

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 20, 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 prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Councilmen Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn and Paul.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Assistant Law Director Bernie Battistel, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utilities Supervisor Lisa Knight, Paul Giannamore from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mr. Paul for March 13, 2018. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes except Mrs. Hahn who abstained due to being absent for that meeting. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

**PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Barilla – “Petitions and Communications Madame Clerk?”  
Mrs. McGinnis – “Nothing.”

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**NO. 2018-18 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**  
**Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella**

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF CANARY STREET.**

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2018-18. The third and final reading will be on March 27<sup>th</sup>. If adopted by city council it’ll be the effective date of April 27<sup>th</sup>.”

**NO. 2018-21 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORST LEGISLATION TO REINSTATE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND BACK TO THE 2005 FUNDING LEVELS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard the reading of Resolution No. 2018-21. If there is anyone wishing to speak on it, please come forward and state your name and address.” Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2018-21 duly adopted and will take effect immediately declared Mayor Barilla.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mayor Barilla – “That will conclude the resolutions and ordinances for this evening. We’ll now move into reports of committees. So Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes Mayor. Just to carry on from what we just had. I feel that we’re going to be setting up a series, Yonk, if I’m stepping on your toes, let me know.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Everybody does.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay. A series of meetings, consecutive meetings, ah to get a handle on what we heard earlier in the committee meeting. So, I would like to start saying that ah, what days are good for Council and like to have multiple, like Tuesday, Wednesday. I’d rather have it on the off Council day so we can devote as much time as necessary to address the issues.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay, let’s clear Willie Paul’s meetings all up then we’ll get together and we’ll set the meetings up and let the public know.”

Mr. Petrella – “He just through you underneath the bus.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “No, I said get your meetings out of the way then we’ll set the meetings.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay, we’ll be good, we’ll be good. Okay. Thank you.”

Mr. Petrella – “That’s it.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Petrella. Uh, Mr. Timmons.”

Mr. Timmons – “I got a few things. First off I would like to sunshine a resolution honoring Tariq Wilson for his accomplishments last weekend at the NCAA Wrestling Championships. Also, I’d like to thank Officer Dorsey. Last Friday at about noon I got a complaint. Within an hour he was up there. I know I got a lot of compliments for getting the job done but it was actually Officer Dorsey that deserves all the credit. He makes us look good so I just wanted to say that. Um, and let’s here. Jim, do we have an update on the tree committee? Has there been any further activity that you know of on that?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No. It’s just been lying dormant. The last action you had was when you made a decision to cut the, ah, trees on 100 North and 100 South.”

Mr. Timmons – “And they were...”

Mr. Mastros – “I’m sorry but I can answer that a little bit. Mr. Dressel and I did meet. We went over basically how we might reshape the ordinance, the whole chapter actually, not just, it’s not one ordinance, it’s a chapter. Um, my plate got pretty full so Mr. Battistel’s gonna take it over. He’s gonna meet with Mr. Dressel. I don’t know if he has already. But he’s gonna meet with Mr. Dressel and then he’s gonna kind of reshape that and then we’ll take a look at it. We’ll give it to everybody. And then we’ll kind of go over it and pick out what we like and what we don’t.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay. I had a few residents asking about, cause I know they were, the committee, was looking at taking classes and getting certified and so I hadn’t heard anything about that. They’re still in the process of that?”

Mr. Mastros – “Correct.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay. And uh, did we uh, have you heard from Bob Baird about bulk pick-ups? Do we have a schedule yet?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’m gonna discuss that when I get to my time. I’ll tell you exactly where you’re going.”

Mr. Timmons – “Alright. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay Mr. Timmons. Thank you. Mr. Villamagna.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes. Thank you Mayor. Couple things. Ah, I want to bring up this thing, it’s called Safe Town and” (addressing Ms. Fetherolf, Parks and Recreation Director) “I had a copy for you but I forgot it at home.”

Ms. Fetherolf – “I’m familiar with it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “You know what I’m talking about? It’s a program designed, I was contacted by Annette Stewart from the Jefferson County Health Department and ah, she asked me to stop up there so I went up there. She gave me this flyer for, it’s called Safe Town, and what it is, it’s a small fake town with a police station and fire house or whatever. You don’t go in them, they’re just outside and it’s for kids. And on the fire house it says ‘Stop and Roll’; police department ‘Look Before You Cross The Street’ and that kind of stuff. And it’s a highway though for tricycles and small bikes for kids and it’s of no cost. They have donors of ah, a shop that’s here, like if you still had Frank & Jerry’s, Frank & Jerry’s would have a dry cleaners er ah appliance store there; a sewing machine place there; Sheriff’s office, police station, whatever. And uh, I had talked to Commissioner Gentile, because where you put that, I mean you don’t want to take up a whole lot of space on another thing but that tot lot there at the bottom of ah Pico.”

