

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 30, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Barilla presiding. The meeting was opened with a silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmen Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, & Paul.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Paul Giannamore from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for January 23, 2018. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

**PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Barilla – “Petitions and Communications Madame Clerk?”

Mrs. Haley – “Nothing this evening.”

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Paul did you want to move something forward?”

Mr. Paul – “I did your Honor but I’m not sure; is there someone here to accept for Black History Month? I’m not sure.”

Mayor Barilla – “We have Mrs. Rue here.”

Mrs. Haley – “I don’t have anything to present.”

Mr. Paul – “If we had someone I wasn’t sure.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay well I don’t think Karly has anything actually made up to do so.”

Mrs. Haley – “Cathy didn’t make me one she’s off sick.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay then we won’t deviate from the order of business and we’ll just go forward but I make a motion that we; I move the rules requiring ordinances and resolutions be read in their entirety suspend and all ordinances and resolutions with the exception Resolution No. 2018-8 be read caption only. So if Karly would read all of that when we get to that. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes okay thank you.”

**NO. 2018-2 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND URBAN PROJECTS DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2018 CDBG STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO SAID CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF.**

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2018-2. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2018-2 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2018-2 duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The effective date of this ordinance will be March 1<sup>st</sup>.”

**NO. 2018-6 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-4 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor. Costa could you give like a little brief on why we had to; about the wording part.”

Mr. Mastros – “Sure absolutely. When I was contacted to amend the ordinance; by Mr. Villamagna actually; we talked about it and we created some language however in the creation of the ordinance there was an old version of the animal cruelty statute that was utilized; I don’t know how the 2 became confused but they did and it was brought to my attention since that the old language had some language regarding temperatures in there; there could be a conflict so to straighten that out what we had to do is; we’re going to repeal 2018-4 and then 2018-7 with correct way and the correct language for the amendment to the cruelty to companion animals ordinance there won’t be any conflict with the specific section that we’re referring too and there was just a little bit of confusion with the old ordinance and the new which we are currently using and that’s why we had to do that and fix it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yes sir.”

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard reading of Ordinance No. 2018-6. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2018-6 please come forward state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2018-6 duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

**NO. 2018-7 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 505.071 (C) (3) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Villamagna – “There’s a typo on the paper we have but the ordinance Mr. Paul pointed out that it is written; that the number is correct on the ordinance so that’s all that matters.”

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard reading of Ordinance No. 2018-7. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2018-7 please come forward state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2018-7 duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

**NO. 2018-8 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018 AS NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH.**

Mayor Barilla – “We recommend that this ordinance be read in its entirety if there is no objections; Madam Clerk.”

Mrs. Haley – “A Resolution proclaiming the month of February 2018 as National African American History Month. Whereas, each year beginning on February 1, an entire month of events are planned nationwide honoring the history and contributions of African Americans; and whereas, the theme for Black History Month in 2018 is “African Americans in Times of War” honoring those brave men and women who served their countries in the armed forces, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending the American ideals of freedom and democracy; and whereas, during World War II, for example, more than 2.5 million black men registered for the draft and one million served as draftees or volunteers in every branch of the armed forces; and whereas, a decade before the first glimmers of the American Civil rights movement, most black men were assigned to segregated combat groups; and whereas, even so, more than 12,000 black men who served in the segregated 92<sup>nd</sup> Division received citations or were decorated for “extraordinary heroism” on the battlefield. Perhaps more famously, the Tuskegee Airmen also became legendary for their heroic feats, and in total received a Distinguished Unit Citation, several silver stars, 150 distinguished flying crosses, fourteen bronze stars and 44 air medals; and whereas, the theme suggests that contemporary conditions, past and present, give us cause for critical pause in our studies and deliberations to consider the specific and unique issues faced by African Americans in times of war. These issues include opportunities for advancement and repression of opportunities during wartime; the struggle to integrate the military and experiences during segregation and successful integration; veterans experiences once they returned home; the creation of African American Veteran of Foreign War posts; the impact of migration and urban development; educational opportunities; health care development, the roles of civil rights and Black liberation organizations, including the Black Power movement and the Black Panther Party; the roles of African American businesses, women, religious institutions, and Black press; in the struggle aboard and at home; the topographies and spaces of Black military struggle, resistance and rebellion; and how Black soldiers and/veterans are documented and memorialized within public and private sectors. These diverse stories reveal war’s impact not only on men and women in uniform but on the larger African American community. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Steubenville, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio: Section 1: That this Council does hereby proclaim the month of February 2018 as National African American History Month throughout the City of Steubenville. Section 2: That this Council does hereby call upon all the citizens of the City of Steubenville to observe National African American History Month and to participate in appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by Council; otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.”

