all you have to do is drive and it’s not even both the hilltops; it’s everywhere when I picked up Aunt Teresa today there was a group standing on the corner with their crotch rocket bikes which is what they use to make their drug deals; you know they use the big cell phones that are disposable and you know they make their deals and then you see them 5-10 minutes later somebody comes to the door; they grab their drugs; they do their exchange and that’s it; our kids are dying on the streets and we’re concerned about whether or not medical marijuana is good for a community; I think we have a lot more problems in Steubenville where drugs are concerned that we need to concert ourselves with so anyway that’s all I had to say but thank you for your time I appreciate it.”

Bishop Moore – “370 Scenic Drive. I just wanted to thank everybody that participated with the water deal; one truck is already gone to Houston; next one is scheduled to leave out next week we are still waiting on some pallets to come in through Kroger; also I want to thank Mr. Barilla for helping me out with the second truck and also Tony Piergallini he’s put me in contact with Dino Piergallini and sons farm equipment. A truck this Friday will be leaving to go to Florida to assist those people that are there in Florida; those of you who want to donate to that as well contact Kroger; pallets of water are available; we have several coming in this week. Thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I want to thank you for the effort that you’ve put into this because I know you worked on this very hard and also the other people; I know that Jerry was with you and Tony Piergallini also but you got the ball rolling and it kind of snowballed under you; it started to go a little bit quick but thank you for taking an active role in the community for the short time that you’ve been here.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Bishop I just wanted you to know I got an e-mail from a citizen out there that is apparently from Steubenville; on the back of the truck it said To: Houston From: Steubenville, Ohio with love and that was on the tractor trailer. I don’t know if you saw that but I will keep that and make sure you get a copy.”

Mayor Mucci – “It was very moving as the people approached (inaudible) to see Steubenville, Ohio on the new; it was a blue sign and it was very moving.”

Tony Piergallini – “710 Lawson. I just want to give a little more information. The St. Florian Hall is going to be another drop off location for items to go on the truck; the truck will be leaving Friday and if anything is going to be dropped off at the St. Florian Hall it has to be there by noon Wednesday. Thank you.”

Bill Isaac – “389 Lawson Ave. Is there going to be any legislative action taken following the executive session?”
Mayor Mucci – “No.”

Jean Shockon – “1808 Oregon Ave. I don’t have a long statement but just a brief statement hearing information about medical marijuana; I am against it for the City of Steubenville and I think we need to very much consider the lives of our young people; our children and young people in this consideration and whether it’s allowed. It is a drug; it’s not be fully accepted by the Food and Drug Administration; it has very many other concerns as we know with young people it affects their brain cells much more than older people and I just think all of us needs to take some time and investigate medical marijuana and how it can impact very negatively the young people in particular and we need to protect our children from this so I appreciate the Council and the City taking into consideration seriously about it.”

Louise Stubbs – “621 North 5th St. You’re talking about the building thing condemned; like three (3) years ago I was here about some property that people cutting their weeds; it took a year to get it; you said you had to set up a procedure or what would happen to them if they don’t cut it; last year the guy came and took pictures; Officer Scott wasn’t the guy it was the next guy (inaudible) who took pictures; nothing was done; another guy is in service we called and back there he hasn’t cut it; Council said to set up a thing where he go to court this that and be fined and if he didn’t cut it then the City would cut it and fine him or he had to pay the City or something; we haven’t done this for two (2) years; I don’t understand why because you guys set the rules and that same spot we’re talking about that he said there’s wilderness that could be one of the reason why someone got killed back there; cause the Police can’t see back there in that wilderness and only the bad guys know the path; not the Police Officer; we had a killing we had a shooting back there because you can’t see back there and he cuts the grass half way and he doesn’t cut the other part.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Who’s the owner?”

Louise Stubbs – “Hoover; Ed Hoover and we’ve been through this for 2-3 years; Gary Repella he checked into because he said he didn’t believe that an attorney told him that that was wilderness and it didn’t have to be cut. So we’re talking about fixing up downtown let’s do something with places we could use him for example when you don’t do what you’re supposed to do until you get a fine.”

Mr. Villamagna – “If you contacted the other guy and he didn’t come up there; this is the first I’ve heard of it but if he didn’t come up there then you should get with the City Manager.”

Louise Stubbs – “Not him Bissett or whoever; he came and took pictures and everything then the next thing I know before Bissett decided on anything you hired another guy in his place.”

Mr. Villamagna – “When you say yins decided; not us.”

Louise Stubbs – “I don’t know who hired him.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well that’s what I’m trying to tell you. I’m trying to explain we had nothing to do with it. If he didn’t come up there and after probably a little gap in there when they switched guys but if you call down here and they did not come up there then you get with the City Manager.”

Louise Stubbs – “He came up there.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yea but you said no (inaudible) you said.”

Louise Stubbs – “There was pictures he took okay; three (3) months later or a couple months later somebody hired another guy in his place; so I didn’t call because somebody had the pictures.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yea but this Council had no idea what happened. We don’t get involved with that; I mean you have to see him and he’ll get to the bottom of it.”

