

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 10, 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 Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, and DiLoreto.

Also present: City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastro, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Chuck Murphy, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utilities Supervisor Lisa Knight, Planning Director Chris Petrossi, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, City Engineer Mike Dolak, Street and Sanitation Director Bob Baird, Paul Giannamore from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for April 10, 2018. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla and thanked all Department Heads for attending the meeting.

**PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Barilla – “Madame Clerk do we have any Petitions and Communications this evening?”

Mrs. McGinnis – “Nothing this evening, Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madame Clerk.”

Mrs. McGinnis – “You’re welcome.”

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-30 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Mrs. Hahn, Messrs. Dressel, Petrella**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2018 CITY PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM, CITY PROJECT NO. 2018-102, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND REBIDDING THAT MAY BE REQUIRED, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO SAID CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A WAGE ADJUSTMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Barilla – “You heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2018-31 by the Finance Committee and declaring it an emergency. Is there anyone wishing to speak on it; please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mayor Barilla – “Question?”

Mr. Paul – “Question.”

Mayor Barilla – “Roll Call.”

Roll Call by Mrs. McGinnis. All ayes except Mr. Villamagna.

Mayor Barilla – “So moved. Ordinance 2018-31 is duly adopted and will take effect immediately.”

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mayor Barilla – “That will conclude the Ordinances and Resolutions for this evening and we’ll now move into reports of committees, ah, starting off with, ah, Mr. Dressel.”

Mr. Dressel – “Nothing this evening.”

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

Mrs. Hahn – “I do not have anything to do with Parks and Recreation tonight but I would like to ask a few questions during Miscellaneous.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. Alright.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you.”

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

Mr. Paul – “Yes, your Honor, I have two items. First one is ah, it’s an ordinance under Finance. It’s an Ordinance authorizing and directing approval of expenditures without a purchase order over \$3000.00 pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 6705.41. Okay?”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Paul – “Um, and the other thing, and I don’t wanna, I don’t wanna put you on the spot or anything. It’s- it’s nothing that you have. Um, we have a detour set up down on Route 7 to where um, the trucks are supposed to go off and go up to the ah...”

Mr. Dolak – “John Scott connector.”

Mr. Paul – “...John Scott connector. They’re coming through, they’re coming right by Dock Street by Big Red now; they’re coming up Washington Street. And I see it a lot, a lot. Today, I saw it today because it really stands out because as I’m tryin’ to come off of the, from ah, off of Route 7 onto 7<sup>th</sup> Street yesterday there was a sewer back up and our City employees were there tryin’ to unplug the sewer clog. Today, um, they’re doin’ somethin’ with the gas again. The gas lines at NW or...”

Mr. Dolak – “NPW.”

Mr. Paul – “...my favorite people, yeah, ah, never mind, I don’t wanna get that, I don’t wanna get into that one. I saw four trucks comin’ down through the road and it’s all the big tankers, I’m talkin’ tankers I’m talkin’ sandboxes. Is there any way we could, Chief, while we’re there is there something, signs or something we can put up sayin’ this is not the detour? I mean, we just paved Dock Street. We-we paved Dock Street last year. We put, we put a waterline in.”

Mr. Dolak – “I don’t believe, did we pave Dock last year? We paved Logan last year.”

Okay, what’s the one, what’s the one that comes off, there’s St. Peter’s church, um...”

Multiple voices saying “Logan. It’s Logan.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay, Logan, I’m sorry, Logan. Okay, we come off of Logan; did we have a waterline break or something down on 7<sup>th</sup> and Logan?”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Dressel – “It was on Logan and...”

Mr. Murphy – (over Mr. Dressel) “We actually did the Directional bore, ah...”

Mr. Dolak – (over Mr. Murphy) – “Logan and ah, State Route 7.”

Mr. Murphy – “It’s actually Logan and State Route 7.”

Mr. Paul – “Logan and State Route 7. Okay so they’re coming up Logan, I’m sorry, not Dock Street, one street over. Okay, they’re comin’ up Logan and we just blacktopped that last year, I just remember them completing that project, I’ll say, maybe September somethin’ like that. Now we have these tanker trucks comin’ up there, and I’m talkin’ it’s not just one or two, it’s like four in a row and they just keep comin’ around and then they make that right hand turn onto 7<sup>th</sup> and then they go to get on the bridge. Rather than go up on Route 7, turn around on the Nathan Stern connector.”

Mr. Dolak – “Right, um, that’s-that’s they’re not followin’ the detour...”

Mr. Paul – “Right.”

Mr. Dolak – “...but we...”

Mr. Paul – “They’re circumventing it.”

Mr. Dolak – “...and-and they’re gonna, they’re going to continue to do that unless we, you know.”

Mr. Paul – “Is there some way we can stop this? That’s all I’m asking. I’m not saying (unintelligible).”