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-8 by roll call. Seconded by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Timmons – “I would like to make a motion to take Ordinance 2018-1 off the table tonight and have its second reading.” Seconded by Mr. Dressel.

Mayor Barilla – “So it’s been moved that Ordinance No. 2018-1 will be taken off the table and placed back on the table now.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “What ordinance is that? I’m sorry.”

Mrs. Haley – “The Public Forum.”

Mr. DiLoreto - “I thought we voted on that last week.”

Mr. Paul – “They want to un-table it.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “(all inaudible)”

Mr. Paul – “We’re just going to keep going back and forth.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah every week.”

Mr. Paul – “Do what you got to do.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Is that legal Costa?”

Mr. Mastros – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I know there’s some controversy back and forth; we have some members of Council that want it and some that don’t. I think table it until June the 5<sup>th</sup> and give it a little time to work; I just don’t understand even if you’re not for it to try and give it a little bit of time to see if it’s working the way it’s

supposed to work and then if it's not; it doesn't work the way we think it does I'll vote to take it completely off but to go back and forth to do this I think it's a waste of time because it's going to come back up again and again and then some place we have to stop. I ask my colleagues to rethink it until June the 5<sup>th</sup> that's it and then if it's not working and you can look at me and tell me that it's not I'll vote the other way and I give you my work on that; with that call for the vote."

Roll Call. Four (4) yes three (3) nos. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla. The clerk read Ordinance No. 2018-1 for its second reading.

**NO. 2018-1 – INTRODUCED BY MR. DRESSEL; SECONDED BY MRS. HAHN – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading  
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-88 (AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING  
CITIZENS TO REGISTER WITH THE CLERK OF COUNCIL PRIOR TO SPEAKING DURING  
THE "PUBLIC FORUM" PORTION OF THE AGENDA.)**

Mayor Barilla – "You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2018-1. The third and final reading will be on February 6<sup>th</sup>. If adopted by City Council the effective date of this ordinance will be March 9<sup>th</sup>."

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Petrella – No report

Mr. Timmons – No report

Mr. Villamagna – No report

Mr. DiLoreto – "Yes everyone has been asking about the utility meeting; it's on hold until we get all the bills in; all the overtime; all the (inaudible) we had occur and Chuck Murphy has been very busy; still trying to get the water turned on so as soon as possible we'll have the meeting (inaudible) just expect the worst because everybody thinks that if we raise the water rates; but it isn't going to cover the entire bill; I don't it is and we're going to need help from everybody; from congressmen's, grants, and county commissioners everybody; I know congress has checked out after 3 weeks and maybe we should do away with some of the (inaudible) and gives us some money."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's one of the things I wanted to; Mr. DiLoreto and I talked and I received a call from Mr. Gentile from the commissioners and he said that he is willing; he wants to sit down and try to offer us some help whatever he can do in manpower or some finance."

Mr. DiLoreto – "They're going after everything."

Mr. Villamagna – "I meant to tell you that but I forgot about it."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Okay thank you."

Mr. Dressel – No report

Mrs. Hahn – "I just had a quick question because I'm on the planning committee; you were going to call for a planning committee meeting..."

