

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
May 1, 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 Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto and Hahn. Absent was Councilman Dressel. Mr. Timmons 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, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Chuck Murphy, City Engineer Michael 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 24, 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."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Madame Clerk."

Mayor Barilla – "We'll now move onto now to ah, move into Ordinances and Resolutions before City Council this evening."

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-30 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 3rd 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.

Mayor Barilla – "You heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2018-30. Is there 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. Ordinance 2018-30 is duly adopted and will take effect May 31st," declared Mayor Barilla.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-32 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2nd 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. 2018-34 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – "You heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2018-34 by the Finance Committee declaring it an emergency. Is there anyone wishing to speak on this? Please come forward and state your name and address."

Mr. Paul called Question. Roll Call. All ayes.

Mayor Barilla – "So moved. Ordinance No. 2018-34 is duly adopted and will take effect immediately."

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mayor Barilla – "That will conclude, ah, tonight's ah, Ordinances and Resolutions. We'll now move into reports of committees um, we'll start off with Mr. Paul.

Mr. Paul – "Yes, Your Honor. I have one under Finance. Ah, a resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program for sodium chloride winter salt contract. Okay, we did this last year about the same time and I think we need to, ah, move on with that."

Mr. Mavromatis – “Just to clarify.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes sir.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It’s on the short fuse because the State of Ohio gave us a thirty day window. And that’s, we’re at the beck and call of them.”

Mr. Paul – “I have no problem with that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I just wanted to make sure Council knew that’s why.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay. We good? We can talk about it next week too if you want.”

Mr. Mastros – “I think that this one has to be in by the 8th. If I’m not mistaken, May 8th.”

Mr. Paul – “Well, we wanna make it a resolution.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yeah and that’s fine.”

Mr. Paul – Okay. Um, I’m good. Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay Mr. Paul. Thank you. Move on to Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “Nothing Mayor.”

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

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah, I have a couple things. Um, I’d like to introduce a resolution for Tri-State Printing and Richard Pflug. They recently received the ah, Excellence in Small Business award at the Eastern Ohio Development Alliance in Walnut Creek, Ohio. Ah, I had the pleasure of attending and ah, it was very nice to see them get it from Steubenville so I’d like to introduce that. I’d also like to introduce a resolution, um, commending Matt Smarella, Lucas Powell and Sherriff’s Lieutenant Joseph Lamantia. Ah, they saved somebody basically from a burning structure, ah, a week or so back and, ah, it’s a good story. Yeah, they went above and beyond so I-I definitely think that needs recognized. And also I just wanna, ah, announce that I am to have some office hours throughout my ward. I’m just gonna set up a table. Ah, they’re gonna be on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 so if anybody has any questions, ah, complaints, ah stop by and I’ll be glad to talk to you. So, I just, I’m gonna be at the, I-I’ll have a listing but just for instance, May 10th I’m gonna start it. I’ll be at Hollywood and Cleveland that day. Ah, 5/17 I’ll be at Estelle and Broadway; 5/31 Oregon and East Granard; June 7th East Carnegie and Oak Grove; June 14th Wellesley and Belleview and I’m gonna wrap it up on 6/21 at Walden and Paddy Mud Road so...look forward to that. Thank you.”

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

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. Council as a Whole I’d like to introduce two resolutions. First one: a resolution proclaiming May 15 2018 as Police Officer’s Memorial Day. And also, a resolution proclaiming the month of May Motorcycle Awareness and I would like to introduce an ordinance authorizing and designating the city manager as the local official with the authority to execute the project known as the Efts lane and Aberdeen road drainage improvements, city project number 2018-112, and complete all necessary functions that may be required to complete said project, including but not limited to, engineering design services, right of way services including acquisition of right of way, utility relocation, construction administration/inspection services, bidding services, advertising for bids for construction, re-bidding if required, entering into a contract with the lowest most qualified bidder and authorizing payment therefore. And, ah, I just wanna reiterate this on the Efts Lane, on that curb deal up there. Jim, if a, cause Bob’s here now too, ah, if we can get somebody out there and fix that curb where we knocked it out that would help that out a lot there for these people. I think we’re, we don’t have to worry bout it freezin’ anymore right now I don’t think, so... And you weren’t here, Bob, for the committee meeting. That’s where Aberdeen goes down...”