Louise Stubbs – “Okay I haven’t called this new guy cause it’s like...”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well his name is Tommy Dorsey; he’s the new guy and he does a really good job; to find out what happened there; Jim is that okay?”

Louise Stubbs – “I’ve done that before. I brought it up before though to Council and its like; maybe that’s why nothing gets I mean; you talk about it but you don’t enforce it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “This is the first I’ve heard about it.”

Louise Stubbs – “Yea I’ve talked to you about it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yea that was a long time ago. I mean and that’s the one we got cut right?”

Louise Stubbs – “Okay that was two (2) years ago.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I know but I don’t keep track.”

Louise Stubbs – “Okay this summer I asked somebody about it and they said he would cut it and that’s when they kept saying he would cut half of it and I told you he’s cutting half of it not all of it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And I’m in agreement with you but I don’t know what happened.”

Louise Stubbs – “Okay so talk to Mr. Mavromatis.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yea and he’ll find out what really happened because I went up there with you that one time and we had it cut but I don’t keep track.”

Louise Stubbs – “Okay now wasn’t this guy Dorsey; that’s the guy before him that I talked too?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yea cause he’ll find out what happened.”

Louise Stubbs – “Okay cause a case like that is a good example (inaudible) for the people not doing what they’re supposed to do.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I agree with you.”

Louise Stubbs – “Because it’s been a three (3) year battle.”

Teresa DiCarlantonio – “407 Lawson Ave. I just want to say a few things to ease some folk’s minds concerning the medical cannabis issue. There are 4.1 million people here in the State of Ohio who suffer from Parkinson’s, cancer, PTSD, chronic pain, epilepsy, and I could go on and on. Recent studies show that marijuana has medicinal purposes; the thing that people don’t understand is that the State is going to get involved here and the compounds that are going to be extracted from the plant that the medical field is interested in is known as CBD; it doesn’t make you high okay; it takes care of pain; it helps people that have difficulty eating; it helps people that are in need; medical need; it will be supervised under the State; regulated under the State there’s going to be a strong requirements; it’s going to help a lot of people that use it. We have a pharmaceutical industry that is far more dangerous than what marijuana has; marijuana can help people; it’s THC that makes people high and that is not going to be part of the cannabis found in the medical marijuana. It will help people and that’s the way you got to look at it I think; Mr. Timmons I’m with you because; I don’t know; I agree with the employment; you have to be smart to get a job in this industry; it’s not like anybody can go in there and get a job; it’ll pay anywhere between 30-60 thousand dollars a year; the revenue on the taxes would be very helpful. So I just wanted to clear that up because it’s not what you think that is going to hurt our children; their children; my niece who takes care of autistic children who have seizures and that’s the only thing that will help them and they don’t get high; they’re getting the medical aspect of the plant that helps them from seizing; so I think we need to be better educated about the subject matter before we start throwing stones. Thank you that’s all I want to say.”

Shirley Schalk – “1808 Oregon Ave. I have a little issue on that I’m probably older than anyone here. I’m 83 years old and have had medical problems all my life and I’m still here at 83 and fairly healthy. The programs that I’ve been put on was medical pills and so one and so forth and I just can’t quite see how marijuana is going to help us in; I do know someone on medical marijuana and she gets a little crazy once in a while and I just wanted to say that we do have a good medical field here in the United States so to get medical marijuana and if it should go wrong someplace in our city; which we love and is doing so well and progressing; it doesn’t make sense (inaudible).”

Mr. Dressel – “I want to follow up. I usually don’t comment on these things but I just want to make everyone clear on something and I’m talking to you out there who just commented. This Council is not deciding whether medical marijuana is going to be available in Steubenville, Ohio okay; the State of Ohio already decided that; your legislators and your Governor who is a Republican by the way; signed the legislation into law making it legal; that’s has nothing to do with anything anybody in this room has decided at all okay; it’s legal here; it will be here cause it’s going to come here cause the State of Ohio is putting it here. The only thing that we did is we let a moratorium expire that prohibits them from opening a dispensary here; which from what I’m hearing is so complicated anyways because of where it has to be; it probably won’t be here but that is not going to make medical marijuana come here; people still have to get prescriptions; they have to find a place to buy it; whether if we have a dispensary here or two (2) miles out of town or if it’s going to be (inaudible) across the State; we aren’t deciding if medical marijuana will be here; if you don’t like that you need to talk to Jack Cera and your other representatives in the Ohio legislature who would put it there okay; we aren’t deciding that it’s going to be here; everybody’s got that; that is not what this Council has decided. Well I keep hearing over and over again that is not what we’re deciding; we don’t have the authority over that; the State already made it legal; we can’t prohibit it from being in town because they already made it legal; the City does not have the authority to override the State Law. No that’s it there is nothing else to it than that the State is putting it here; we aren’t putting it here; the State of Ohio is.”

Council Chambers were cleared for Executive Session.

Council Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

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