Mr. Paul – “Devonshire.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Devonshire. Yes.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Hollywood.”

Mr. Villamagna – “By the old Navy Reserve Center, Willie. What’s it called?”

Multiple speakers at once – “Oh, okay. Pico.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Pico and Alexander Manor. That little park there, that belongs to the County. And I thought that maybe if we could maybe combine them and they were, they were in agreement with it. So, matter of fact, I’ll just, I’m gonna give you this cause I have another one at home.” (Speaking to Ms. Fetherolf again) “That girls name’s Annette Stewart and she’s up at the Jefferson County Health Department. It’s a pretty nice deal. I mean it’s pretty nice for the kids, it’s something to do. And the other thing is, ah, the Roundabout. The Roundabout was looking a little shabby. The two signs at the north and the south end were looking a little, a little shabby so I was contacted by Total Lawn Care. Mr. Russell Hunt. And he will be taking care of those at no charge to the city. He said he’s gonna donate his time and the material and he put, ah, all new mulch, he put everything there. He trimmed back, what I know about a flower you can put on the end of a finger, so he trimmed everything up for us and it looks nice. So he’s gonna be taking care of the Roundabout and the two entrance signs and I told him we aren’t done with him yet so. And ah, an update of the fence at the salvage yard. On Water Street.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I can answer that when I, you want me to answer it now?”

Mr. Villamagna – “No, that’s ok. That’ll be fine. Thank you. That’s all I have tonight.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Villamagna. Um, Mr. DiLoreto?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes, I received two ordinances from the, Mr. Murphy tonight to introduce. One of them goes back to 2014 it’s the Water Reserve Fund. An ordinance authorizing guidelines for the Water Reserve Fund. That was passed in 2014 so we’ll probably be making some changes and we’re slowly but surely taking money out of there. Right, Dave? Not too much left. And an ordinance number 2018, an ordinance repealing specific sections of Ordinance No. 2018-4 and declaring an emergency and that also contains to the Water Reserve Fund. So we’ll go into a little more detail Dave when we pass this. I got this tonight from Chuck Murphy.”

Mr. Paul – “What I’ll do, I’ll put it on our agenda for next week and because I know I gave that to you but that’s your committee so I just want to make sure and you discuss it next week. I’ll put it on the agenda and you can talk about it. What we set up, it was a \$640,000 and we don’t wanna go that minimum balance so we’re gonna take some money out. So I’ll bring that up next week and you discuss that while we’re...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “It’s been a long night.”

Mr. Paul – “Alright and I’ll bring it up here a little bit. Sorry, I just wanted to explain...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “No problem.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay, thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “That’s all I have, ah, Jerry.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. DiLoreto. Mr. Dressel?”

Mr. Dressel – “Nothing this evening.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Dressel. Mrs. Hahn?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Um, yes, I have four resolutions for April, the month of April. So, resolution 2017-20 proclaiming the Month of April 2018 as Minority Health Month. Ah, another resolution 2017-21. A resolution designating the Month of April 2018 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Steubenville.” (This resolution will not be done because Mayor Barilla already did a proclamation for it.) “2017-25, a resolution proclaiming the month of April 2018 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. And finally, resolution 2017-26, a resolution proclaiming the month of April 2018 as National Autism Awareness Month. So, a number of resolutions for next week.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Paul?”

Mr. Paul – “Yes, your Honor, I have three items. Ah, the first one, is ah, it’s an ordinance, all three are under Finance. Okay, the first one is finance, is ah, an ordinance providing for the advertisement, bidding and sell, sell of the old obsolete water meters of the Water Department. Um, Mr. Villamagna and I went down to the sewage plant and we saw these skids and skids of the old water meters that we had and they’re brass. So a couple of the employees told us that there’s a guy that keeps asking about these and they can use these in a third world country so our attorney here, Costa, he uh sent us a note and I’ll just hit on a little bit. Says uh my office and Mr. Murphy’s office have been receiving phone calls from various businesses and individuals who’ve inquired about the sale of our old and obsolete water meters. Apparently there is value to these meters. It is related to the metal they are made of, which is brass. The range of the value of the old meters is from \$25,000 to \$45, 000 and I think it may be more than that so it’ll help us also with our water fund. That will go back, correct, to our water?”

Mr. Lewis – “It will.”