Mr. Baird – “And meets Efts Lane.”

Mr. Villamagna- “Yeah, you know where I mean?”

Mr. Baird – “I do.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Villamagna. We’ll move on to Mr. DiLoreto.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Eric said the same thing I was gonna say. Think we oughta thank those policemen, the Fire department and the Sherriff’s department. Those guys risked their lives goin’ in that home. They didn’t know who-who was in there or what was in there and they didn’t know whether or not they was comin’ back again. So I think sometimes I get tired of all this criticism of the safety forces all over this country. I think these policemen all over the country do a good job. Bout time you start pattin’ some on the back. If you don’t like ‘em, don’t call ‘em and don’t commit crime. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you. Well said.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mrs. Hahn?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes, a couple things...um. First of all, ah, I want to sunshine a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance for public recreation purposes for the State of Ohio Nature Works program. Then I also would like to put forth a resolution and, I don’t know exactly how it should be written Melissa. Um, but we want to commend Lowe’s, ah, for their multiple acts of service to the City at the MLK Center. There are a number of items that they have donated; there are people from Lowe’s who’ve come and done the work um, and so we’d like to have that resolution. Did anybody say they could come next week? Great. So they can be here next week, um, to do that. Um, also we had scheduled Parks and Recreation Committee for next week but we didn’t talk about a time. So I told Melissa 7:00 but I would like to ask if we can make it 6:30 because I have 12 items on the agenda already, um, and there just a number of updates that I think as we head into the-late spring and summer schedule, it would be really great to have the update. “

Mr. Timmons – “Did we invite, ah, the Rec Board?”

Mrs. Hahn – “I don’t know if she thinks...”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah, I think that would be a good idea.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I think that would be as well. Um...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’m gonna ask if you could send me a copy of those twelve items.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Oh yeah. I’ll send them to Melissa so everybody can get the agenda ahead of time.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you. Thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Why don’t we, why don’t you get some sort of plaque for Lowe’s and put it down in Martin Luther King in the entrance to the doorway or somewhere they have pool or some place?”

Ms. Fetherolf – “We have one.”

Mrs. Hahn – “You have it?”

Ms. Fetherolf – “I already put it up.”

Mrs. McGinnis to Mr. DiLoreto – “There’s a little one on the wall.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Would you mind bringing it to Council? We could give that to them? Oh, that’s great.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Get a big one.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Great minds already think alike.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I’m gonna-I’m gonna ask them for stuff for Beatty Park so get a big one.”

Mrs. Hahn – “So do you think we can meet at 6:30 next week instead of 7? Is that okay?”

Unknown responder – “That’s fine.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Alright, so we’ll change that to 6:30. Um, and then I just wanna mention again I’ve got flyers out here. The Meet Me at the Marina first even is gonna be this coming Saturday. Um, Dick’s gave us a number of items, ah, sinkers, bobbers and hooks. Walmart gave us ten gift cards so we’ll have prizes for a variety of, ah, different-different things: youngest fisherman, oldest fisherman...different-different items. Um, we’re gonna have hot dogs, some chips and water so there will be some food during the day, ah, the hot dogs will be grilled. Um, a new addition: um, we are going to have a bus available through the Urban Mission. Either a van or a bus and it’s going to make three stops. Um, one will be at the bus lot on the south side and then it’ll come over to Save a’Lot, ah, parking area and then the North End Park. At 11 then 1:00 and at 3. So if you know people, adults or children, who want to catch a ride down to the marina, that ride will be available. Yeah, here’s hoping for good weather and again, if you really enjoy fishing, I’m trying to think of the name, John Poole’s outdoor shop donated 37 or 47 dozen earth worms. So...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “John Poole did?”

Mr. Timmons – “If I catch somethin’, will somebody be there to take off the fish?”

Mrs. Hahn – “I don’t know. I don’t know but we are giving an award to the bravest child who fearlessly takes those earth worms and puts them on the hook.”

Mr. Villamagna – “You might win that one.”

Laughter

Mrs. Hahn – “We’re just really hoping for people to understand this marina is ours; this is our park and hopefully we’ll enjoy it.”