Mr. Villamagna – "When I'm ready to call for one I'll call for one. I'm not ready."

Mrs. Hahn – "Alright."

Mr. Paul – "I have one your Honor. It's an ordinance to approve and adopt current replacement pages to the codified ordinance and declaring an emergency that's the one we have with that Walter Drane Company that prepares our ordinance book and that's to redo our pages."

### **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you Mayor. Again the last several weeks have been tiring on the City with these water breaks at this point right now we are caught up with the water breaks; our last boil order was this past weekend and it involved Sunset Blvd., Forest, Welday, Cleveland Ave. again it's a difficult situation we have an old City here and the infrastructure is old and these are things that we're going to have to attack and before we can do that Council needs to be briefed and Mr. Murphy and his staff are getting all the data that we need; whether if it involved manpower, whether if it involves exactly what we need to do with infrastructure we will then present that. I finally got some bids in that I've been waiting for; we're going to start moving the Police Department over to the Health Department; we're going to do it in stages though our reason being is somethings are a lot easier to move over then we need to do all at once; our biggest challenge will be with the communications we just got our (inaudible) in; E-Safe to help us with that part; we're going to start with the Chief and his secretary moving in; I'm hoping by July 1<sup>st</sup> we'll have everything there or sooner. That's part of the problems that come up here for construction again is this an ideal place; no; is it far better than what they're in; absolutely; it should've been done years ago but again money is the biggest factor when they built the new building and that's water over the dam so again when this is done it will be far better for our Police Officers and staff and I think it'll be better for as far as the citizens come with complaints and being able to access the Police Department and that's all I have tonight your Honor."

Mr. Mastro – No report

Mayor Barilla – "Department heads; Mr. Petrossi has a few words to say."

Chris Petrossi – “Thank you Mayor. I would just like to announce that the City has received a grant from the Ohio Development Services Agency under the community housing in fact we’re the (inaudible) program commonly referred to as CHIP to fund housing rehabilitation. That program funds the rehabilitation of owner occupied single family (inaudible) within the City of Steubenville. Those owner occupied units; the owners must be low poverty (inaudible) and must be of the program requirements; anyone interested can pick up an application at their office (all inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “One other thing that I wanted to mention and very rare that this happens; when we had our water issues here I had a phone call from the City Manager in Weirton Travis Blosser and he was the first person that called me offering help from Weirton; growing up here and where this community is today there’s a sister city and we share the same dilemmas back and forth but tonight I wanted to say this; Travis since you’re here welcome to our meeting and thank you for your generosity from your City. We operate together even though we have a river that divides us there’s roads that go back and forth so when you have that (inaudible) it makes you feel a little bit better you know you have brothers and sisters out there to help you so Travis I thank you and your people with the City. Thank you sir.”

Mr. Villamagna – “To add something to what Jim said I’ve seen him in this audience more than once; he’s been over here several times and I appreciate it and I know that you have also been over there to the City of Weirton; I do believe that because of West Virginia and Ohio that what affects us affects Weirton and what affects Weirton affects us also so thank you for your participation and your help.”

### **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

Mrs. Hahn – “I wanted to sunshine a Resolution proclaiming this week as Catholic Schools Week; it’s January 28<sup>th</sup> until February 3<sup>rd</sup> and if we could sunshine that and have the Resolution we’ll have someone here who can receive that. Thank you.”

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mayor Barilla – “We do have two signing in under Public Forum Mr. Ed Palombizio and Mr. John Mascio.”