Mr. Paul – “Chuck left? Okay, I know he’s busy. But yeah, that’s one thing I want to bring up. And uh, yes we wanna auction those things off, okay? The second one is, this one here is, wow this letter is about this big, an ordinance repealing the existing Table of Organization of the City of Steubenville, Ohio and enacting a Table of Organization for all the employees of the City of Steubenville and declaring an emergency. And what this is, is all, the fire department, AFSCME, all non-union employees. Um, and what it is is that 2.2% raise. The only one we’re waiting on, we’re negotiating with the police department so this is Fire, AFSCME, and all non-union employees and it’s the 2.2% raise, that’s what this is all about, so that’s why we gotta change the organization, the Table of Organization. And the last one is, pertains back to Chuck Murphy with the water, under Finance, this is an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a master agreement and contract with Prime AE for the asset management, planning, and critical valve replacement and repair project and declaring an emergency. Okay, so that’ll come up next week and hopefully Chuck has more information for us by then. Oh, and one other thing. We have a meeting next, the 27<sup>th</sup>, last meeting of the month, I forgot my friend Dave over here with the finance so we’ll, it’s at 6:30 it’s Safety and Health for the advancement of the fire and police testing. What we’ll do is have Dave talk for the first half hour. That’s what I alluded to a little bit ago. Um, we’ll discuss some of the things we can bring up. It’ll go Finance first and then we’ll jump into the Safety and Health and it’ll just segue into how much money we have for all the…”

Unknown voice – “Still 6:30 Mr. Paul?”

Mr. Paul – “No 6 o’clock. We’ll go 6 o’clock this time.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Can I ask a quick question?”

Mr. Paul – “Yes Ma’am.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Um, based on our conversation and our request that he come up with a couple more, um…”

Mr. Paul – “Mr. Murphy?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Right, a couple more bids. Are we ready to sunshine this legislation to come into contract with this company?”

Mr. Paul – “Well, we don’t have vote on it as an emergency. We can go three readings if you want, I mean but we gotta figure out what we wanna do. If Mr. Murphy needs this we need to talk. So if you want, um, if you want to bring Mr. Murphy along…”

Mrs. Hahn – “Am I misunderstanding?”

Mr. Paul – “No, no, no, no you’re absolutely correct.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay, okay.”

Mr. Paul – “Um…”

Mr. Villamagna – “Willie, the thing I think I don’t like about it is being that A & E is in there and we don’t know if that’s gonna be it so we’re gonna sunshine an ordinance with their name on it.”

Mr. Paul – “I understand and like I said, if you don’t, if you don’t want this, we can either table it or…”

Mr. Villamagna – “we can do that next week, you’re right.”

Mr. Paul – “we can go in three readings. What I just brought up was emergency.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah we can table it.”

Mr. Paul – “So we can do both. We can table it, whatever we want to do. And the following week we can go an emergency, correct?”

Mr. Mastros – “Correct.”

Mr. Paul – “Whatever we want to do, whoever we find so ah, I’m not pushing us in a hole or pin pointing us or anything like that, so…”

Mr. Villamagna – “So I wasn’t thinking about tabling it.”

Mr. Paul – “Any questions or anything I just brought up? Yes sir?”

Mr. Mastros – “Did this come from a committee?”

Mr. Paul – “This is all finance.”

Mr. Mastros – “All finance?”

Mr. Paul – “Those are all finance.”

Mr. Mastros – “Can we have a, just so we can get used to it, a second for all three of those please?”

Mr. Timmons – “Second.”

Mr. Mastros – “Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Alright, thank you. I’m good there Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you, thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Jerry. His name’s Jerry.”

Mr. Villamagna – “He’s the Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “I used to call him Your Honor but I can’t do that anymore.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We just got him broke of saying Your Honor.”

Mr. Paul – “Come on, give me a break.”

Mayor Barilla – “That concludes the Reports of Committees. We’ll now move into Administrative Officers and we’ll start off with our City Manager, Mr. Mavromatis.”

## REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Mr. Villamagna, to answer your question, ah, the Fire Department Inspector went down there, met with the owners, and they’re working on their getting the fencing up there. They’ve been advised of the violation, he read it specifically to them so they’re, they know what the importance is. So that’s where that’s at right there.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Ah, this would be in here, ah, Mr. Timmons, in regard to your bulk pick-up. Ah, the issues came up on our, ah, well the best way to start with the date. April 2<sup>nd</sup>. April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the day that we will be going to the 4 day garbage collection. That’s Monday through Thursday. Friday’s day will go to Thursdays so you will have the double day there. Reason why I picked that day, it gives sufficient time to notify our customers, which have already been advised several months ago, but to notify utilizing the Herald Star. I’ve already talked with Mr. Giannamore. I’ve talked with News9 and we’ll get actual filming so they can see this is exactly how you’re supposed to put your can out there. I will tell you the majority of the citizens are complying with how you do that. Where the one issue is gonna come about, is these side-loaders, and we’re already out there sending in to certain neighborhoods now to do some runs. Once we start this with the side-loaders that’s the only thing that’s gonna be picked up is these garbage cans. And we’ve gone several months for people and several people have asked for extra cans. Some people have asked for small cans. We’ve, we’ve accommodated them. Anything over your original can that you were given is \$55. Now, I’ve not personally been out to some of the other stores but they tell me they run around \$99 give or take a few dollars. So the bottom with that is April 2<sup>nd</sup> we kick this off. Now what this is doing is going to where Council wants a four day pick-up with the fifth day being utilized with other garbage related things and/or which has been brought up your grass and your potholes. You can do that just as long as understand that those work hours for that have to come of other cost center which is not Sanitation. If it’s Sanitation related, no brainer. Now, if there’s a conflict, also Council needs to know on Fridays they pick up anywhere between 70 to 80 four-by-fours. Those are four-by-four metal containers that we, people rent, they’re charged for them but we pick those up.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Dumpsters.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Dumpsters. Mini dumpsters. That’s the best thing. Ah, so again, for the customers, and this is gonna be put out there, the phone number will be there; the extension, where they need to go. Once the can’s delivered, uh, our Utility office is notified and then it is placed on the bill. For the \$55 for the next, next billing cycle. So they’ll have that there. Ah, again this will get us to that fifth day. Now we’re gonna have conflicts on holidays, case in point, Thanksgiving. What has traditionally happened, not that it involves a bulk pick-up, but it involves a Saturday pick-up for Thursday and Friday. And again, we have, ah, the bulk pick-up; we can start that and we will have the dates on that. We will adjust it but right now so the citizens know when this goes out it’ll be a Friday pick-up day for bulk pick-up and that’s what we’ll do.”

Mr. Timmons – “Are we looking at the 6<sup>th</sup> or we don’t know yet?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Ah, the 6<sup>th</sup> may be good but there’s another day that may be a conflict. So, again, that schedule will go out also. They’ll have that. And this will be started this week with the news media and News9 so it’s out there and I will also have it put on our, ah, website so they can go there.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Jim, can I ask one question?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Sure.”

Mrs. Hahn – “How many of our holidays are Mondays?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I have to, hold on. I can answer that.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Seems like. I wondered if was a majority. If it’s a majority then maybe, maybe the four day pick-up would be better for Tuesdays through Fridays with Mondays being holidays and bulk pick-up and that would throw people off less. I’m, I’m sure there’s some, like Christmas is gonna change every year and they’ll be a couple Fridays but it sounded like it was, it looked like on the calendar most of the holidays...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “There’s nine days, there’s nine days on a ...”

Mrs. Hahn – “On a Monday?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “On a Monday.”

Mr. Paul – “Yeah, you gotta remember your Monday holidays are mostly for banks.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Banks.”

Mr. Paul – “Things like that you have ah, well, Memorial Day is always on a Monday.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Labor Day.”

Mr. Paul – “Labor Day. Veterans Day is always on a Monday. Columbus Day.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “What that does, it pushes Monday on to Tuesdays. Tuesday is a double pick-up. You go into your routes also. Which some of your routes are an all-day deal, so, I mean, we’ve looked at all of this, how much do you, I mean the bottom line is getting you the fifth day, which is there. Your bulk pick-up on that day. These are gonna change. Every year they change.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I’m just wondering if the concern about people being unsure what day their garbage is going to be picked up. If we have 9 out of 13 holidays on a Monday then maybe it’s better for the four day pick up to be thought of in terms of Tuesday through Friday.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The garbage has not been an issue, it’s the bulk pick-up. Because you’re changing that from the traditional Saturday, for cost reasons, to a Friday. And that is where they’re gonna be confused because now all the Friday pick-ups for garbage only, refuse, is gonna go to a Thursday so you have a double pick-up Thursday and Friday.”

Mr. Dressel – “Jim, it seems like...”

Mr. Villamagna – “Kimberly, correct me if I’m wrong, what you’re trying to say is if, if the holiday is on Monday and they’re off on Monday, they’re only going to pick up garbage on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday then. Will, will they be able to handle that?”

Mr. Dressel – “They’ll have to do it Friday.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No, they’re gonna do, Monday, Monday’s garbage will be picked up Tuesday, it’ll be a double day, alright? And Thursday will a double day so you have that Friday to get the bulk pick-up. Does that make...?”

Mr. Petrella – “I think what Mrs., correct me if I’m wrong. Because of the nine holidays, she, she, instead of having it Monday through Thursday, she wants the schedule to be Tuesday through Friday. On a permanent basis, correct?”

Mrs. Hahn – “That’s what I’m really saying. So that we’re, we’re not confusing the people more than need be. So if Monday’s always the day for either holidays or bulk pick-up.”

Mr. Villamagna – “There’s 13 holidays not 9 either, we got 13.”

Mr. Petrella – “Well, but 9 of them falls on a Monday already.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Oh, only 9? Yeah, Christmas, New Year’s.”

Mrs. Hahn – “So, we’re just wondering if that’s less confusing.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Again, it can be less confusing but if you want to do your bulk pick-ups on Friday...”