Mayor Barilla – “My neighbor, Larry Renda, two days ago caught a fifteen inch fish. Fifteen inches. Must’ve been this thick. I never saw a fish that big come out of the Ohio River and I don’t know what kind it is but they ate it.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay, thank you so much.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay, thank you Mrs. Hahn. Ah, that concludes ah, ah, Reports of Committees. We’ll now move into Reports of Administrative Officers starting off with our City Manager, Mr. Mavromatis.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Ah, I want to report on our Summer Hire program. Ah, we currently hired one of the three and we have two in process for our Parks and Rec. And the other remaining six, we have three that have been selected and we’re processing another three. Again, back to the same problem; failure to show up for interviews, drug testing and criminal background has been the drawback for that so that’s where we’re at. Looks like we’re gonna be able to get ‘em hired which will be great to get them on board. Ah, Friday is our first First Friday event downtown with North 4th Street being closed off ah, from ah, basically across, ah, from the Chinese restaurant there and the Greek place, Yuro’s, all the way down to Washington Street. Ah, additional cans have been requested out there which will be there. We will have our special unit out there patrolling the area and they expect to have a good showing for the event. So this will be first Friday to see how it turns out and I think you told me Chief, you’ll have a fire truck out there at different times? Okay, that’s good. Ah, next week at Council is our first meeting on Utilities, is that correct?”

Mr. Paul – “No, he won’t be here next week. Mr. Dressel will not be here so we’re having Parks and Rec.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Parks and Rec then the following...”

Mr. Paul – “The 15th.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “the following two weeks we’ll have the water.”

Mr. Paul – “Right.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Ah, last Wenesy-Wednesday I went down to Columbus. I met with three entities there. Ah, the first one was our attorney, ah, who’s been dealing, Mr. Stemm, his firm, with our, ah, ah, healthcare. We’re gonna set up a conference call for Dave and, ah, Costa and myself. Ah, to give you an actual update of how this is processing, right now we still have our law suit over in Common Pleas Court; that’s just lying dormant right now. Ah, the second meeting was with the Ohio EPA. I met with Erin Sherer; Jerry Rouch who is the Finance

person. Ah, one of the issues, because that is the wastewater side. That's the issue that's still pending because this has to deal, ah, with a court issue that's been lying dormant for three or four years. Not by the cause of the City. It was lying in the State of Ohio in the US-, in the attorney's office there. But with our Consent Decree we have to get that in place. This is the only one apparently the Ohio EPA is still there. Talking with our attorney in Columbus, our environmental attorney, you can't get a Consent Decree in place and put dates in it when you have no financing or how your projects are gonna go. So we are in the process of working all this out where we can give a proposal with the Consent Decree which will hopefully (unintelligible) on that part. The other, ah, issue with the water side is progressing based on the-the dates that we have to meet in this so we're running on schedule there. But the two weeks we have the briefings I'm gonna give you on the wastewater and on the water side, Council will have a clear picture of where we're at and what needs to be done. So, then the third meeting, ah, I had was with Mr. Hinkle. He is the number two in the State Auditor's Office. The purpose of that meeting was in 2016 we had a clean audit. Clean audit by our contractors and was blessed off by the State of Ohio. Unfortunately an award was not issued and that was tryin' to get to the bottom of that. Meeting with Mr. Hinkle we found out there were a couple issues that were unresolved and they got 'em resolved and there's one last issue that they're looking at. Once that's looked at, he will contact me to let us know if we get the award for 2016. This, ah, this affects Dave Lewis and his staff. They've done an excellent job. They've already blessed off on the audits by both, our contractors and the State. So in my eyes and I explained to him there shouldn't be any issue with the award unless he can show why. So, that's where that, so all three meetings were very successful and that's all I have to report at this time. Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. Mavromatis."

Mr. Villamagna – "Mayor?"

Mayor Barilla – "Yes?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Jim, just a couple things. Ah, E-Safe for the...did they get back to us with a price yet?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "On that but it's questionable on that. Ah, it was through the contractor that you're talking about the video equipment and moving the wires?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Captain Anderson."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That's-that's \$8000.00 there. And that's not an accurate price. So, we're gettin', we're getting hold of another vendor to get a better price."