Ed Palombizio – “113 South Bend Blvd. I spoke at last week’s meeting and at the time I stated that the rapid unchecked expansion of Neighborhood Conservation Districts continues to eliminate the opportunity for needed quality rental housing in the City of Steubenville and jeopardizes the City’s continued existence; without additional quality rental housing not will only the City be at a competitive disadvantage to neighboring communities but it will not be able to support current businesses let alone create an economic environment to attract new investors. I mentioned now and in the future without quality rental housing the City will not be able to house newcomers, (inaudible), young adults born and raised in Steubenville, have decent entry level jobs and want to sell in the (inaudible) would be force to leave Steubenville and (inaudible) settle elsewhere. This week I want to remind folks that a major problem in the City is the number of vacant and abandoned structures in the City especially residential areas; these reduce property values and are the foundation of slums. At previous Council meetings it has been stated that there are over 300 vacant structures in LaBelle alone and maybe as many as 1,000 total structures in the City as a whole. The use restriction provision in neighborhood preservation districts will limit participation by buyers and real estate transactions and will resolve in even more vacant structures in Steubenville each year; therefore the rapid unchecked expansion of Neighborhood Conservation Districts will make a bad problem worse; not only will it increase the number of vacant structures and trouble neighborhoods but more neighborhood conservation districts will also result in more unsolved properties in other neighborhoods as a number of these unsolved vacant properties increase over time they will become abandoned and create hazardous conditions for neighborhood residents. The sales restrictions reduces the total number of eligible purchasers for Steubenville properties and therefore reduces demand. If 10% of the potential purchases are eliminated because of the (all inaudible) then that means you’re just going to have just 90% of purchasing properties; if the total pull of eligible purchasers in reduce by 10% or 15% or whatever it follows at the total number of purchases are going to be reduced you’ll have less people buying these properties; if fewer properties are sold then more properties will be unsold and added to next year’s carry over inventory year after year after year. This restriction also discourages potential purchases who want to buy smaller starter home now and as their family increases buy a larger home in the future this will make it more difficult for them to sell their first home in a timely manner in order to purchase a larger home and subject them to undo financial hardship; again the principal of supply and demand fewer buyers means less demand lower prices. Over time the sales restriction provision in neighborhood conservation districts will make it more difficult for someone to purchase rental property; purchase properties in Steubenville because it will make it more difficult for lenders to do business in Steubenville; most people don’t have cash to buy homes so they borrow money from a lender to purchase the home; generally the more lenders there are doing business in an area because of the competition the better terms the (inaudible) can negotiate for a loan, interest rates, length of term, upfront cost, etc. The lender provides funds and if the borrow defaults the (inaudible) loan the lender takes control of the collateral that is the house and sells it at an auction to the highest bidder hoping to recover the full amount of the funds lent. Even without use restrictions have foreclosure sales lenders do not always recover the loan amount owed let alone holding cost and such as security, insurance, and tasks; if use restrictions causes the lender to set up different dispositions procedures or causes delays or (inaudible) additional holding costs or otherwise the lenders from recovering all costs associated with Steubenville transactions the lenders may 1. Increase fees for loans in Steubenville making

it more costly for purchasers of Steubenville properties as of those do purchasing the property in some other community; do a smaller share of business in Steubenville and thus reduce competition amongst lenders possibly increasing cost for purchasers of Steubenville properties or stop doing business in Steubenville and making it more costly to purchase Steubenville property. All of the adverse effects the neighborhood conservation districts may not be obvious or even known at this time because neighborhood conservation districts legislation is only 4 years old and there have not been many mortgage defaults in neighborhood conservation districts; however over time there will be more defaults and the participation of lenders and availability of funds is essential to the Steubenville real estate market. It may be too late or too expensive to take appropriate corrective action at a later time. Another consideration many lenders do not lend for home purchases unless the purchasers agrees to buy private mortgage insurance or FHA mortgage insurance that protects lenders in the case of defaults. A few years ago when I was working mortgage insurance companies would not issue mortgage insurance for properties that had used restrictions; if that prohibition continues to be the case in given the large percentage of neighborhood conservation properties in Steubenville the neighborhood conservation districts use restriction is one of those prohibited to restrictions the impact may affect the ability to obtain funding for sales in neighborhood conservation districts sooner than later.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Palombizio we’re out of time unfortunately.”