Mrs. Hahn – “I’m saying just make it Monday.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Now you want the bulk pick-ups on Monday.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I’m just raising the question. Cause if 9 out of 13 holidays already are Monday for sure...”

Mr. Villamagna – “If Bob Baird, and, and, if he thinks that he can do it the way you’re saying then I don’t have no problem with it, I mean we don’t have no problem with it. But then, you know the way things go then down the road we’re gonna have a problem oh I can’t do it because of this, so just to look at it. But if he feels confident that he can do it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The only wild card is the bulk pick-up, putting it on Friday. That’s your wild card.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well, that’s only gonna happen...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And that’s six, that’s six weekends.”

Mr. Petrella – “It, it might be even better bulk pick-up on Monday so that people have the weekend ...”

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you.”

Mr. Petrella – “...to get their stuff ready.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Right.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I don’t think it matters to the citizens whether it’s a Monday, you know, because...”

Mr. Petrella – “Well I mean, it, it just gives a lot of people time to get their stuff set out...”

Mr. Villamagna - “Yeah, that’s exactly what I mean.”

Mr. Petrella – “...for Monday.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “This is a, that’s a separate issue that can be worked out, the bulk pick-up. As far as the day to day garbage pick-up, April 2<sup>nd</sup> it starts and the only thing that should be out there is the cans. So that means that you have almost two more weeks to get your cans that you should’ve been requesting over the months. Now again, in fairness to the citizens, it was several months we had to wait to get the cans here.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We, we gotta start working on that ordinance ah, 317 I think it is.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s the other thing.”

Muttered discussion inaudible.

Mr. Mavromatis – “The last, put this out, for the last spring bulk pick-up in ’17, the disposal fee, the tonnage was \$9,791.73 the wages were \$13, 761.88. What’s basically indicative, we’re using the people; the bottom line is our bulk refuse has gone down for the bulk pick-up. But again, you see the cost effectiveness in by putting a day there. Ah, you’re still gonna pay for the disposal. You’re still gonna have the other \$9700...”

Mr. Villamagna – “But we’ll save the money on the overtime we were paying for the...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s correct. Ah, Mr. Dressel, you sent me an email in regards to our paving projects that are coming up. Back in October 24<sup>th</sup> of ’17 was the last reading of it which was improved and it listed one, two, three four, five, six, seven streets, ah, that were authorized then and those are tied to the grant.”

Mr. Dressel – “No, the question, I guess, was, are we ever going to get to Efts Lane?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well, there’s several, and again, I apologize Mr. Baird is not here. He’s in Columbus he was receiving, meaning the City was receiving an award for the Roundabout project that was done but I did talk to him here. Ah, there’s several different things here. Number one, it’s an unimproved road.”

Mr. Dressel – “I’ve heard it all I just wondered. It doesn’t mean we don’t have to pave it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No. But several things have happened. Mr. Villamagna brought this up. Several years ago he was briefed on this, the cost factors involved. Homeowners were contacted. They want no part of raising, ah, of doing that and paying it with their fair share based on their property location and the square footage that face the road. Ah, there’s different amounts that are out there. The, ah, chip seal is probably the least costly, but again, paving it is a massive undertaking because of the drainage issues out there. And, that’s, we don’t have the money for that plus it’s an unimproved road.”

Mr. Dressel – “Well, we can always change the description of the road if you want that we can pass with an ordinance that says it’s an improved road.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Go ahead...”

Mr. Villamagna – “Can I? I’ll give you a little update on it cause I’ve been, I’ve been involved with that road, that’s, that’s my albatross, that’s what I call it, my albatross, cause I’ve, I’ve tried to come at it with every angle that we can possibly do for a plan.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So, Mike Dolak he’s not here tonight that a few weeks back, me and him sat down, we’re trying to figure out what we can do with the drainage. The drainage has to be addressed before you can pave it, cause it’s not just as simple as putting down four inches of asphalt. So Mike has a surveyor coming there for where the major problem is, for the major problem is, where it turns into a small lake. It creates havoc for the City crews, the people traveling, going through the puddle, and if they don’t, if they don’t correct it properly, the house. All the houses that are up here, the road’s here, the houses are here, this house here is getting punished...”

Unknown Speaker – “Flooded.”

Mr. Villamagna – “...with water. So, you know, I’ve been to, I’ve talked to everybody on Efts Lane cause contrary to what anybody believes, I know what I’m talking about when I talk to these people. Ah, they, they clearly don’t want concrete; they don’t want an assessment to their property. They told me their gonna sue, sue the City if we do that. Some of them want chip and sealed. Some of them don’t want chip and sealed. I travel Efts Lane every day. There’s not a pothole on there today I mean there’s a little bit of a crack but I’m talking about a pothole, pothole. Is it uneven? Yes. Is it unimproved? Yes. Can we try to pave it? We should. But, a hundred, if I remember the price that I got, it was a hundred and fifty thousand dollars to just pave. To just put, but before you pave, you have to put catch basins in there. You gotta put drainage in there, there’s all kind of stuff that has to be done. There has to be curbs and everything. Some of the residents have put curbs in their self to stop this...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Culverts.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Culverts. So there’s a little more involved than just grinding it down and putting it down. If you go there when it’s raining; anybody that travels that road when it’s raining you’ll completely understand what I’m, what I’m talking about.”