Mr. Villamagna – "You think it should be lower than that?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yeah, a-according to what they say, yes."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay."

Mr. Mavromatis – "So we're focusing on that."

Mr. Villamagna – "And how 'bout the other thing, the safety part of it?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "The safety part; we're still waiting on the contractor, he's not done."

Mr. Villamagna – "He hasn't got back to us yet?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "No."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay."

Mr. Mavromatis – "No."

Mr. Villamagna – "And, uh, the last thing is: those two yards on Marion Place now the weather's broke?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes."

Mr. Villamagna – "Are we gonna have someone fix them or we gonna have contract somebody to fix it? Did we, did we make up our mind on that?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Bob's shop is...I'll let him answer."

Mr. Baird – "Yeah, ah, the way that's best handled, and has always been handled, is when that happens, and that was on us, um, it's, what we've always done, I think it's the best way, is to have the homeowner contract with the landscaper of their choice. Um, and the City'll pick up the tab. Once the work is completed, um, the City will stand behind, ya know, stand behind it and take care of it. The reason for that is that um, you want to make sure it's done to the homeowner's satisfaction. And if they're not happy with the work, they have the own, their own contractor that they hired to talk to about it."

Mr. Villamagna – "We're not landscapers."

Mr. Baird – "We're not and you know, they might not be happy with our work. The grass may look different. It-it, you know, we're not landscapers. So the-the best solution over the years that we found is that, you know, we understand it happened; um, the homeowner can go out, contract with the landscaper of their choice, get the work done to their satisfaction, make sure that they're happy with it and then the City would take care of the bill when that..."

Mr. Villamagna – "So I-I can give them that okay to do that then? I can give that?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yeah, what I, what I'd ask you to do is have them give me a call cause I want to get the rest assured keep us in the loop of that . Once the work's done, he gets the bill, we can speed the process up."

Mr. Villamagna- "Okay."

Mr. Mavromatis – "'Cause normally, I mean under the circumstances most of the contractors understand 30 days, you know, give the grace period to the customer and that way we can focus on that and speed up the process."

Mr. Villamagna- "Okay."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Our processing."

Mr. Villamagna- "Thank you. That's all Mayor, thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you. Ah, we'll move on to our Law Director, Mr. Mastros."

Mr. Mastros – “Ah, one thing Mr. Mayor. We did receive an email, Mr. Mavromatis and I did and Mr. Lewis, from our labor consultant, um, regarding our Police contract that is, ah, close to being finalized. So as we did before in the Fire contract, ah, we’re gonna, I’m going to ask, ah, for Council to go into Executive Session. Mr. Esposito will call in and brief you on issues that are (unintelligible). It won’t be tonight. It will be either next week or week after. I will touch base with Mr. Esposito and then inform you all by email that I would like to into Executive Session on this date. Ah, with that Mr. Mayor, I have nothing else.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Mastros. Ah, signing in under Miscellaneous is Mrs. Hahn.”