Mr. Dolak – (over Mr. Paul) “There are certain streets in the City that truck traffic is not permitted. But, if they’re-they’re legal loads and they’re carrying legal loads, our streets are built for that so we really can’t stop ‘em. I don’t know if there’s any thru trucks not permitted on Logan Avenue, er ah, yes, on Logan Avenue. I’d have to look into that. I know there’s on Franklin Avenue there’s no thru, there’s no trucks um, from the railroad tracks down to State Route 7 but, um, naturally no we don’t want them travelling that way but I don’t know if-if we could...”

Mr. Paul – “Yeah, I understand what you’re sayin’.”

Mr. Dolak – “Let me look into it.”

Mr. Paul – “Yeah, I could see if it’s load prohibited; I remember those signs as, as I was growing up.”

Muttering

Mr. Paul – “Um, I do know sometimes they do come to Washington Street exit but that’s kind of a hard turn for them to make so they’re goin’ the opposite way and going where the old, ah, where there’s an empty lot, you know there’s a vacant...”

Mr. Dolak – “I-I believe there, you know, Washington Street is a state route so they’re allowed onto Washington and I don’t believe there’s any, um, any signs prohibiting them from on to, being on 7<sup>th</sup> Street that I know of because there was businesses along there but we could look into Logan and see. Naturally we don’t want them going that way. Um, we had some damage, I believe it was early last year, um, some of ‘em damaged some poles up on the north end of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street.”

Mr. Paul – “For the safety of the kids down at the, the high school also. The, the, you got Wells Academy there you also have the High School.”

Mr. Dolak - “If there’s a way, if there’s a way to enforce it, then than them not doing it then that’s it.

Otherwise, ODOT has posted some signs of where the detour is but people just circumvent the system and...”

Mr. Paul – “Right, I understand.”

Mr. Dolak – “do what they wanna do. Sometimes it difficult to that unless we have some laws or ordinances in place, but I’ll look into it.”

Mr. Paul – “And-and knowing, knowing they probably have a certain amount of (inaudible) they have to operate that they might have to do that. (unintelligible due to cough) loads of water so...”

Mr. Dolak – “All they’re doin’, they’re just, they’re just bypassin’ the system; that’s what they’re doin’.”

Mr. Paul – “I understand that. I, I, I, I didn’t wanna really, it’s just, I’m just concerned because of all the work we did last year on that Logan Street.”

Mr. Dolak – “Alright.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay?”

Mr. Dolak – “I’ll look into it.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you.”

Mr. Dolak – “Yep.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you. That’s all I have Your Honor…”

Mr. DiLoreto chuckles.

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Paul.”

Mr. Paul – “I can say that tonight.”

Laughter

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Petrella, yes?”

Mr. Petrella – “To piggyback on what Mr. Paul said, can’t we just temporary close that exit?”

Mr. Dolak – “You mean temporary close Logan Avenue?”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah.”

Mr. Dolak – “Off of State Route 7?”

Mr. Petrella – “Gettin’ from State Route 7 onto Logan?”

Mr. Dolak – “There’s a lot of people that probably use it besides the truck traffic, I mean besides the truck traffic that shouldn’t be there.”

Mr. Petrella – “I mean…”

Mr. DiLoreto – “The local traffic.”

Mr. Petrella – “...if you’re goin’, if you’re goin’ south you can go down to Dock, okay?”

Mr. Dolak – “I, I think what Willie meant that this is traffic that’s coming north bound on State Route 7.”

Mr. Paul – “Yeah, it’s heading north towards Toronto.”

Mr. Dressel – “Southbound is not closed.”

Mr. Paul – “What they can’t do is they can’t turn left off of 7<sup>th</sup> and go on to the…”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah, cause I travel that all the time.”

Mr. Paul – “Yeah.”

Mr. Petrella – “But, but ah, somethin’ to consider. How many people, average people turn on 7<sup>th</sup>, left on to Dock?”

Mr. Dressel – “You’d have to close Ross too though, you don’t want wanna close them all.”

Mr. Dolak – “I mean, Logan, the Logan exit onto State Route 7, there’s a of, you know, the school’s right there and the buses use it and there-there is a lot of traffic that uses that particular intersection.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Is it possible, I’m sure for some of them it’s a lot of extra gas and time to go all the way to the connector and back down again. Could we just change the detour to turn left on Washington and right onto 7<sup>th</sup>, so they can, they can right on the bridge?”

Mr. Dolak – “From the City’s standpoint, I don’t think we sent, we wanted the detour to go north up to John Scott and bring ‘em all the way back around because we don’t want to route through City streets. We don’t want ‘em, we don’t want them to route on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. That’s just too much traffic because everybody would be goin’ that way. See, we…”

Mrs. Hahn – “Since they’re doin’ it…”

Mr. Dolak – “ODOT does not like to route through a City street. They like to keep ‘em on state routes that they can regulate. What they’re doin’ is they’re just circumventin’ the system. I’ll see if there’s any regulations on Logan that we can um, possibly implement.”