Mr. Petrella – “So, let me, let me ask a question. So, what you’re saying is the City should eat the pavement?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Should eat the pavement?”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah, eat the, eat the cost of the pavement?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Buy it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I don’t get what you mean.”

Mr. Paul – “No, he’s saying it’s too expensive.”

Mr. Petrella – “No, no he says if you go to chip and seal, you just said the City should do pave, right? Or am I misunderstanding?”

Mr. Villamagna – “No, I think...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Paving is one thing, chip and seal is the other thing.”

Mr. Petrella – “Or either chip and seal also.”

Mr. Villamagna – “But if we pave it, I mean we should try to pave it. We should try to pave it. We should try to put some asphalt down there.”

Mr. Petrella – “If, if we do that, isn’t it unfair to all the other residents that paid assessments for that? For their streets?”

Mr. Villamagna – “No, that’s a whole different thing. Just putting the pavement, just taking it down four inches and paving it, this is not the full blown thing new road going in there. That’s not what I’m, that’s not what I’m talking about it’s just, they’re just gonna grind it down four inches and put a pavement on there. The, the, the assessment would be take it all the way down and build the road and put sewers in all the way straight down Efts Lane. That’s, that’s the difference.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Bob, let me add that ah, Mike said it has to meet City standards if we take that road over. Which is gonna, it has to have the drainage system in...” and proper asphalt.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Exactly.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “and the proper asphalt.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And that road...”

Mr. Paul – “Plus you got the EPA gonna come up on us again.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s, that’s a farm road and some of that property. People own some of that road. My street, your street, everybody else’s street in this room, you own, you just got, they got a right-of-way. On Efts Lane, people actually own some of that property where that road is on there. Don’t ask me how it happened. That was before. I was a little boy whenever they, ah, took it in.”

Mr. Petrella – “That was a long time ago.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah, yeah, a long time ago.”

Mr. Petrella – “Horse and carriage.”

Mr. Villamagna – “But ah, so I mean these people. You gotta guy, he puts a video on Facebook; which again, I hate Facebook. He puts a video on there showing two streets; one of them’s my street. One of them’s Efts Lane. ‘You tell me who lives on that street and which street should be paved.’ Well, listen, I’m a tax payer, shock everybody here. I’m a tax payer and my street hasn’t been paved for years and it’s in terrible shape. And my street costs a lot less to pave than it is Efts Lane. I’m an improved street; our assessments were paid same as everybody else’s.”

Mr. Petrella – “That’s where I’m coming from Bob.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah.”

Mr. Petrella – “That’s a prime example. Your, your street. Your assessments were paid.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Right.”

Mr. Petrella – “For that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “This is, this is whole different cause we paved unimproved streets. We paved Aberdeen, Pembroke, Carlton. I mean streets that were unpaved. We do that now. Bruce Williams started that program.”

Mr. Petrella – “Well we won’t go there either.”

Mr. Villamagna – “But, ah, listen these are the, Efts Lane paved, and I’m on top of it and Mike Dolak, to his credit, he’s he’s on it. He’s trying to come up with a cost effective way. He’s just scared he’s gonna get killed if he brings up the price that it costs for the, ah, full assessment. But that’s that’s just a week ago or two weeks ago that me and Mike were working on it. “

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mayor, that’s all I have.”

Mayor Barilla – “What’s the cost of, ah, chip and seal? Do you have a cost of that?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Round \$40,000. That’s what the County’s quoted us.”

Mr. Paul – “Well, look what he’s done with Chestnut Alley. Mike’s done a lot with Chestnut Alley. “

Mr. Villamagna – “Sure.”

Mr. Paul – “So I mean it’s possible but it’s gonna take time.”

Mr. Villamagna – “They talked about paving Marion Place. We pave alleys downtown where ain’t nobody been through there but winos, so the point is mute. It’s a street everyplace and and everybody and uh, we don’t pick the streets. They got an assessment team that goes around and does the street assessments, so. “

Mayor Barilla – “Okay, thank you Mr. Mavromatis. Our Law Director Mr. Costros. Master. Mastros.”

Mr. Timmons – “Councilman DiLoreto had a question.”