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Hahn – “Um, I wanted to mention an experience that the Mayor and I had today that was so positive and you’ll see something in the news over the next couple of days about it. Habitat for Humanity, um, has begun to do, um, not just new builds but rebuilds. Um, where they, where they take a property that is salvageable in an area that, um, is, is still doing well and they purchase the property, they upgrade and then and they work with a couple, um, who, hopefully a family where they can make this a possibility for them to have this home. Um, in the whole process, ah, and people can go now on Habitat for Humanity’s website and begin to see what’s required to be able to be a part of this. Um, they take people who, um, can show that they have a work history and-and they are able to pay back a loan. They end up making a loan to the family, um, at zero percent interest. So, ah, it’s an incredible opportunity for them, um, it’s a reasonable price but Habitat for Humanity then takes the money that’s paid monthly and that ends up being seed money for the next project. Um, they are really open to considering coming back and doing more in our city. They’re out of Akron. They’ve been mostly functioning in their county and they’ve been paring with Tuscarawas County trying to be a little more regional and they’ve included Harrison County and Jefferson County now in this. So I think this has a tremendous possibility for us, um, both to help people get housing that um, they have to be between 30 and 80 percentile of the wage earners in the area so it’s got some restrictions but there are definitely people who could benefit greatly from this. They also include a lot of education. So they teach them about finances and budgeting; they teach them how to care for of all the, um, various appliances in their house; how to do simple plumbing; how to do simple things to be able to maintain; giving them maintenance schedules and also giving them a weed eater and a lawn mower and-and talk to them about the landscaping and how to stay on top of it. And it seems to me this is such a great example of a hand up instead of just handouts and, ah, it’s-it’s so respectful of the dignity of the person which I love and the couple themselves have been a part of the team so that they’ve participated in various projects and when we got there today they were helping to paint down the basement. And so I just wanted to share that because I think that their, that could really spark a lot of hope and if we have a thousand homes at this point in Steubenville that are vacant, certainly some have to come down, but there are salvageable homes and there are people who would like to move from renting to being able to own a home. Um, and so anyway, I think the Mayor and I really felt like it was very positive. So he invited us to come over to Akron. I don’t know what your schedules are like and if you would be free you’d like to come but anyone on Council, um, really like to invite us to go over for a day and it would be about three hours there where they would take us through from beginning to end; what this whole process is involved in. Um, and then I thought if we could invite the Hilltop Association leadership and any other community organizations, um, I think Asantewa Anybwire heads the LaBelle Neighbors Who Care; we’ve got another organization on LaBelle. I don’t know if there are any others in Pleasant Heights besides the Hilltop Association or any organizations downtown but if we could take a group over and then the idea would be that he would come up with a one-day version of a type of seminar in Steubenville. Maybe we could meet either at Franciscan or EGCC and invite people who might be interested in volunteering, you know, so maybe people are interested in a house but maybe they’re interested in volunteering, you know, just helping lay the carpet or helping to, um, rebuild the deck or whatever. Um, and then we could figure out how could we be of assistance. Um, they also have, in Akron they have done a, um, neighborhood rebuild in a sense. Where they came up with a plan; they assessed all the various homes: they figured out small things that could be done to upgrade and then larger things. Which houses could come down; which houses were restorable and it’s about a \$6.5 million dollar project. Um, they began 2 years ago; they’ve already raised all the funding now and they’ve reached a point in this neighborhood, they’ve done about forty houses already, they’ve reached a point in the neighborhood where now people are just choosing to buy there, choosing to fix up the houses themselves and so they actually are gonna to be able to not do as much work there and take some of the money and move to another neighborhood in Akron. So, I thought it was a very hopeful presentation; it was great to meet the couple. It’s a blessing, it’s on Harvard and it’s a blessing to all the people who live around them and, uh, yeah. So we may be able to get them to do some more.”

Mayor Barilla – “They actually came from Wintersville and moved to Steubenville on Harvard Avenue and it really was nice to see a family, husband and wife and I think they have four children, pitchin’ in to make themselves a home that they, as we all dream of having a home and we are moving up in life and they have achieved it. They get the keys to it, I think, Friday. Um, it was a, it was a pleasant experience. Thank you Mrs. Hahn. Alright, we’re gonna now move into, ah, Public Forum this evening. We have three signing in this evening and we will, ah, have them speak in order in which they signed in. Ah, so, first signing in tonight, ah, would be Mr. Bottegal and Helen Freeman.”

Mr. Bottegal – “Thank you Your Honor.”

Mayor Barilla – “Before we begin, we do have a time limit of about five minutes or so take your time.”

Mr. Bottegal – “Oh, won’t be that long. Ma’am, in regards to your tournament, I’m all for that. I taught lots of kids how to fish. You’d better at least have an EMT down there. I taught kids how to fish and it’s hard with

just a couple. You gonna have a hundred kids hangin' off that wall. And another suggestion, maybe make up some purple hearts for any kid that does get hooked. The Mayor can give it to 'em."

Laughter

Mr. Bottegal – "I think that'd be kinda neat."

Mrs. Hahn – "I-I will tell you, cause actually you raise a good question. Can I just mention this without cutting in to his time?"

Mayor Barilla – "Alright. Go ahead."

Mrs. Hahn – "Um, we have chaperones that are going to go through a whole safety procedure and the event's being run by Terrance Rainbow who's actually a Certified Ohio Fishing Instructor. So, yeah, it's not a free for all."

Mr. Bottegal – "My name's Chris Bottegal, 129 Wildon Avenue. Helen Freeman, same address. But, ah, last week we put up, ah, our green dumpster, which was full, and we put it out on the curb and there was a couple more bags that didn't fit. And they came along and they took the dumpster, left the bags. So my girlfriend, she put all the bags back in the garbage can, what was left over and we went and chased down one of the trucks and told them 'okay, now it's back...now it's in the green dumpster, can you go back and get it?' and they said they would. Well, they didn't. So I left a message on the voicemail Thursday morning, '129 Wildon Avenue. Can you come and get it?' They didn't come. So I left another one early Friday morning: '129 Wildon. Will you come and get it?' and they didn't come. Uh, one of the guys told me that, uh, if they picked up, they were threatened that if they picked up anything that wasn't in the green can they could have time off. So, they could get time off for doin' their job well. Ah, tree branches; my neighbor put out a toilet the other day. I don't know if they, God forbid if they put it in the green dumpster it probably wouldn't come back out. What's he s'posed to do with it? I don't understand. I don't want to pay \$55 for another dumpster that I might only use a couple times a year and the rest of the time I gotta run a weed whacker around it. Okay? That's the one thing and the other thing is these lots up on LaBelle? They used to be cut maybe once a month, you know, all summer long and they haven't been. Uh, my suggestion is, uh, get Community Service up there. A tractor with that brushhog, it could cut them lots in fifteen twenty minutes, cut a lot. If he's gotta get up off the tractor and go pick up all the garbage and put it aside and get back on the tractor, you're gonna add another half hour to it. So, he'll-he'll be gettin' instead of one lot done in fifteen minutes, it's gonna be one lot done in forty-five minutes. So maybe get them; get all the garbage. That way when the guy gets out there on the tractor, he cuts, he cut brush, that's it. He don't get off and he could really fly thorough it if they're already clean for him. That's just a suggestion. Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you, Mr. Bottegal. Thank you. Um, next on the agenda is ah, Mrs. Callahan?"

Mr. DiLoreto – "Jim wants to an-, Jim wants to answer him."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Mayor, since he didn't use all his time, I'd like to make a comment to him on a couple things, if I could."

Mayor Barilla – "Sure."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Mr. Bottegal, thanks for comin' down. It's an important matter for you to come down here. Ah, I'm not quite sure on the one statement you made, and I know why they said it but I don't think the interpretation you would know. One of the issues we had, ah, with our Sanitation people. They were goin' to the cans, pullin' the one bag out and carrying it over. Or two bags over and leavin' the can there. Well, one of the reasons that order was directed, part of the reason this whole process came about, was to cut down on the wear and tear and the injuries to our workers. For that reason. That's why the machine is there. On the rear-end loaders they pull the can over there and put it on the device; it lifts it up and dumps it in. Ah, on the side-loaders, it's a one-man operation, he puts the arm up, picks it up and dumps it. Ah, again, why your-your excess bags were there; yes this has been a common problem throughout the City. Ah, part of the problem is they've been notified for months on the procedure, what would happen and eventually you have to have a drop-dead date which we did. And it was: if it's not in the can, it's not gettin' picked up. Now, again, ah, you have your own ideas why you want another can. I can only help you with me. I have an extra can. I've used it five times in the past year. That being because I had grandkids in; naturally food, everything else gets more. Ah, again, I try to rationalize, ah, with people that've called me on it and the best way I can give it to you if you think about this is fifty-two weeks of pickin' garbage up, that's one dollar extra a week that you're paying. To help you with that and I realize, ah, you may not use that maybe three, four times a year at best. And the holidays, somethin' like that. So that's, you know, we tried to give the residents enough time. I don't know what your habits are, you don't know what my habits are. Ah, and again, I just wanted to share that with ya. I've only used it five times in the last year. On the other things you brought up, clearly Mr. Baird's here. Ah, I appreciate you givin' those comments and we'll take a look at all that that you brought up. Thank you for comin' down."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you."

Mr. Bottegal – "In regards to that, what am I supposed to do? Like, in a few weeks I gotta get rid of a hot water tank. You know, my neighbor, he had to get rid of a toilet. And they're still runnin' the rear loaders on LaBelle and PH and other places because the rear loaders, ah, the side loaders can't get in there. So, I mean sometimes, like you've gotta get rid of a couch or a chair. You gotta wait around for bulk pick-up all the time?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Ah, well, again, I had this discussion with Mr. Baird today. This was one of the reasons why Council wanted to go to a four day pick-up and the fifth day focusing on some of the issues we have here in the City. So to answer your question, what you could do is call down to Sanitation and make a reservation to pick the item up on a Friday and then they will come out there. Now, what we haven't done yet is set up: is

there a charge for this or is it free? Because I will clearly tell you right now, it will get out of hand. But, again, that-that's to answer your question for that right there."

Mr. Bottegal – "Like tomorrow I'm gonna have extra bags out. My dumpster's full. I'm gonna have three or four more bags."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Have you thought about callin' down? Now you don't have to get the same size..."

Mr. Bottegal – "I called three days in a row."

Mr. Mavromatis – "No, for an additional can."

Mr. Bottegal – "No, I called, I ran the trucks down on Wednesday. I called for Thursday, I for Friday."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Well, I understand that part, clearly. But have you called down for an additional can, cause it sounds like that's what you need."

Mr. Bottegal – "Like I said, I don't want an additional can."

Ms. Freeman – "We can't afford one."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Recycle."

Mr. Villamagna – "Jim, I'm just gonna ask the question. If he has those bags out now, he not, they're not gonna pick them up, correct?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "No. That's the policy now. But again..."

Mr. Villamagna – "I mean, I just want him to understand that."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yeah, no no. I-I was clear on that unless Mr. Baird you have somethin' else I can add, I don't."

Mr. Baird – "That was the policy."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Timmons, you had a question?"

Mr. Timmons – "No, I-I, my question was just even before we implemented the-these cans, we wouldn't pick up couches or toilets unless it was bulk pick-up, that's always been the..."

Mr. Baird – "That was usually the case, yes."

Mr. Timmons – "Okay."

Mr. Baird – "Yes."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay. Alright, we, ah, second we have Mr. Callahan. Please come forward and state your name and address."

Mr. Callahan – "Uh, my name's Ron Callahan. I'm on 213, 272 Juanita Street. Called in reference to the Masonic Temple down the street here. Ah, as of April 27, 2019 we will have our 200th year of operation in Steubenville. We are actually older than, ah, Union Cemetery. Quite a few other things; no other organization still in Steubenville at this time. Ah, basically I'm just givin' you kinda like a head's up cause I'm gonna invite all the Council; I'm invitin' state representatives, I'm gonna, you know, we're gonna have a big thing for our 200th anniversary. Ah, more information comin' so I'll be back here again cause we're actually eleven months and counting now to our 200th anniversary and if elected in October I'll be the Master that year so pretty much, it's all been said 'go ahead and take care of it, Ron.' So, thanks to that, it's just, ah, like I said, I'll be givin' you more information as it comes along and anything like that and, ah, if any of you have past family members who were Masons, you know, we're not a secret. We're in everything you can find we just have little things that are, you know, we keep to ourselves. They're nothing criminal or funny. They're just funny so...thank you very much."

Mayor Barilla – "Alright. Next, ah, we have Mr. Dukovich."

Mr. Villamagna – "Ivkovich but I don't see him here."

Mrs. McGinnis – "Ivkovich."

Mayor Barilla – "Ivkovich?"

Mrs. McGinnis – "Yeah. Sam Ivkovich."

Mayor Barilla – "I'm sorry."

Mr. Timmons – "Jim has his hand raised."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Mayor?"

Mayor Barilla – "Yes?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Does Council have a copy of all this on-on the last one? That you have in front of you, on Pine Valley?"

Mrs. McGinnis – "Mm hm."

Mayor Barilla – "Yeah."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay, since he's not here, cause since Council has it, I'll give you the answer to that. Ah, I talked with another citizen from out there today who had called in and gave further information. I've talked to the Chief of Police. Ah, again, unfortunately, the times of the day that this is happening, ah, causes a manpower issue based on our responsibility (unintelligible). But we're gonna get people out there focusing on it and I went out there prior to Council. There are signs posted. Off of County Road 26 coming in Duvall, ah, no Doral, Doral and coming in off of Lovers Lane. So therefore those trucks have no business being there, they will be dealt with accordingly. Number two, speeding was also an issue. The only thing with the speeding, the citizens need to understand that they gotta abide by the rules too. It is a residential area and the speed is 25 mph. But the Chief's made aware of it, we're-we're takin' action on it so that's where that's at right now."

Mr. Villamagna – "Jim, what kinda trucks was he talkin', the-the big tractor trailers?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Big, well the large, the trucks that were out to the area that you and I went to; those type of trucks."

Mr. Paul – "Like water tanker trucks?"

Mr. Mavromatis – “Some tanker but most of the large dump trucks. But one of the issues with the phone caller was the speed was an issue too. Makin’ the turns, the person thought they were clearly over the speed limit.”

Mr. Paul – “Do they come through, off of Lovers Lane and then...or they coming...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The-the, well, both but the one off of Lovers, they’re passin’, both places you pass the sign right there, ‘No Thru Trucks.’”

Mr. Paul – “I understand. I know we had signs put up there when I first, when I first became a Council member. I member goin’ through Mr. Ivkovich’s, he was complainin’ about this (unintelligible) and there was another gentleman, ah, Mr. Foley, and I know there’s an issue out there. I-I, what I’m getting at is if it’s predominantly one-way, could we put something like we have here on the bridge? You can’t get on the bridge, so you, you can only get a vehicle. The only thing I’m worried about is the Fire Department getting access; that’s the only thing. The Fire Department come from that way. It comes from Lovers Lane, in. That’s why I’m saying, once you get in there, you’d put it, one section. You have a low overhead. You can’t get that truck through there.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The-the an-, the short answer is yes. The cost involved when...”

Mr. Paul – “You can get scrap metal out of the mill. We get someone to weld, put a base up and...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well, I mean, again, if this is what Council wants I’m just...”

Mr. Paul – “I’m just tryin’ to help out the problem. It’s not my ward; I’m just suggesting.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I know.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I appreciate that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But-but enforcement should take care of it.”

Mr. Paul – “Do we have the man power to do that?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well, we’re adjusting some things to do that, to answer your question.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I-I will say this, cause I’ve had several calls; I had several calls ‘bout this over the last four, total four years and-and I’ve been out there. And, ah, there’s-there’s couple that are getting’ through there, the same as couple guys on Sunset Boulevard going 70 miles an hour and a couple guys that ran a red light and couple guys drivin’ drunk at night that are gonna get caught, but I-I, it’s gonna be a long process and hopefully with them sittin’ out there maybe they could catch some but I think maybe, and ah, and ah, I’ll do this. I’m gonna get a hold of, do-do they know who the company is that’s goin’ through there.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I have somebody workin’ on that that lives out there, to answer that question.”

Mrs. Hahn – “That’s the thing...”

Mr. Villamagna – “Because I will, I-I al-, I went and talked to them about another issue and, ah, they’re-they’re pretty good guys and maybe if we just tell ‘em, say ‘listen, tell the drivers to quit goin’ through there, that might help...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “They’ll pay a fine.”

Mr. Villamagna – “...and if you can get the name of the company, I’d ah, cause everybody sees these trucks speedin’ and goin’ through there but nobody ever gets a name, the name’s on the side; that would alleviate a little of it maybe. Somebody’s gonna get through there no matter who you have out there so...that’s all.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay, before we adjourn this evening, I want to, ah, recognize Melissa McGinnis. She’s been here diligently, ah, for the last six weeks taking, ah, Karly’s place and I believe, ah, this might be your last Council meeting...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Thank God.”

Mrs. McGinnis – “Right? Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve done a commendable job and I think that you should be applauded and recognized.”

Mrs. McGinnis – “Oh, thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “It’s been a lot of hard work fulfilling two jobs for one person.”

Mr. Paul – “Three. Three.”

Mrs. Hahn – Laughter

Mayor Barilla – “Three jobs.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor, is that box gonna be big enough for Karly and the baby?”

Mrs. Hahn – Laughter

Mr. DiLoreto – “And Raymond.”

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

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

Mr. Timmons – “Second.”

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

All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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MAYOR