Mr. Paul – “It’s just somethin’ that I been noticin’ a lot lately. It’s, and today it was really compounded by the fact that, ah, that NS was workin’ on the gas line right by the American Legion. The David Walker American Legion. Right on that corner where we had the big waterline break, and all I saw was just tanker truck after tanker truck and I’m like, are you kidding me? So…”

Mr. Dolak – “Okay, I’ll look into it.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you. Appreciate that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Not, I, just add one thing to that too. Scott just brought up a good point. You might as well look into Ross Street too because if they do they usually go down to…”

Mr. Paul – “One more, yeah.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So, so both streets; Dock and Ross.”

Mr. Dolak – “Okay, I will.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Those are the only two I think that come on to Route 7.”

Mr. Dressel – “That’s it, yeah.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Petrella, do you have any more?”

Mr. Petrella – “Nothing, but stayin’ on the same subject. If we can get the carrier, ah, who’s doin’ it, all you have to do is call their dispatcher and, notify their dispatcher and they’ll stop it. So if we can get a hold of the company’s name we just call the company and say ‘listen, this is not an approved detour, um, have your, have your trucks go on this. Cause we have problems on County Road 267 coming into our place and that’s what we did is we contacted the, ah, carriers cause a lot of them are just brokers. Once you contact the broker or carrier they’ll get to the driver.”

Mr. Paul – “Good point. Good point.”

Mr. Petrella – “Nothing more Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla - “Okay, thank you Mr. Petrella. Mr. Timmons.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay, I have a few things. Um, is there any way next year, er, next pick-up, that we can send

something in with the billing or somethin' like that? I've had a lot of citizens ask, you know, they haven't been prepared for the pick-ups; they didn't get enough time, you know, maybe thirty days somethin' like that so that they're notified. Ah, they, and I did get a suggestion, maybe the flashing street sign for the bulk pick-up just to let people know when it is, ah, but yeah, that seems to be a concern. I also had one question, ah, what's the process for reporting lost or stolen trash cans? How do we do that? Is there one?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "You call the Sanitation Department (unintelligible) cause they keep track of the serial numbers and who they belong to. And then, naturally our people can look out for 'em cause each can has it's own serialized number to it."

Mr. Timmons – "Okay, so if they get it stolen, they have to pay for a new one to get?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Well, they need to file a report..."

Mr. Timmons – "Okay."

Mr. Mavromatis – "...that it's been stolen and then Bob, they reissue, they reissue a new one?"

Mr. Baird – "Correct."

Mr. Mavromatis – "For a stolen can. Which is no charge to 'em cause it was stolen."

Mr. Timmons – "Okay, that was the question."

Mr. Mavromatis – "They need the police report then immediately call there so our people can, I mean, specially in the area there."

Mr. Timmons – "Okay. Um, next, I called yesterday, um, a department, I don't wanna really wanna get in to who it was but, ah, you know, the first person I talked to was really nice then I went directly to somebody else and they, it was just short one word, ah, no name given. I'd like to suggest maybe uniform across the board everybody that answers the phone or deals with the public says, you know, "Thank you for calling the City of Steubenville. This is Eric. How can I help you?" It would be a lot different then. Yeah, I don't even know who I talked to really cause I didn't get a name. You know, there was no 'Hold, transfer', it was just click. I mean, that kinda, you know we hear about how it's tough to do business with the City of Steubenville and I think a lot of it may just have to stem from how business-friendly or customer service-friendly we are. Ah, it did, you know, I-I can't imagine somebody callin' me tomorrow at the bank and just sayin' 'Okay, hold' click and I'd be out of a job but um, yeah, that-that was not good. I-I think maybe even some customer service training, um, for all the employees might be in order because that's not the first time it's happened. And lastly, I like to suggest we do ah, I-I think we did it under Planning last time, it was a walk through the neighborhoods; the hilltops like we did last year. I have several residents requesting that again. Um, I think it's good to get us all out there. I'd like to do it, we did it in the early afternoon, I'd like to do it ah, before a Council meeting if possible. Ah, so I'm not even sure who (unintelligible). Is that you? If that's somethin' we could possibly look into, I'd appreciate it. Thanks."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. Timmons. Mr. Villamagna?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah, ah, under ah, Planning we can also address this at this time but Mike Dolak wants me to call a meeting for May the first at 7 o'clock so he can explain some of the ah, cost, cost prohibitives and some of the problems on Efts Lane and, ah, ah, explain to us the situation that we're in and then set up, and then he'll set up a meeting for the ah, people that live on Efts Lane. So if I could have that May first? I think it's May first, is that correct? Yeah, May first at 7 o'clock."

Mayor Barilla – "7 o'clock? Okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "And ah, ah, Mr. Lewis, I saw in your weekly report that the Auditors are gonna be here next week."

Mr. Lewis – "This week."

Mr. Villamagna – "This week?"

Mr. Lewis – "This week. They're here all week this week."

Mr. Villamagna – "I'd like, could I, could you, ah, get appointment for me? I'd like to talk to them for a minute, I just wanna..."

Mr. Lewis – "When you do want to come in?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Ahhh."

Mr. Lewis – "It should be fine with them. I'll just give 'em the heads up."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah and then just call me cause I'm basically available all day."

Mr. Lewis – "Is tomorrow-tomorrow?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Tomorrow'll be fine."

Mr. Lewis – "Okay, I'll let 'em know."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah just give me a call and tell me what time and I'll come down."

Mr. Lewis – "Whatever time you wanna come. They're, they, they're..."

Mr. Villamagna – "They're there all day?"

Mr. Lewis – "Yeah they can see you."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay, thank you. I'll just come down tomorrow then."

Mr. Lewis – "That's fine."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay. Thank you Dave. Also, on the rear of Cunningham Lane. You know what I mean Bob?"

Mr. Baird – "Yes."

Mr. Villamagna – "That circle?"

Mr. Baird – "Yes."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's one way, right?"

Mr. Baird – "Yes."

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay. At the, when you’re comin’ down and you start up the hill, it’s humped. It became humped.”

Mr. Baird – “When I’m comin’ back up from down...”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah, there’s a hump in the middle and the cars are scrapin’ and there’s also tree branches hangin’ into the roadway and cars are scrapin’ also. And I drove down there in my truck, no problem, but I can see where cars’d have problems. That’s pretty decent hump in it, okay? And, I believe that’s all. Thank you very much.”

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

Mr. DiLoreto – “No report.”

Mayor Barilla - “Thank you Mr. DiLoreto. By the way, it’s good to see you back.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Thank you. Thank you for all your considerations and (inaudible).”

Mr. Paul – “I omitted something. Can I, can I?”

Mayor Barilla - “Sure, yeah, yeah.”

Mr. Paul - “Can you come back to me for one second? It-it won’t take long. Ah, I’d like to call a Finance Committee meeting to order, ah, next Tuesday which would be the 24<sup>th</sup>. At 6:30? You think an hour’s good?”

Mr. Lewis – “Yes.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay and we’ll have Mr. Dave Lewis discuss the finances for the month of March. Okay?”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Paul – “Sorry about that. I forgot.”

Mayor Barilla - “Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Ah, that concludes Reports from Committees; we’ll now move into Administrative Reports starting off with our City Manager, Mr. Mavromatis.”

### **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. The City got notified this week, ah, the closing of White Hawk Industries. This had to do the low bidder for our demolition on our abandoned houses that we have here so there were a total of nine other properties ah, plus another two, that we pulled the work on, which you brought up Ms. Hahn, on North 4<sup>th</sup> Street and up on Oak Grove. So the lowest bidders went, two of them went to Extreme and the other went to RSV. So again, the-the numerous issues with White Hawk Industries; their attorney sent this notice out to us that they no longer exist and we will use the bond money for paying the difference. And, ah, Costa’s already sent a letter to the bond company so ah, that’s what we’re goin’. Ah, Mr. Villamagna, did you say you were gonna call a Planning meeting?”

Mr. Villamagna – “May first.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “May first? Ah, could we have our inspectors at that meeting to go over the flow chart we gave to Council?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah, absolutely.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay so I’d like to have them there.”

Mr. Villamagna – (Unintelligible) then “Mike, is a half hour enough? If I do that, you need a little more time?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Lets, let’s make it earlier.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Make it 6:30. I’ll change, I’ll change the Planning Committee meeting to 6:30 instead of 7:00.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright. So moved.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And if anybody has anything else, let me know and I’ll put it on the agenda.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’d also like to have Council, if we can work out a date that fits with everybody, ah, after the 25<sup>th</sup>. I’d like that, ah, we need to meet and sit here about our water issues. We have two sides: we have the water side and we have the sewer side and I know Mr. Petrella’s asked to have more pieces of this but Council needs to understand both situations here, manpower issues, all of this. But this is not goin’ away. We’re continually bein’ bombarded ah, with letters from the Ohio EPA. I’m waiting to get information back from the Director’s office, ah, on finances and things like this but this is something that Council needs to have a complete handle on and understand the gravity of it. These are two major things that have to be dealt with; it’s not gonna be corrected overnight and this happen overnight but we’ve gotta get this, a clear direction of where we have to go and Council understands why we have to go this direction. So, I opened this up to Council, ah, any time after the 25<sup>th</sup>. I don’t know how your schedules are but we need to have a meeting where we can sit down there, properly brief you on the problems and the issues and some of the solutions that we may or may not have.”

Mr. Dressel – “Could we do it May 15<sup>th</sup>? Before the meeting? Only because I’m gone until...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Oh, okay.”

Mr. Murphy – “I can do that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Chuck. Does that work for everybody here?”

Mr. Villamagna – “I-I didn’t hear.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “May 15<sup>th</sup>.”

Mr. Dressel – “How about May 15<sup>th</sup> at like 6:30 or 6:00 if that’s okay with Yonk.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah, it’s alright with me. I’m-I’m retired.”

Mr. Petrella – “Are we gonna get enough (unintelligible due to a cough)? That’s the only question I have.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mr. Dressel – “We may need more than one meeting too.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “You do but you need to get the whole picture here and then decide where you wanna, which direction we’re gonna go here.”

Mr. Dressel – “How much time does Chuck want?”

Mr. Murphy – “As far as things are concerned, there’s quite a bit as you folks know. You’ve gotten half decent overview on it if you will. And essentially it’s something we’re gonna wanna break off into...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Segments.”

Mr. Murphy – “...separate pieces focusing on water and then wastewater, vice versa. And I would say you’re probably gonna need about an hour and a half for each because there’s quite a bit of money and projects that we’re talkin’ about. Um, and I don’t wanna go ahead and basically have everybody overwhelmed; I want you to have time to think about everything, come back, ask any additional questions that need to go ahead and get a sound understanding.”

Mr. Dressel – “So 6:00 on the 15<sup>th</sup> and then we’ll schedule another one to follow that. Is that okay?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s fine.”

Mr. Dressel – “So May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 Utility.”

Unknown speaker – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Discuss water one time and sewer...”

Mr. Dressel – “And sewer the next.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Is there any, is there any time, is there any time element on this, these meetings? Any time you gotta meet a deadline?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well, we’re meeting the deadlines already that they...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “on our Notice of Violation we’re meeting our deadlines there. The wastewater, we’re not. That’s still the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the original Consent Decree and this has gotta be, I’m waiting to talk with the, Aaron from Ohio EPA to walk through this again and see; they’re tryin’ to get this off their plate, we’ve gotta get a plan in there. It’s difficult from the wastewater side to give them an answer when you don’t have the money. So, I mean, somebody’s gotta give here and we need to know what options are available here and then you go from there.”

Mr. Dressel – “Well, we need to do an asset management plan of the sewer as well is the issue, right?”

Mr. Murphy – “I would agree with that, I think that’s something we definitely need to do um, based on a conference I went to earlier, ah, I think it was in March if I remember correctly. Um, the EPA, ah, central office folks clearly indicated they’re not gonna do it right away but they are going to do it so once they get the water side all the bugs worked out they’re gonna use that as a template.”

Mr. Dressel – “Right.”

Mr. Murphy – “Is what they said and then basically start going in to the wastewater side. So I would expect to need that.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay, so May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and then we’ll schedule another one.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Jim? Could-could we possibly have it be wastewater on the 15<sup>th</sup> just because we’ve had less information about that?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s fine with me.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And then the water as the follow up meeting to that?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That would be good. I think you need to get a clear picture on this wastewater.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mr. Petrella – “Ah, Mayor?”

Mayor Barilla - “Yes?”

Mr. Petrella – “A-also Chuck, at that meeting, if you could have something visually for us with all the pieces...”

Mr. Murphy – “Um hm.”

Mr. Petrella – “...for the wastewater and then if that’s possible, any kind of estimate or guesstimate, ah, on-on on the ah, cost of it as well as the duration of that piece. Ah, say the digesters for instance.”

Mr. Murphy – “Right.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay, if you put down digesters, cost and how long that project’s gonna take so we can put some kinda time line and then once we get that, ah, get all those elements in there then we can probably put a plan together and see what we wanna prioritize first and then move along and see how we can get the funding for that also.”

Mr. Murphy – “As far as that’s concerned, I know our CIP, the one that I put together, ah, has a great deal of that information already built into it, um, so it’d be rather simple to just go ahead and pull that information out and be able to present it to Council.”

Mr. Petrella – “Just-just bullet points on it’d be great so you know we don’t have to have long dissertation on it.”

Mr. Murphy – “Correct.”

Mr. Petrella – “Just bullet points so we knows what the project is, the cost of that project and the time of that project.”

Mr. Murphy – “The way I intended to do it and with Council’s agreement, is actually I did plan to do a PowerPoint after talking with our City Manager and essentially show each project or at least a picture showing

what the problem is just to give you an indication of it, not the entire area if you will, of everything but at least that'll give you an idea so the worst of the worst."

Mr. Petrella – "Mm hm."

Mr. Murphy – "And then basically that way you'll be able to be familiar with each project; ah, what the problems are and then basically what the costs are associated therewith."

Mr. Dressel – "Okay."

Mr. Timmons- "Ah, should we invite Arcadis for that meeting as well, er, any EPA representative er?"

Mr. Murphy – "I think at this juncture it probably wouldn't be worthwhile only because of the fact that, the only thing we're gonna be discussing what the costs are, the length of time. HDR Engineering actually helped to put together those costs that we're talking about; I think they would have much more familiarity with the projects so if we wanted to bring in an engineering firm to go ahead and get their point of view, that would be the best one because they've got the most background with our system."

Mr. Timmons – "Alright, then I may suggest we do that then."

Mr. Murphy – "Okay."

Mr. Timmons – "Thanks."

Mr. Mavromatis – "The fence has been ordered for ah, LaBelle."

Mrs. Hahn – "For the tires? Where the tires accumulate?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Well, where the tires accumulate. What we don't know is where the tires'll go after that but the fence has been ordered. The fence has been ordered for ah, 6<sup>th</sup> and South Street and ah, we just have to do a little coordinating with a couple landowners there we may be able to get more land, ah, fenced in. "

Mr. DiLoreto – "Good."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That's all I have, ah, this evening Mayor."

Mayor Barilla – Thank you Mr. Mavromatis."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Thank you Jim."

Mayor Villamagna – "Mayor?"

Mayor Barilla – "Uh, Jim, couple follow ups maybe. Do you have an (inaudible due to coughing) on the part-time, the nine part-time workers? How many did we get, do you have any idea?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Ah, Bob?"

Mr. Baird – "I have not seen the applications yet. I believe, I think Lori may have but I have not seen them yet. I don't know how many we've received."

Mr. Mavromatis – "You wouldn't know that. Cause I'll check with Cathy should know that, okay?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah because they applied through the Civil Service I think, right?"

Unknown female voice – "That's right."

Mr. Villamagna – "Ah, do we, ah, did we get the prices for the City building on South Lake Erie?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes, ah, we did. The packer garage heaters, the low bid was Fort Steuben at \$12,950. And the restrooms, the low bidder was Cattrell at \$42,900."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's for the whole, that's for the total. That's the tile and everything."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "You, what'd you, \$4200 you said?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "No, \$42,000."

Mr. DiLoreto – "\$42,000."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay, I was gonna say...Um, we, did we get any prices on the ah, cable to run to the new police station?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "We just had 'em in, ah, Monday I think. Monday they were in?"

Mr. Lewis – "Thurs-Thursday last week."

Mr. Mavromatis – "We're just waiting to get (unintelligible due to talking). Ah, E-Safe's been in there and we just had ah, the phone company in there yesterday."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay."

Mr. Mavromatis – "So we'll get the numbers on that."

Mr. Villamagna – "And uh..."

Mr. Mavromatis – "And we're waiting for a bid from Fort Steuben."

Mr. Villamagna – "the safety, the safety issue, I don't wanna say what it is."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Right, okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "So they haven't got back to us yet."

Mr. Mavromatis – "No."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay. And uh, I guess this is more for the Chief. Chief, th-that 262 Cunningham. The police've been there and warned this guy. I think they even gave him a citation but he's playin' the cat and mouse game. Goin' up the hill to Cunningham? No parking zone? Right there? I get-get inundated with calls maybe if you can just pass it along to the turns in their travels."

Chief McCafferty – "262?"

Mr. Villamagna – "262. There's no parkin' and that guy, he-he on doin' it and I know they've warned him and I know they, I-I'm positive he's got a citation. He just continues to do it so..."

Chief McCafferty – "Okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "I appreciate it. And uh, that's all I have. Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay, thank you. We'll now move over to our Law Director Mr. Mastros."

Mr. Mastros – Thank you Your Honor. Speaking of water, you all received today by email an ordinance ah, that I'm gonna request to be sunshined: This is a contract, ah, for an ordinance authorizing and directing the

City Manager to execute a contract for Mr. Robert Disch as the Class IV Operator of Record for the water department. Um, apparently we've had a contract with Mr. Disch for about three years now; he's a Class IV operator, we have to have class IV operator at our water plant. Ah, we contract with him to do those services, it is going to end, um, very shortly actually and ah, this will be just a contract to renew his term for another three years. Ah, if you want the particulars, I think that the OEPA requires us to have this as well."

Mr. Murphy – "Yes."

Mr. Mastros – "So, if there's any more particulars that you want Mr. Murphy's here but if there are not, I'm gonna ask for a motion and a second ah, to sunshine that ordinance. Thank you."

Mr. DiLoreto – "I make a motion to sunshine it."

Mrs. Hahn – "May I ask a quick question..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "How much's this payin'?"

Mrs. Hahn – "...um about this? Um, we've had a little bit of conversation about the possibility of hiring someone on the water side; that we may possibly be looking to add to this department and I just wanna ask the question before we commit to the contract. Have we thought of having that be a requirement that the person be a Class IV and are we gonna be doubling up? Like, we're looking for money to be able to possibly have that person be head of the water department and, and, and because there's just so many projects...Do you know what I'm asking?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes, yes I do."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah but...go ahead."

Mr. Mavromatis – "You have, you have three-three different things here."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Bob Disch's ah, Bob Disch's classification is the highest one of the three, is that accurate?"

Mr. Murphy – "Ah, he's-he's, as a Class IV operator it's the highest classification you can get in the State of Ohio."

Multiple voices – "Right."

Mr. Murphy – "And there's only I think about, if I remember, about a hundred..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Hundred and some."

Mr. Murphy – "...forty of those in the entire state."

Mr. DiLoreto – "He's retired."

Mr. Murphy – "We actually tried to go ahead and get one full time before and we could not get anybody for under \$96,000 a year. At that point, even that person had even backed out. Essentially you're going to go ahead and try to bring somebody in knowing all the issues we have, you're gonna be looking at six figures. Having Bob Disch with forty years' experience is a huge plus for us even if it's just part-time, that's all he is."

Mr. Paul – "And again, didn't the EPA allow us to..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Yeah."

Mr. Paul – "...operate without this gentleman for so many years until we...The EPA has been very lenient with us..."

Mr. Murphy – "Yes."

Mr. Paul – "...on this matter also."

Mr. Murphy – "Yes the laws, rules and regulations require that you have a Class IV and essentially you can go ahead and have an exception to that for a given span of time and we have used up our allotment of that time plus some; so essentially we cannot afford to go ahead and just bring in a Class III operator and say 'okay you can go after your class IV'."

Mrs. Hahn – "Gotcha."

Mr. Murphy – "That simply unfortunately won't function any longer for us. Hence the reason why our long-term plan has been to try and go ahead and get somebody from the inside ready to go, taking that IV, so forth so on. So that that way, when Bob, you know, decides he's ready to go we got somebody there you know, we're prepared. We're looking at in terms of succession planning."

Mrs. Hahn – "Thank you."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Can't find, can't find one."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr Petrella?"

Mr. Petrella – "Yes sir, just as a follow up you did say we-we have somebody in the pipeline already then?"

Mr. Murphy – "Ah, currently as it stands we have, ah, actually ah, ah, Chuck Smith, our Chief Operator, currently he's only got a Class II and essentially he's working on his III. He's getting ready to go for his III here shortly and essentially after he gets his III, he's gonna have so long a period of time, I think it's about two years if I remember right, holding that III before he's eligible to go ahead..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Get IV."

Mr. Murphy – "...and um, write his IV cause with a Class IV it's not a um, multiple choice exam; you actually have to write a mini thesis. Um, so it's no, it's no small thing. State of Ohio's one of the most, if not the most, difficult states to get that Class IV license."

Mr. Petrella – "Okay. Ah, I like, I'm glad to hear that we do have somebody in the pipeline and we should be always thinking 'bout long term for the City in all, in all departments in all positions. That we need to keep people in the pipeline, get them the education and progress them up to where we need our standards to be."

Mr. Murphy – "Okay."

Mr. DiLoreto – "If they want it."

Mr. Dressel – "We need a second on the motion?"

Mr. Mastros – "No, I think there was a motion made by Mr. DiLoreto."

Mr. Dressel – “And I’ll second it.”

Mr. Mastros – “Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Do we need a Roll Call on that?”

Mr. Mastros – “That’s all we need.”

Mayor Barilla – “That’s it?”

Mr. Mastros – “That’s all we need.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. Okay thank you.”

Mr. Mastros – “Thank you. That’s all I have Mr. Mayor. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Mastros.”

## MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move to Miscellaneous and signing in this evening is Mrs. Hahn.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay, I have three follow ups to last week. Um, the Grant parking lot. Have we posted the NO PARKING signs? That was one of your suggestions last week.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “They’re being ordered and since you brought that up. We spent three days last week chasing all the trucks out; notifying the businesses that gave unauthorized information that they could park there. They already knew they couldn’t but they did. So we got ‘em out of there. We had a request from the new health unit that’s there. I don’t see any issues with this because we do grant parking to the Greek Church for the festival, other functions that are there on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and I’ve talked with our legal advisor and I can grant it. It’ll be for the use of their employees and clients there but there’s no parking overnight and if this property is sold then everything’s rescinded on the agreement. So that is gonna be a restricted area to park by permission only.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Jim?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “There has not been a truck down there this past week. I pass there every day.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mrs. Hahn – “That’s great.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Thank you.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Um, is one of the discussions with the Auditors about um, our money for demolitions and whether or not that can come from the Sanitation Department. Will they give us a definitive answer? Cause it sounded definitive earlier.”

Mr. Lewis – “They have, they ah, they passed their review on to the State Auditors. They-they are saying there’s not an issue but they have passed that on to the State Auditors and I’m waiting on response from State Auditors to come back whether it’s allowed, allowable ah, use of the funds or not.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay. Cause that really kind of stalls what we’re tryin’ to do with the vacant properties...”

Mr. Lewis – “It-it.”

Mrs. Hahn – “...that need to be demolished.”

Mr. Lewis – “Right, yeah. We-we’ve had to put everything on hold until, until we get that answer. I hope it’s soon but you know, we’ll make a decision when we’re able to.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And then, um, I was thinking about this, when you mentioned last week Jim that at the, it’s the Moose building...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mrs. Hahn – “you found leaking pipes in the basement, um, this is one of the real problems we may be having because we have so many vacant properties and I thought maybe this is one of the things that we could begin to do. With the vacant properties aren’t they obligated to allow an interior inspection as well as an exterior inspection?”

Mr. Petrossi – “Well...”

Mrs. Hahn – “And could we check? I mean we have a thousand vacant properties. If we can find some pipes that are leaking we can shut them off and we can start improving how much water we’re losing.”

Mr. Petrella – “Losing, yeah.”

Mr. Petrossi – “With each vacant property, um, we (unintelligible) to get in and do an inspection and we do that on-on many of them, however, if the owner says no then there’s no other way for us to get in except to obtain a warrant. We have to get a-a warrant to go in.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I thought the law said...”

Mr. Petrossi – “That’s-that’s what the law said but-but we cannot get a warrant, we cannot go in any property without a warrant or the owner’s permission.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay. So how do we go about doing that?”

Mr. Petrossi – “We-well, if-if we have, we have to have reason to believe that there’s a, there’s-there’s, ah, ah, that there’s something going on to have to get a warrant. We ask the judge for a warrant and then the judge authorizes us to enter.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay but I thought in the legislation – that I read over, it gave the City the right to have an interior and exterior inspection every...”

Mr. Petrossi – I-I-I what legislation, a lot of legislation says things like that but, the-the-the truth of the matter is we cannot, we cannot inspect anything on private property without owner’s permission. E-everything we do is from the public way unless we get the owner’s permission.”

Mr. Dressel – “I have a...”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Dressel.”

Mr. Dressel – “Don’t we have a ah, Chuck don’t we have a device that allows us to hear running water; listening device that we could use that could maybe hear the water running through the curb box or is that not possible?”

Mr. Murphy – “We do have actually a listening device that ah, can go ahead and listen to leaks, things of that nature but they have to be of a given size or it simply won’t pick it up. It’s not designed to pick up small leaks.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah.”

Mr. Murphy – “So if you have a really really pin hole type leak, it’s not gonna go ahead and grab it.”

Mr. Dressel – (unintelligible) probably either; but yeah, so maybe we could listen to some of these if we antic-, if we think we’re leaking water somewhere. Maybe. Then we won’t need a warrant.”

Mrs. Hahn – “One more question. Just because some of the people up on LaBelle, um, asked the question. Is it possible, and maybe-maybe it’s not, but is it possible for the bulk pick-up to be May-June rather than April-June, I mean, April-May, and the only reason is the weather’s been so lousy that it really hard for a lot of people to gather up their stuff to have it out on Friday. Um, and I’m just asking cause I don’t know if you do, if potholes can’t be done because of the weather at this point and you have to do those in June then I’ll just give the quick answer no, it’s gonna have to be April and May.”

Mr. Baird – “Are you...”

Mrs. Hahn – “They were just asking could it be May and June...”

Unknown voice– “It could be any time that you want.”

Mrs. Hahn – “rather than April and May?”

Mr. Baird – “I just want to make sure I understand, in the future, you mean?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah, in the future.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah.”

Mr. Baird – “Yeah, we can certainly look at that and-and adjust.”

Mrs. Hahn – “It-it wouldn’t be too much of a challenge to you all?”

Mr. Timmons – “No.”

Mr. Baird – “No, I, it can, no...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Start in May, finish in August.”

Mr. Baird – “The period, the-the time frame that we’re in is kinda just where, um, it’s always been. It-It’s always taken place mid-April to mid-May. Um, what changed this year is it’s happening on Friday instead of Saturday so if, ah, if the desire’s there to move it later, if, I’d say in theory that could be done. All we would do is look it, make sure that the calendar, look at any potential conflicts ahead of time but I don’t see any reason why it couldn’t be scheduled whatever time you determine, time you pick.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you.”

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Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim, could ah, I’m confused about this ah, this Moose building. I heard two stories and I meant to ask you and it slipped my mind and then she brought it up. Was there actually water running, was there a leak or was it just from the roof, the water pourin’ in there?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No, ah, Chuck’s, he went down into the basement and found another area to shut off. According to our records, the water was shut off. There was two shut-off places.”

Mr. Villamagna – “There was two?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “So it’s been leakin’ for who knows how many years Bob.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And ah, just to comment on the bulk pick-up. We gotta remember something also too that we have two bulk pick-ups so if we have too late into the year then it’s gonna offend...”

Mr. Paul – “We’ll be at Christmas.”

Mr. Villamagna – “...you know, cause I hope they ain’t got that much junk. We gotta be careful how far back we push it back because if we’re gonna have a fall pick-up too so just keep that in mind too. That’s it Mayor, thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay, alright. Alright, ah, we did not have anyone sign in under Public Forum so if there’s no further business...”

Mr. Petrella – “Motion to adjourn.”

Mayor Barilla – “...before Council...”

Mr. Timmons – “Second.”

Mayor Barilla – “Could you do that again?”

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

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MAYOR