Mayor Barilla – “Oh, okay.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I just got a statement to make on this garbage deal. It’s been out there for about 10 years. I hope it’s finally finished with. My interpretation when we went to this garbage; we go Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. That’s four days; take the fifth day ¼ on Monday, ¼ on Tuesday, ¼ on Wednesday and ¼ on Thursday and the fifth day is free. Now we’re getting all these financial problems, so forth and so on that’s gonna cost us money. Got double pick-ups, bulk pick-ups and everything else. It’s very complex and I think somebody along the line dropped the football.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you. Mr. Mastros?”

Mr. Mastros – “Nothing tonight, Mr. Mayor. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay, thank you. We’ll now move in to Miscellaneous Reports and signing in under Miscellaneous Reports is Mr. Villamagna. “

## MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes, Mayor, ah, the questions that I have were already answered.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you very much.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Villamagna. Also signing in is Mr. Paul.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes, Your Honor. There was one thing I forgot earlier. Um, we need to, we need to do this. I make a motion to go into Executive Session tonight. We need to discuss the City Manager’s, um, evaluation and it is due by the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month and we are close to the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month so we do need to discuss this. Evaluate him; however you want to do this. Kimberly if you want to help me with questions, whatever you want to do. We have to do this because it’s our, it’s his second year and we need to move forward with this. And it says ‘you shall’. When it says ‘you shall’, you must do it. Is that right, Your Honor? I mean...”

(speaking to Mr. Mascio)

Mr. Mascio – “Ask him.” (indicating Mr. Mastros)

Mr. Paul – unintelligible then “It says you shall and when I told your son that he goes “Willie, you’re exactly right, you shall.”

Mr. Mascio – “I agree with you but ask him.”

Mr. Paul – “OSHAA says ‘You shall’ we do it in the mill so we’re going with you shall. We gotta, we shall look into this contract so, just wanna go there.”

Mr. Barilla – “You need a second for that?”

Mr. Paul – “Yes.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Second.”

Mr. Paul – “And I need all Council members, Costa and Bernie. Other than that. And you, Your Honor, er, Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “We need roll call for that? I’m gonna have a roll call for that as well.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes sir.”

Roll Call. All ayes.

Mayor Barilla - “So moved. Going into Executive Session after the closure of Council this evening. We now move into Public Forum and we have two signed, two signing in for Public Forum. But let me say a few things before we, ah, bring them forward. Ah, we do have a time limit on Public Forum so it’s usually approximately around five minutes and I would also like to ask those that are speaking this evening that you speak in a normal tone of voice and also that we show respect for one another. So, I’m gonna call Sarah DiCarlantonio to please come forward and state your name and address.”

## PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. DiCarlantonio – “Sarah DiCarlantonio, 2719 Whitehaven Boulevard. Um, I’m, I’m here because of, um, what I consider to be the lack of business coming into the City. Um, I, I, correct me if I’m wrong, but I thought that the, um, downtown, um, revitalization group, part of their agenda was to try to bring, you know, try to bring businesses into the City. Um, and I know that, you know, there’s a group that supposed, ya’ll are trying to promote the downtown area; which is absolutely wonderful. Um, it really is. Um, I remember when I was a little girl and what the downtown Steubenville was. Um, but I’m also concerned about the West End and, and our mall. The condition of our mall and the lack of businesses we have there. I, um, was out at the mall the other day for the first time in a while. I was in J.C. Penney’s and I decided I was going to go, walk down to the Shoe Works and it made me sick to my stomach; the lack of businesses that are there. Um, I know that there was, you know, it was either sold or went in to bankruptcy or whatever happened a few years back, and I certainly had hoped that, you know, there we would certainly be, um, getting more businesses in there but it seems to be the opposite. I was actually told that there was three more businesses that are going to be leaving the mall, one of which saw has filed bankruptcy but it just, I mean, we don’t seem to be going anywhere. Like jobs just don’t seem to be very plentiful here and it concerns me. I mean, I’m 60 years old and obviously I’m not going anywhere; I’m lucky to be retired but I, I worry about our youth. Because there’s, once they graduate from college there’s no reason for them to stick around. And that really bothers me. And I just wanted to come down and make that statement. But thank you very much for listening, I appreciate it.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Sarah. Ah, in in response – to ah, your, your concern about businesses I did take it upon myself. This is over about a five year period of time.”

Ms. DiCarlantonio – “Umm hmm.”

Mayor Barilla – “And I have counted twenty new businesses that have arrived in Steubenville such as Planet Fitness, ah, Rural King, TJ Maxx, Walgreens, Sleep Outfitters, um, ah, the Popcorn shop that’s opened up; Drosselmeyer’s Coffee Shop will be opening up pretty soon; Metro PCS so there uh. Laney’s Tire, the Antique Warehouse. There are businesses that have come in and are employing people but it’s on, it’s not as, it’s not as, maybe it’s not as how they publicize it as other cities do, but there is action going on. But I agree with you, the mall is a factor. “

Ms. DiCarlantonio – “It’s really sad. If we lose three more businesses out there; one of which is, actually two of which if they’re closing are original stores and we cannot continue to keep losing original stores. I’m not so sure if the two of these stores close that there are any more original stores that are going to be there. You know, like Macy’s, like you know, like down, down St. Clairsville Mall for instance, they have a Boscov’s. It is such a neat store; they offer a little bit of everything. It would be perfect in that spot. Either there or maybe where Sears left. You know, you know, just something. You know like, and you know maybe if we got something, a business to come in to one of those, you know, empty anchor stores, maybe the smaller businesses would come in also. You know, maybe they might follow suit.”

Mayor Barilla – “Good point.”

Ms. DiCarlantonio – “But thank you for listening. I appreciate it. Thank you Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Sarah. Thank you very much. We appreciate your point.”

Ms. DiCarlantonio – “Certainly.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay also signing in this evening, Mr. Mascio, Sr. Would you please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Mascio – “John Mascio, 567 Braybarton. Ah, I wanted to bring up on the street maintenance. I mean, I think we were very lucky this winter, ah, a lot of streets really stayed up pretty well. They’re in good shape. But what I would like to request is that, to make sure they maintain their integrity for the following winter, cause we don’t know what it’s gonna bring, is that we draft up a tentative list of streets that need crack-sealed and a tentative beginning date it can be done so that we’ve got that taken care of and we don’t have to worry about it. Think I brought it up once before. My preference obviously, of course everybody has different opinions, would be do the streets that we got a lot of state and federal money to improve. Sunset, John Scott Highway, Mall Drive; those streets like that cause we don’t have the money to take care of those streets like we, it’d be to get into the neighborhoods. I would like to ask that you consider doing something like that so that we know what we intend to do and and hopefully when we can get to it and get it done and be ready for next

winter. That's a request. Ah, I had some questions on trash pick-up but I think it's pretty well been answered for the rest of the, ah, the questions I had but one thing I would like to mention and Jim brought it up about having to divide the payroll between the Sanitation and the General Fund; between M & R and Sanitation. And I, I don't think I still have it. I looked at that Sanitation ordinance that we have and my opinion is that if you look at that and you make some amendments to it, you can go ahead and enlarge the definition of Sanitation to include some things that the M & R Department are doing that would free up some of that money that is in the Sanitation Fund. So that you still maintain a pretty good amount in the General Fund. So I'd like to ask that maybe you look at that see what you can add to it. I think cutting weeds and cleaning up; to me that's Sanitation. Sanitation doesn't have to be garbage; it can be a lot of other things. So I think maybe if you take a look at that it, it maybe would help us get some additional money that we can use and go from there. Ah, and again I would hope that you might look into doing the weed spraying. I know Wintersville does it; they do it once a year. They don't have to worry about it the rest of the year. Ah, the Fort does it. Jerry told me they do it once a year. They don't have to worry about it. If we do it, we do it once a year, it frees up the men for other things to do the rest of the year. Plus, it gives you a neat looking community and I'm not talking the whole City. The main roads, Washington Street, Sunset, some of those areas. Ah, if we can get with that. Ah, going back to trash a minute. I think maybe you want to think about what Kimberly and Craig brought up about this pick-up. You got nine Mondays and nobody expects to have their trash picked up. They expect it Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. You know, picking it up those four days and using that Monday as a bulk pick-up, isn't going to affect the normal four day pick up we have anyway; gives everybody a whole weekend to get their bulk trash put together and you put everybody out there. I think you might wanna consider doing it on that, on that Monday. Not a bad idea in my opinion. So, I think Craig had it and I think Kimberly had it. And you might wanna go with that; ah. Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. Mascio. Very nicely done."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Jerry, can I say something."

Mayor Barilla – "Right spot on. Alright, so that ah, that..."

Mr. Villamagna – "Mayor..."

Mayor Barilla – "that concludes, ah yes..."

Mr. Paul – "Mr. DiLoreto wants you."

Mayor Barilla – "Yes."

Mr. DiLoreto – "J.J. I got a statement all ready. Talked to your, talked to Judge Mascio, Jr. He has volunteered to, his two aides that work for the Community Center, to pay for 'em, supervise 'em. All we have to do is get an opinion from Costro (sic) to say they are covered by their insurance because they are not City employees. So I'm already on it plus we're gonna get out the wood choppers and everything else so all we need is legal opinion and we're gonna have two workers and they both volunteered and their ready to go. And I'm gonna help them."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you. All right, well, that means we now move into Executive Session. I believe we're gonna do that here, right? We're not gonna move."

Mr. Paul – "Yes your Honor."

Mayor Barilla – "We need to clear the Council room."

Council Chambers cleared for Executive Session.

Council Chambers were reopened.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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