Ed Palombizio – “Two more sentences?”

Mayor Barilla – “Go ahead.”

Ed Palombizio – “If the City has consulted with mortgage insurance providers and the insurance providers had indicated that the neighborhood conservation district use restrictions in not a problem I apologize for this comment. However if the City has not consulted with mortgage insurance providers regarding the impact of the neighborhood conservation restriction with respect to Steubenville properties the City would benefit from doing so now especially given the large number of properties potentially affected. Thank you very much.”

Mr. Dressel – “Mr. Mayor are we allowed to respond under this new rule or not? I just have a quick comment.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes, yes, yes.”

Mr. Dressel – “I wanted to clarify; maybe (all inaudible); all Council does with the neighborhood conservation districts is approve that the residents of that area have met the requirements to put one in place because the people that own the houses in those areas put these in place and we just vote to say yes they’ve met the requirements as set forth. We actually don’t create the conservation districts that the residents; I agree with everything you said by the way because it makes it very hard to rent them but you really need to be talking to everybody out there putting them in place. Now we could refuse but if they meet the requirements there’s probably a way that they can work around that if Council refuses to put in place so remember we don’t create the districts the residents do.”

Ed Palombizio – “Can I; just a short response? I think the problem is somebody has to give an overview to this; it will affect the City if you’re not responding and I’m just bringing this up because I want you to consider it.”

Mr. Dressel – “I agree thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We did create this ordinance this is our creation; we created the neighborhood conservation district; we brought this ordinance forward so we did have the responsibility of doing it but the second part is what he said is like before how I explained how it worked.”

John Mascio – “547 Braybarton Blvd. Steubenville. Real quick Mr. Mayor you told Mr. Palombizio that his 5 minutes was up; the charter; the ordinance that was passed says that the speaker has no more than 5 minutes...”

Mr. Villamagna – “Point of order Mayor. He’s here to talk about that and if he wanted to address the time frame then he can address that at the next meeting but he’s here to talk about what he signed up for not what the charter says. Point of order.”

Mr. Paul – “We don’t need to talk about the Charter.”

John Mascio – “I want to make sure that I’m not cut off.”

Mr. Paul – “This is why we went to this.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah we have a Law Director here that we go by not you.”

John Mascio – “No more no less. The charter (all inaudible)”

Mr. Paul – “No more no less thank you.”

John Mascio – “Here we go and all due respect that’s why these people are opposing to that.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Not these people.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Mascio...”

John Mascio – “Last April I asked if we were going to have crack sealing in the streets and was told yes and to my knowledge it were not done my question is why not because we have enough problems with our water lines breaking; I hate to see the streets also be breaking up because that’s another additional expense or we’ll probably have trouble paying for it so the question is why do we not crack seal this year? Jim? You’re the manager.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I am the Manager and I’ve told you this several times before you can come any day during the week between 8:30 and 4:30 to sit and discuss any of these things; we do have crack sealing; schedules are based on demands of this; these are things that these citizens don’t know; in 93 they had 33 people that worked streets; M & R; you have 9 now; I can tell you this you’re streets have not shrunk by over two-thirds; they have not so there will be crack sealing but it’s as they get to this; right now they are dealing with the snow issues and that’s the paramount thing; when we had all the water breaks they were also assisting Chuck Murphy’s shop so again.”

John Mascio – “I’m looking into the spring and Summer I know you can crack seal this time of year.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s correct.”

John Mascio – “It can’t be done.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And that’s when this will start and the patching of the holes once the asphalts made; which is either late April or May when they open up.”

John Mascio – “The question was why you didn’t crack seal that was the only question and this is public forum we’re allowed to ask these questions I think. Number 2; I’ve asked if we were going to spray for weed control last year; I was told yes and we didn’t do that; we haven’t done that for 2 years when Mr. Baird supposedly got his license to go ahead and do it; it was seemed to me that is more or less time consuming to spray and be done with it a couple times then to send the crews out and I’m just curious as to why we don’t do that to try and save the manpower and the time and put these people somewhere else. Has it been done? Is it going to be done? If there’s a reason not to do it then that’s fine.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The short answer is they do spray; how much is the problem. Bob Baird is a registered license person for the City; under him he could have his workers do it; they have sprayed maybe not as much to what you like.”

John Mascio – “No no I’m just curious because I never see them; I see them using weed whackers under Washington Street underpass all the time which seems to me; just go spray it once or twice a year and be done with the dog gone thing but they’re there at least 5 times; that was the question.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

John Mascio – “When are the new garbage packers the ones with the arms going to be used? We’ve had them since last April and they’re still not in service and how much did they cost? A half a million dollars? Half a million dollars and they’re sitting in the garage. Why aren’t they in service?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “They’ll be in service when all the cans are being put out; you asked a question now let me answer it; you still have citizens that still have more garbage then the can that they have; they are asked; let me make this clear; their can is full and they have 4 or 5 bags of garbage when this whole program is put into place there’s going to be no more bags; you will have cans alright and that has not come yet until we got all these other cans delivered which is being delivered as we speak the last 2 weeks they’ve been putting more cans out for people and smaller cans for people.”

John Mascio – “Those I assume would be the extra cans that people need to buy because they don’t have enough.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Extras and smaller ones. The other thing is these side loaders cannot be used all over the City.”

John Mascio – “I’m aware of that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I guess the one question I would ask you; is your garbage being picked up?”

John Mascio – “Mine is no question about it I think everyone else’s is too but I’m looking at the fact that we’ve spent a half a million dollars for 2 pieces of equipment sitting in the garage doing nothing and the idea was to put them in service to save time, manpower, and to do a better job they’re not being used since April.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “They will be used and that’s all you need to be concerned about.”

John Mascio – “Alright. I watch the garbage people pick up the trash the other day; matter of fact it was 2 weeks in a row it was the retro fitted trucks and I talked to them; it takes them longer with the retro fitted trucks then it did the old way because of the mechanism that has to be implemented to go ahead and do it; hook up the container; lift it up; dump it; back do a second dump to make sure everything is out; bring it down; take it off; put it back. It was quicker the other way now you’ve got them in place and they like the old way better than the new way but if this is all supposed to be time saving it’s not a time saving method and if you watch those trucks in operation it does take time; it really does.”

Mr. Paul – “Can I say something? That was to help the backs of the workers because I forget how many tons a day they throw...”

John Mascio – “Now that’s a legitimate reason there.”

Mr. Paul – “Well that’s why we did it. Okay now them not using that; I have another job.”

John Mascio – “Well that’s a legitimate reason Willie.”

Mr. Paul – “I understand and I heard it takes like 12 seconds to dump that and I know it’s time consuming and that’s probably why we’re not...”

John Mascio – “And if that was the reason; one of the reasons for it...”

Mr. Paul – “That’s why we did it. (All inaudible)”

John Mascio – “(all inaudible) City on time. I’m not disagreeing with you.”

Mr. Paul – “It’s more for (inaudible) then anything okay.”

John Mascio – “Last week and I don’t know how this is going to work; last week Bob Baird was here Chuck Murphy was here and they gave reports which is fine and we’ve had problems let’s face it; we had heavy snow we had the water line breaks and everything; when a department head is here are we allowed to ask them questions on their reports because if they something that maybe somebody wanted to ask them and they need to sign in to do it; they’re not here this week and they’re not here at every meeting so are we allowed to ask them questions when they give a report without signing in to say I want to ask a question?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Since that does not follow the procedure my recommendation would be just talk with them at the end of Council.”

Mr. Paul – “Or talk to that committee head; say it’s under my; under safety if you want ask me before the meeting and if we have a safety committee meeting; come down because I announce it every week.”

John Mascio – “I know but don’t you think everybody is entitled to the answers?”

Mr. Villamagna – “No I don’t not from that department head. He’s the guy that’s responsible for these department heads.”

Mr. Paul – “And really according to the...”

Mr. Villamagna – “He doesn’t answer to the citizens he answers to that man right there and correct me if I’m wrong; if he doesn’t do what he’s supposed to do then it’s your responsibility.”

John Mascio – “Bob let me ask you this and Jim has done this before and this is not a criticism of him; people ask him questions on the procedure; he isn’t sure about why something was done and if Bob’s here or Chuck is here he can ask them to go ahead and provide the information.”

Mr. Villamagna – “It going to turn (inaudible) it’s going to turn into; he’s the guy that’s responsible he’s the ultimate guy that’s responsible for the garbage; he’s responsible for the water department; he’s responsible for everything.”

John Mascio – “He can’t know every answer all the time.”

Mr. Villamagna – “He can find it out and if he can’t then he’s a failure and he’ll do it so.”

Mayor Barilla – “One more question.”

Mr. Paul – “I just want to say; (inaudible) the charter; in the charter okay; I might tell a friend of mine who worked for the city street department and I’ll say hey Jim do me a favor and fix a pot hole for me; I’m not supposed to do that according to the charter and that’s why we’re supposed to go through the City Manager okay and you know that so that’s why I feel what Bob brought up I think maybe that’s how we should address this.”

John Mascio – “Which is fine but my only concern; and I just said he doesn’t always know that’s not his fault because he can’t know every little thing that’s going on.”

Mr. Paul – “I know that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “He can get the answer for you.”

John Mascio – “And I’ll just throw this up but maybe we won’t have it any more this year at all; we had that snow fall and it was bad; I know the guys were working all hours cleaning everything up but and I don’t know how you go about doing it; maybe community service people whatever; but something has got to be done to clean the downtown sidewalks; I know all the (inaudible) don’t do it (inaudible) do it if they’re there; but there were intersections that you could not cross because the snow was piled up; empty buildings; (all inaudible) you couldn’t cross over that way because of all the snow that was packed up there; if you wanted to park your car on the curb and you have your wife with you and she wants to get out of the car she’s going to step into 6 to 8 inches of snow and slush; something’s got to (inaudible) I don’t know what the answer is unless we can try to get some; maybe community service somehow to get somebody to do a little bit of work to help more receptive to the people that do come downtown and want to go ahead and shop; once we can get down here and there are still a lot of people that come down but it was really tough and it was tough to cross the street.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Mascio.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I want to answer some of these questions that JJ brought up. The chip and seal first of all JJ as far as I’m concern; I’ve been on Council; I need 3 minutes and I stutter so give me 3 minutes and 20 seconds; I have never received any press for chip and seal; pot holes; fixing dilapidated houses; empty lots; Chicago boys; crimes; hobos downtown; HUD; Section 8s; garbage in the streets; alleys clogged up; chip and seal; unimproved roads; unimproved alleys; that’s my ward and I think now; next year; the next Councilman coming in get on this side of the fence; 1<sup>st</sup> ward is going to be up; I don’t know about the 5<sup>th</sup> (inaudible) and over here is what Mr. (inaudible) said part of the problem be part of the solution; anybody can criticize and I’m done. Second of all I met with your boy today; we’re going to get this community service to get things squared away; Julie is going to school to be certified; Judge Mascio Jr. is going to pay for the schooling all he wants from you Costa and JJ is the authority that it’s legal; they’ll put them to work and when she’s out there (inaudible); what’s wrong Jim?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Nothing I’m listening.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “You said you didn’t know; I want this because when they’re out there cracking up (all inaudible) picking up the garbage; and that’s all I have to say so that’s (inaudible) but Costa we want your opinion if we can get her certified legally and I’ll put her to work in the 1<sup>st</sup> ward because there’s a lot of grass that needs work. Thank you.”

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

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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR