

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
April 24, 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 Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, and DiLoreto. Absent was Councilman Dressel. Mrs. Hahn made a motion to excuse Mr. Dressel from the meeting. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes.

Also present: City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utilities Supervisor Lisa Knight, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Chuck Murphy, Planning Director Chris Petrossi, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, City Engineering Technician Dino DiMarzo, 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 17, 2018. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. "So moved; minutes accepted," declared Mayor Barilla.

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Barilla – "We'll now move into Petitions and Communications. Madame Clerk?"

Mrs. McGinnis – "Nothing this evening, Sir."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Madame Clerk."

Mrs. McGinnis – "You're welcome."

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-30 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 2nd 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. 2018-32 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st Reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER OVER \$3,000.00 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.41.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-33 – BY THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Messrs. DiLoreto, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR ROBERT DISCH AS THE CLASS IV OPERATOR OF RECORD FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – "You heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2018-33 by the Public Utilities Committee and declaring it an emergency. Is there anyone wishing to speak on this? Please come forward and state your name and address."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Question?"

Mayor Barilla – "Roll Call."

Roll Call by Mrs. McGinnis. All ayes.

Mayor Barilla – "So moved. Ordinance No. 2018-33 is duly adopted and will take effect immediately."

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mayor Barilla – "That concludes this evenings' Ordinances and Resolutions. We'll now move into reports of committees starting with, ah, Mrs. Hahn."

Mrs. Hahn – "Yes, um, I know we have a lot of committee meetings coming up but I wanted to ask if we could schedule at least a thirty minute Parks and Recreation meeting. Ah, next week we start at 6:00."

Mrs. McGinnis - "Thirty."

Mr. Paul – "6:30."

Mrs. Hahn – "6:30 next week, sorry, and 6:00 the next week. So do we wanna look at the next week?"

Mr. Paul – “Wait a minute. We have, um, next week we have 6:30 Mr. Villamagna’s then nothin’ til the 15th because Mr. Dressel will not be here so if you wanna have something on the 8th? I think it would be the 8th.”

Mrs. McGinnis – “Yes.”

Mr. Paul – “You could have it on the 8th if you want.”

Mrs. Hahn – “That would be fine.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay, call it for the 8th.”

Mrs. Hahn – “That would be a great start.”

Mr. Paul – “Whatever you want, a half hour, hour.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah, and um, I don’t know the details but last night Senator Hoagland mentioned that, um, we are put into the Ohio budget, \$100,000.00 for the Marina. It does need to be tied to economic development; it does have to be tied to a couple of other things. I don’t know if you have any specifics Lori. I don’t know when that money is supposed to arrive but before that meeting I’ll try to get more information. Um, also I wanted to mention the ‘Meet Me at the Marina.’ There’s some sheets there and um, we’re hoping to have a series, once a month, ‘Meet Me at the Marina’ and then this time is to fish. So, if any of you know Terrance and Elise Rainbow, they’re going to run point on it. Um, we’re hoping,” laughter “that the water recedes enough at the Marina that we can have this, ah, fun event. Um, we have people who are making rods available and donating earthworms and donating, um ah, time and hopefully some food and we’re hoping to put on a really nice event. Um, if you like to fish please come down and-and share that, ah, that hobby, that joy with others. Bring your kids, your grandkids. Um, no fishing permit is required, um, and if you’d pass on the word we’d really appreciate it. Um, if you have anything specific about a park that you think needs to be on the agenda for May 8th, please let me know Yonk in particular. I’m thinking Beatty Park.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “It’s all taken care of.”

Mrs. Hahn – “It’s all taken care of; you don’t need any help at all. Okay, what about the roof over the, um...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Well, I have somebody who might be interested if we put it out for bid. If you can get some bids for me, I will give it to the, ah, our good friend. He said he might be interested in putting the roof on. So, get me a bid on the roof on the last shelter.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay, and the baseball season starts the...Opening season is in May. Keep that in mind if you want to attend any of those, um...yeah. I think that’s it. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mrs. Hahn. Ah, we move on to Mr. Paul.”

Mr. Paul – “Nothing at this time, Your Honor...ah, Mayor.”

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

Mr. Petrella – “Nothing Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla - “Thank you Mr. Petrella. Mr. Timmons?”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah, I just had a question. Do we have somebody representing, ah, the City tomorrow at the Ohio Valley Regional Oil and Gas Expo? I saw that that was goin’ on tomorrow in Belmont County and I thought that might be a...we should probably have somebody representin’ the City there. It’s a free event; there’s like 130 vendors; just to get our name out and ah, see if there’s anything Steubenville can offer, ah, any of those businesses.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Do you the location and the time?”

Mr. Timmons – “Carnes Center.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Where is it?”

Mr. Timmons – “Carnes Center. It’s 8-3. It’s free. I just, I figured somebody would be goin’ so I wondered.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “At this time I would tell you no but I will see if I have someone’s available.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “Is that it Mr. Timmons?”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah, that’s it.”

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

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. Uh, I had a conversation today with some of the department heads and uh, we, we asked to have them here at every meeting but ah...with this agenda that we have where we-we sign, people sign up to talk and, ah, we get the answer before they come here? I don’t, I don’t know if it’s necessary to have, have ‘em all-all here every week unless the City Manager wants one of them to explain something to us or if we request to have them come and explain to us but cause I-I saw ‘em; they’ve been here for a couple weeks now and it’s, I mean, they-they work every day too and to have ‘em here...I-I, they’re management so if they have to be here, they have to be here but I don’t, I don’t know if it’s really necessary that we have ‘em here every...”

Mr. Timmons – “The one thing I think...ah, when we had committee meetings involving some departments; I think that was an issue because they weren’t here; we had questions for them and things like that.”

Mr. Villamagna- “Yeah and like I said, if we request ‘em to be here for committee meeting or something like that...”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah, I think they should be here any time that happens.”

Mr. Villamagna – “But to just have ‘em...I mean, are we, can we get consensus that, that they don’t have to be here every Tuesday cause I mean I ...I don’t know. I don’t like wastin’ my time. I don’t like wasting anybody else’s time so...”

Mr. Paul – “And I agree. I mean, but ah...”

Mrs. Hahn – “I’d actually like to offer a slightly different perspective. The last two weeks, I ‘ve left really grateful that we were able to ask some of the specific questions and we didn’t know, ah, several of us asked different questions and I’m sure 4 or 5 of them were involved in answering and I was really grateful that they were here. I don’t wanna waste anybody’s time but I think it’s helpful for them to hear what our vision is and

what we're going for and I think they can maybe better assist us if they, if we're, if we're talking together and going over things. So, I don't know how to judge it. ”

Mr. Timmons – “Ah, ah, I think, I originally sent that email to ask them and say, you know, not I don't think they should have to come back whenever we started that. But, I mean, could we meet in-between kinda? Just maybe say two out of four meetings a month be here or three out of four give 'em a break?”

Mr. Villamagna – “I mean, if-if you want 'em here I think that, I think we all understand that if we have questions for 'em we-we, we want, we want 'em to be here but, we-we, we make the citizens sign in and then we-we should have an answer for 'em. ”

Sneeze

Mr. Paul – “Bless you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And then, if we have questions for-for-for the department heads, we can contact them also. I mean, I-I call 'em. I know they ain't always happy that I call 'em but I do call 'em and ah, ask 'em. I just, I just threw it out because ...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Can I give a suggestion?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah, absolutely.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Um, if there's a committee meeting and it involves a department then they should be here. Okay? That's-that's-that's a no-brainer. If a citizen asks to speak and it's somethin' we need to be prepared for to help them cause if it's, if it's important for them to come down here, fill the paperwork out then we should be prepared to give 'em an answer. Then the right department head should be there. We get, ah, we know by 4:00 on Friday and we have all day Monday. Ah, if there's something that Council has contacted me on they would like a more explanation, they have every right to have a department head here. Just give me enough advance notice. Because some of them have kids they go to functions and things. I think that's probably the best way. But I do agree, having them here is important. As long as I know, they'll be here. We tried this before you decided you didn't want 'em; then we brought 'em back again. They're here. They'll be here. I-I have no problems with that. But, ah, I would like to run it this way: if a citizen has somethin' that's gonna bring it up tonight and it involves a department, I'll have 'em here. We have a committee meeting, absolutely I want 'em here if it involves that department. I'm just using this as an example: Mike Dolak – an engineering issue-he'll be here or his representative'll be here like tonight. But, barring that, there's no reason... ”

Mr. Timmons – “I, I'm fine with that. Let's try it.”

Unintelligible (Mr. Timmons and Mr. Mavromatis talking over each other)

Mr. Timmons – “If it doesn't work we can always...”

Mr. Villamagna – “Can we, can we try it like that? I mean, is everybody...”

Mr. Timmons – “I'm fine with that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yonk?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah, I really don't care because if I gotta question, I'll go see the department head, go see you, I'll go see. Now Chuck Murphy should be here cause we got a big problem on our hands. I mean, other than that, I think we all got telephones, you all have offices and you return our call. If I ain't satisfied I'll come back and see you again. So...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “?Alright.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I like to talk to a guy one on one anyways and don't waste anybody's time.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Alright. Department heads you've heard from Council. If I need ya here, I'll advise ya. Ah, if not, you can stay home. Alright? Thank you Mr. Villamagna.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And, uh, sorry. I, the ah, other thing was did we contact anybody from Jefferson, for ah, the-the girls from the Health Department up there about this Safety Town yet? Do you know if we've contacted? We have contacted?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes, Lori was working on that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I tried to get ahold of the other girl and I couldn't, I couldn't reach her before tonight.”

Mr. Hahn – “Lori can tell you...”

Mr. Villamagna – “Oh she's here. Oh okay. Good. I missed you. I didn't even see you when I turned around.”

Ms. Fetherolf – Inaudible

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay, you did call her then?”

Ms. Fetherolf – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay, thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Is that all Mr. Villamagna?”

Mr. Villamagna – “That's all Mayor.”

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

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes, real short. I wanna thank the College of Steubenville Franciscan University for cleanin' up Beatty Park. They got couches, trucks, buggies, tires, and everything else. Thanks Paul for the good coverage, the kids really appreciated it and uh, they'll be back again along with some other volunteer groups. And I wanna thank Lori; she's gonna get us new benches down there. I told her to chain 'em down. Thank you. That's all Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. That will conclude Reports of our Committees this evening; we'll now move into Administrative Reports starting off with our City Manager, Mr. Mavromatis.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Ah, we had 30 applicants apply for our part-time seasonal job. Three of them are gonna be dedicated to the Parks side and the other six will be with Mr. Baird. So at this time, ah, Lori and Bob are gonna go through these applications because the processin’ of the drug test, the arrest record, it all has to be looked into but that’s a fairly decent turn out...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah, very good.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “...for nine positions so hopefully we’re able to fill all of that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Just out of curiosity, all youth? All kids er?.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Ah, no. I haven’t seen...”

Ms. Fetherolf – “It’s a variety. It goes from one end to the extreme other end.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Ah, tomorrow I’m meeting with Ohio EPA on the wastewater issues. I’m also meeting with the financial person to just lay out exactly what is available to us, what are the, ah, guidelines that we need here. I’m also meeting with the enforcement side of the Ohio EPA. We’ve had some violations up here that need to be looked into. And then I’m also meeting with the, ah, ah, the Ohio State Auditors Office. Ah, we had a clean bill of health in ’16 for an audit. Ah, somethin’s come up; ah, we can’t get definitive answers. I’ve already talked to the number two in the Auditor’s Office, a gentleman, Mr. Hinkle; ah, he’s agreed to meet with me. Ah, I think he has the answers, ah, right now, so looks pretty good, ah, ah, that we should get our award for ’16 but all I asked was show me why we don’t meet that. Our contract auditors gave us a clean bill of health. The State gave us a clean bill of health then why wasn’t the award issued. Ah, so I’ll have that all tomorrow and I’ll brief you on this next Tuesday. I am available by phone if you need me other than if I’m in the meeting I won’t be able to answer so that’s where I’ll be and I’m leavin’ first thing in the morning. Ah, the issues, ah, what was brought to me by you, Mr. Villamagna, they have been rectified on the parking issues and trash issues by a certain person. We’re dealing with that, we’ve got everything in line here we just have to wait for our cut off time then we can act putting the fence up, what all we have to do. So there’s another issue that came up there; trash bein’ dumped there. It was looked at yesterday and that person’s been summoned into court. So, we’re stayin’ on top of this and we’ll deal with the issues as they come up. Ah, that’s all I have to report.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Good job Jim.”

Mr. Villamagna – “You know, in-in reference to what you just said about that parking problem there and stuff. But ah, across the street now, in our lot that we own across the street, it-it’s startin’ over there now. They’re parkin’ over in...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Oh, okay. That’s gonna be, that-that will be an easy fix because that’s an immediate towable offence on that. We still have some private property there, we’re workin’ with the, in fact, I just prepared a ah, well, I didn’t; my legal advisor prepared a document that we will now be able to enclose other fence line properties. They’ve given us an easement so we’ll enclose all of that. Ah, Ms. Hahn, we have three signs that are up there on the Grant/Steve lot. They are working. The trucks aren’t coming back.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Good.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Ah, the businesses have been notified do not (unintelligible), and we have ordered the signs. So when we get the signs in they will be put up there. It’s by permission only so we have our, our ah, Farmer’s Market that comes in they’ll be able to utilize it and again, Steve’s Fish n Chips will have no issues there. It’s the trucking problem that we had to deal with and so far they’re abiding by the portable signs that we have there so we get the permanent ones they’ll go in and the, they’ll, they’ll...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “No one’s parked there, Jim, for the last two weeks...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “What’s that?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “No one’s parked there for the last two weeks; I check it every week, every day. Villamagna and I, when we come down town.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Ah, Mayor?”

Mr. Villamagna – “We’re like bulldogs Yonk.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’m finished. Ah, Mr. Murphy would like to address Council.”

Mayor Barilla - “Mr. Murphy?”

Mr. Murphy – “Ah, yes, essentially what we have is ah, we’ve been dealing with the PAA project. I sent ah, an email out to everyone ah, in regards to that containing a proposed ordinance as well as, um, the history contained within that project dating back to 2011 when we first started trials, things of that nature. Ah, in addition to that I also incorporated ah, an email, ah, from HDR Engineering, who we have two representatives tonight just in case Council might have questions in regards to ah, that ordinance and the ah, what’s contained therein. Anyhow, ah, we do have a very short timeline as EPA always has fun with us that way. Um, and we need to go ahead and make sure that we actually get that sunshined. The idea was to go ahead and actually sunshine it tonight so that we could have passage next week to make sure that we could meet the deadlines contained with our EPA permit. Ah, it’s, the new EPA permit is, ah, going in effect June 1.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I do have some questions.”

Mr. Murphy – “Sure.”

Mrs. Hahn – Unintelligible

Mayor Barilla – “Mrs. Hahn?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Did you wanna say anything else before I ask?”

Mr. Murphy – “Oh no, by all means...”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay, okay, so and either way, they can answer, you can answer. So are we required to do both studies or at this point are we just definitely required to do the Macro-invertebrate study and then we’ll just, and then we’ll do the mixing study if they require it.”

Mr. Murphy – “Basically the Macro-invertebrate study is what’s required to do, be done first. If-if it comes out as we hope and figure it will, um, then we would not have to go ahead and proceed with the Mixing Zone study. If it doesn’t come out favorably, then we would have to go ahead and proceed forward with the Mixing Zone study, the second part of things, ah, which would be in preparation for doing a um, ah, the Diffuser Mechanism that was mentioned in (inaudible).”

Mrs. Hahn – “So-so the \$30,000.00 for that Mixing, um, study is not necessarily on the table. It’s gonna be after you have the chance to do the initial study.”

Mr. Murphy – “Right.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay. Um, alright. Ah, so we don’t know, we’re not talking about the additional cost then of the Mixing Zone study yet.”

Mr. Murphy – “The \$105,000.00 that’s actually there, that’s incorporating both because you don’t know whether or not you’re gonna have to do it. If the funding isn’t necessary to be used, of course we won’t use it.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay.”

Mr. Murphy – “So essentially it’ll stay, you know, stay where-where it’s at right now.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay, so you have, you are putting in for the fundi-, from us you’re putting in for the funding of that second study but we may not need it.”

Mr. Murphy – “Right. Now that’s gonna be taken from the bond funding that was actually implemented back in 2014 and essentially that will allow us to go ahead and pay for that so there won’t be anything coming out of any of the, ah, reserve funds or anything of that nature.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Good. Okay, do we still only use a temporary feed for the PAA?”

Mr. Murphy – “We have been since 2013; we’ve been permanently using it since then, ah, actually about April 3rd, 2013 with EPA’s knowledge and permission.”

Mrs. Hahn – “So, it, when we talk about construc-, possible construction, is it related to that? To making that permanent?”

Mr. Murphy – “Yes essentially, what we would actually be doin’, cause the original, ah, contract for the PAA, Task Order 2A is dealing with the construction of the actual chemical feed system. Ah, these folks from HDR are already involved in movin’ that forward because we do have a timeline on that as well, getting that design aspect done. We’re gonna be putting in Tote Rack system, which is much less expensive that what was originally planned, and then essentially that’ll allow us to go ahead and minimize the upfront costs as we already have in that aspect and then basically it’ll go ahead and pay for most of, if not all of, the Diffuser mechanism if we have to go ahead and go that far.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And so when, ah, Willie, right before we started ah, the Council meeting he mentioned that, um, we’re hoping to go to the PAA being in tanks, is that part of that?”

Mr. Murphy – “They, at the Tote Rack system, cause we’re currently using totes as it stands now and I know that ah, these, ah, Willie and Bob have both, ah, seen that. Actually all it’s gonna do is elevate everything above ground so you put everything in there so it’s above flood stage.”

Mr. Paul – “Be a lot safer too.”

Mr. Murphy – “It’ll be a lot safer, yes. Cause there’ll be a containment area below so forth so on. It’ll also go ahead and have it to where you have the, ah, catwalk to get up there because you’re gonna be above flood elevation so that that way, if you do get a flood, and we’ve been flooded before, it’ll allow us to go ahead and get back in operation faster. And not go ahead and allow damage to occur to the equipment up there.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And would you say that the PAA, um, is part of our solution to the consent decree from 1998?”

Mr. Murphy – “Definitely. What it does is it all-, it’s the only chemical out there that’ll allow us to go ahead and actually disinfect the effluent in a span of 7 to-to 10 minutes.”

Mrs. Hahn – “So when the Ohio EPA says that we’re the only city that doesn’t have a plan...Ah, you know, can we, can we kind of get them to revise that a little bit because of the work you’ve done at the base of, um, R-route 7 and University Boulevard meets, you’re working on that, you’re working on this. It’s not as if we have done nothing.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Let me. This issue had to deal with the Consent Decree which has been in abeyance and not done. That’s been for several years. We’re the only one that did not have a Consent Decree in place, an existing one, when the attorneys had been dealing with this. That-that was the point they were making on that. This is all, all these other issues have come up on identifiable issues.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I thought they were giving us a consent decree because we weren’t addressing the overflow of the raw sewage and the rainwater...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mrs. Hahn – “but that is what’s being addressed at the base of University Boulevard and Route 7 and it is, I mean if we can use this PAA then, you can, it works fast enough in that using it high rate...”

Mr. Murphy – “Yes.”

Mrs. Hahn – “that we can, you know, do it in a brief amount of time that we’re dealing so I guess...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Is that, is that part of the six items we went over today?”

Mr. Murphy – “Originally it was part of those six items and basically they stripped it out of that and put it in the permit, which is what our attorney recommended and I agreed, and what that does is it actually allows us to go ahead and higher rate the plant which we went ahead and Council/City invested 4 million dollars back in, that project completed in 2014. That made it to where a plant that was originally rated for 36 can now do 43 ah, as

far as coming in the front door and through the trials and studies that we did in house and also in concert with HDR Engineering though the NFA study, it took our effluent secondary treatment system from 13 ½ peak rating up to 22. So the thing is we're giving full treatment and more flow and because of that PAA is capable of disinfecting it so quickly, it makes it to where we can do that. So now, once we go ahead and start bringing more of the flow from the CSO's over time, as money allows, it will then bring that down to the plant and treat that because we have the capacity then."

Mrs. Hahn – "Because it just sounds to me like we are working on a plan and...."

Mr. Murphy – "We have been."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Okay, let's go."

Mrs. Hahn – "Yeah, I felt like that was a bit of a black eye on the City when they said we're the only city out of 72 cited that had no plan. We don't have a complete plan but we obviously..."

Mr. Murphy – "The thing is, we've always been working on that plan within our means, they know that. That's the reason why they haven't been climbing up our tree, so to speak, as-as roughly as they are now. It's just, we happen to be the last ones and that's the reason why the spotlight's on us."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay and I didn't understand the reference to the Ohio EPA's, um, saying the E-coli compliance schedule?"

Mr. Murphy – "Yes, that as far as the, what it boils down to is we used to go ahead and be under the Fecal Coliform standard under the old permit and essentially what it boils down to is they went ahead and wanted us to go over to the E-coli standard. They're mandating that. So all it is a different, ah, indicator organism. So in the summer months between May and October, we'll be going ahead and testing for E-coli rather than Fecal Coliform and then in the winter months we'll be testing for Fecal Coliform."

Mr. Paul – "Could-could I make a suggestion? Um, could we take Council down there one day and show them exactly PAA and understand what's goin' on, I mean, I think it would really understand what's goin' on if they would actually...I'm the type of person, excuse me. I'm the type of person if I see it I understand it. And I think you would understand it a lot better if you went down and had Mr. Murphy explain it to you. Okay? I think you really would understand what's goin' on here and-and the dire need that we need to move forward. I mean I, we keep spinning our wheels here and I think we need to move forward. Can we set that up?"

Mr. Murphy – "I've never had a problem..."

Mr. Paul – "Nothing against..."

Mr. Murphy – "No, no, no, no, no. By all means, I'm-I'm-I'm taking it in the right way, you know Councilman, I really am."

Mr. Paul – "I'm tryin' to help you out."

Mr. Murphy – "I appreciate, I appreciate that very much. That's what I'm saying."

Mr. DiLoreto – "They have a lot of dialog."

Mr. Murphy – "What it comes down to is, ah, anybody that wants to come down, schedule time. Ah, I'll be more than glad to go ahead and make that arrangement because I know it's important for everyone to be able to understand what's going on. It's easier, as he's saying, to relate to it when you're seeing it."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay, but the only closing comment I wanted to say was thank you for sending all the materials. I did read through all of it and I'm definitely in favor of this and ready to sunshine it this week and vote for it next week so...unless something else would come up I guess. Seems very clear. Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. Murphy."

Mr. Villamagna – "Mayor I have a question."

Mayor Barilla – "Yes?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Chuck, ah, the, ah, the mo- the money we transferred, we transferred in from that 268 to pay for the contractor for the, ah, emergency that we had the crisis that we had January."

Mr. Murphy – "Ahhhh..."

Mr. Villamagna – "Fort Steuben Maintenance."

Mr. Murphy – "Oh, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes."

Mr. Villamagna – "Why haven't they been paid? Do you know?"

Mr. Murphy – "Basically it's been, I've been jammed up, ah, Coop from Fort Steuben, who he and I need to get together. It's a matter of their billing has it to where they got everything lumped in to one and we've got separate P.O.s for different parts of things. So we're actually meeting on Tuesday at noon, he and I, to go ahead and get this finally all settled out. He and I've just been jammed up and not having a chance to..."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay. Good enough. Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay now we'll, ah, ah, ask Mr. Mastro, ah, for a report."

Mr. Mastro – "No report Mr. Mayor. Thank you."

Mr. Paul – "You wanna refer to me? Refer to me."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay, ah, Mr. Paul?"

Mr. Paul – "Yes, um, ah, the-the Law Director just handed this to me. Um, this is pertaining to what Mr. Murphy just brought up. Um, and we had agreed on this on Council back in 2014 and now we're gonna move forward with this so everybody got the emails and so this is an amendment to all the other ordinances that we already passed previously. It's ah, under Finance, it's an Ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement, to an original agreement, with HDR Engineering Incorporation and declaring an emergency."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay."

Mr. Paul – "Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you."

Mr. Paul – “That’s why I said I’ll see. I’ll talk to you later; not now. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright. Ah, we have no one signing in under Miscellaneous so we’ll move on to, ah, Public Forum and this evening we have signing in, ah, under Public Forum is Therese Nelson so Therese if you’d please come forward and state your name and address.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Nelson – “Um yes, Therese Nelson, 419 County Road 26. Um, I’m here tonight on behalf of the Steubenville Young Preservationists um, and also as a downtown business manager, um, to invite the City Council and the City of Steubenville to 1) participate in the first ever First Friday on Fourth; um, it’s gonna be May 4th from 6:00 until 11:00 pm. That’s um, next Friday; one and a half weeks from now. Um, and the goal of First Friday is a tradition in many towns as part of their revitalization efforts, um, to particularly bring a focus into the Arts district. Um, unfortunately, Steubenville does not have an Arts district yet so um, this is our effort to make one. Um, our main goal with the First Fridays is to simulate a happening downtown. Um, for those of us that are either transplants to Steubenville or too young or both to remember what Steubenville was like when there was a lot going on here and when it was the talk of the tri-state area and a place to be on weekends. Um, and there’s a lot of young people, I’ve especially seen it since Leonardo’s Coffee House has opened. There are so many young people here who are so ready for a good environment, a closer environment and they’re not afraid of downtown and they want to see it become a place to hang out, to-to spend their money, to spend their weekends, to bring their families, um, to bring their friends, maybe even bring their, you know, have their own family here someday. Um, we’ve, ah, a few of us, I think the Mayor and ah, Kimberly, we’ve watched the, ah, videos by Roger Brooks, um, talking about how to revitalize your downtown and one of his big suggestions is to have 250 activities going 250 days of the year, um, in order to say that your downtown has something going on. So this is our response to that; this is the beginning of our efforts to have stuff going on, um, and we intend to continue doing these every month on the first Friday from now until at least November, um, cause then we’ll have the Nutcracker Village so we’ll have that going on instead. Um, so for the first one it’s a really big focus on art. We’re going to have a museum quality art gallery set up inside of Leonardo’s, ah, the Renaissance building, um, featuring all local artists, um, in all mediums so photography, sculpting, painting. Um, we’re actually going to have live artists there doing some of their work; we’re gonna have a big mosaic for everyone to work on together for the City of Steubenville. Um, we’re gonna do um, a, I call it Mug Shot Mosaic Mural, but take pictures of everyone who’s there and we’ll put it together into one big mural using the photographs. Um, we’re gonna have artisan vendors there; we’re gonna have food vendors; um, the Hightower Brewing Company’s gonna be there. We’ll have chalk art for the kids; a kids section set aside with games um, provided for them to play; um, window painting; um, we’re gonna have four different live bands so we’ll have live entertainment from 6:00 until 11:00 pm. Ah, fire juggling, a magician; um, just a lot going on. Everything that you would see in a big city and one of my dreams for this is for especially maybe low-income families or underprivileged kids in the area who won’t have the chance to go outside of Steubenville to see what a Cultural district looks like, um, what art looks like, what beauty and a nice downtown look like, um, I wanna bring it to them so if they’re never gonna make it to Pittsburgh or Wheeling or out of the country to see what the rest of the world does, they can at least have that experience here and I think that starting at home is a good place. Um, so, if you guys have any questions, the Harmonium Project is working on the other half of this with me so they, um, acquired the liquor license and got the street shut down, um, so I don’t have all the answers for those questions but I can try.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Theresa, do you think maybe we could, I’m gonna call Mike Florak tomorrow, maybe get a bus for downtown? Get some students downtown like from 6-8; bring ‘em downtown, take ‘em home same time. They can come downtown and get some hotdogs, walk around and look and take ‘em back on the same bus and get these college kids downtown a little bit cause I know they go outta town to spend their money and have their refreshments but I wanna see ‘em come back downtown. And I know it’s sorta (unintelligible) so once we get those college kids down there I think it’ll change the whole progress of downtown.”

Ms. Nelson – “I think that would be fantastic.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I’ll give Mike Florak, I’ll give Mike Florak a call tomorrow (unintelligible) if not this time then we’ll get ‘em for next month.”

Ms. Nelson – “Yeah, that would be fantastic. Thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I’ll work on it. Thank you.”

Ms. Nelson – “Any other questions? Yes?”

Mr. Paul – “I just wanna thank you for all you do. You and your family. Gabriel sittin’ over there. Thank you and I’m gonna tell you what, ah, I’m really proud of what you’re doing, the Young Preservationists, and I think it’s great. Um, my family can’t wait to come down and my grandson’s, yeah, he can’t wait. He, ah, (unintelligible) and ah, I wanna thank you very much.”

Ms. Nelson – “Thank you, thank you. Well, we need the support.”

Mr. Paul – “I see Gabriel sittin’ over there also; so thank you Gabriel. Um, and I will give you a check. Is this the phone number I can contact you at?”

Ms. Nelson – “Ah, what number is it?”

Mr. Paul – “632, uh, I don’t wanna give it out. I don’t wanna say it in front of everybody. It’s on here?”

Ms. Nelson – “Yeah.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay. I, I will call you. Thank you. Thank you Therese. That’s all I had to say.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Thank you Theresa. Therese.”

Ms. Nelson – “Anyone else? Alright, well, I’d love to see all of the Council members there I think it’d be a good opportunity. We’re expecting two to four hundred people there at the very minimum. Um, I am actually bribing students. If I get four hundred students down there on Friday night then I’m going to stay open 24-7 for finals week at Leonardo’s. So, if that’s not enough to get you down there...um, so we’d love to see you there; we’d love to see you meet the citizens and hear their ideas.”

Mayor Barilla – “The time was, the time was again what?”

Ms. Nelson – “6 to 11 on Friday night.”

Mayor Barilla – “And the street will be blocked?”

Ms. Nelson – “The street will be blocked.”

Mayor Barilla – “well, you have to be commended Therese. You’ve done a fantastic ah, job here. I’m so happy that you, ah, capitalized on Roger Brooks, ah, Revitalizing of Downtown. It’s, ah, it’s, it’s a good step forward. I think that um, once people get down here and see the activities that are taking place, they’ll really look forward to each, ah, each month having this first Friday. So you have to be commended and all your cohorts as well.”

Ms. Nelson – “Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “And congratulations on the opening of, ah, both your popcorn shop, the coffee shop and of course the nutcracker shop that’s been a huge improvement on North 4th Street.”

Ms. Nelson – “Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “It really has been.”

Ms. Nelson – “Thank you. Appreciate that.”

Mayor Barilla – “You’re welcome.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you Therese.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright, ah, okay Mr. Paul.”

Mr. Paul – “If there’s no further business before this Council, Your Honor, I make a motion that we adjourn tonight’s meeting.”

Second by Mr. Timmons.

Mayor Barilla – “It’s been moved and seconded that tonight’s meeting be adjourned. All in favor?”

Entire Council replied aye. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR