

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
May 15, 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 Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, & Petrella.

Mr. Villamagna moved that Mr. Paul be excused from the meeting. Second by Mr. Dressel. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Barilla.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Wastewater Director Chuck Murphy, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Paul Giannamore from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for May 8, 2018. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2018-39 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION HONORING LOWE’S HOME IMPROVEMENT.

Mrs. Haley – “Am I reading it in its entirety?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes”

Mrs. Haley – “Resolution No. 2018-39. A Resolution honoring Lowe’s Home Improvement. Whereas; as part of Lowe’s Home Improvement Hero’s Program, Lowe’s chose to support the Martin Luther King Recreation Center to help better the lives of those we serve; and whereas; Lowe’s staff and families volunteered two days to paint the inside of the center; and whereas; Lowe’s donated paint, painting supplies, new tools and toolbox, ladders, ceiling tiles, light covers, table and six chairs, floor finish and kitchen cabinets; and whereas; Lowe’s Home Improvement is dedicated to helping the community. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Steubenville, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio: Section 1: That this Council does hereby express its sincere appreciation to Lowe’s Home Improvement for supporting the Martin Luther King Recreation Center as part of Lowe’s Home Improvement Hero’s Program. Section 2: That the Clerk of this Council shall present a certified copy of this Resolution to a representative of Lowe’s Home Improvement. Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by Council; otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.”

Mayor Barilla – “Do we have a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-39?”

Mrs. Hahn made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-39 by roll call. Seconded by Mr. Dressel. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – “Mrs. Hahn do you want to present this?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes; (all inaudible) and also Lori Fetherolf our Parks and Rec Director. We are so grateful; so grateful for not only all the supplies you gave but that it is so personal that you all came and you helped do the work and we’re just deeply appreciative; wonderful community (inaudible).”

Lori Fetherolf – “Thank you so much for all your help.”

Lowe’s Representative – “Thank you.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Anything you want to say or?”

Lowe’s Representative – “Just that Lowe’s is; I’m not sure if you’re aware of this; Lowe’s is the largest; I’m sorry Steubenville Lowe’s is the largest Lowe’s in the state of Ohio out of 83 stores and I’m very proud to be in this community. Thank you.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you very much.”

NO. 2018-41 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

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 NO. 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.

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2018-41. The third and final reading will be on May 22, 2018 which will be next week.”

NO. 2018-42 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE SODIUM CHLORIDE WINTER SALT CONTRACT (018-19).

Mayor Barilla – “Do we have a motion to accept Resolution No. 2018-42?”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-42 by roll call. Seconded by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Timmons – No report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. First off I want to start off by; we’ve talked about this horse trough on Market St.”

Mayor Barilla – “Water trough.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah; going up the hill and we’ve talked about it several times; so I was contacted by a citizen who wants to lead the way with the water trough to paint it. I had a conversation with him and I know there are some guidelines and stuff that have to be followed and I want to introduce Mr. Larry Gerber right here in the back and I would like for him to maybe after the meeting; Jim could you hook up with him?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “He’ll give you the names and numbers of who to get ahold of okay Larry?”

Larry Gerber – “Yeah.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And I want to appreciate it because I was following you and I knew there was some guys that wanted to paint it black and red or blue and gold and I know that we can’t do that stuff so I appreciate you contacting me and going forward with this project.”

Larry Gerber – “Thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thanks Larry.”

Larry Gerber – “You’re welcome.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I’ve known him all my life too (all inaudible). Next off May 30th at 6:00 p.m. it’s a Wednesday we’re going to have a meeting in Council here; a public meeting to discuss Efts Lane; some options for Efts Lane so if Council wants to attend.”

Mr. Petrella – “What time?”

Mr. Villamagna – “6:00”

Mr. Petrella – “6:00”

Mr. Villamagna – “And I would also like to; Mr. Lewis I know the Police Department for the building over here there’s some cost involved; \$73,000 I think you told me for the; there’s some safety measures that I don’t want to say that have to be taken care of and \$8,000 also for the infrastructure for the wiring for their computers and everything so if Mr. Lewis could and I would appreciate it I’d like to have all the accounts where the money should come out of for this; made available to me so we can go over and look and see what funds we can legally use for them. Okay?”

Dave Lewis – “Sure”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you very much. There’s a catch basin on Rosslyn Blvd.; did Chuck leave?”

Multiple People – “Yes.”

Mr. Mastros – “He might be outside.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim there’s a catch basin on Rosslyn Blvd. I think it’s the 400 block; there’s a hole there; there’s an actual hole there and I’ll send you a picture of it; it’s been there for a couple years and it’s been on the list to get fixed but the hole keeps getting worse and worse and somebody is going to put a leg in there or something and stand up and have some serious problems. Oh Chuck I was just telling the City Manager about the catch basin on Rosslyn Blvd. I think it’s the 400 block; there’s a big hole alongside the canal; there’s an orange cone there but there’s a hole you can actually see down through in there so I’m scared some kid or somebody; a dog or pet or somebody could end up in there. If you could check that out (inaudible) it’s been like that for a couple of years now; you know where I’m talking about?”

Chuck Murphy – “I do not but I’ll go ahead and…”

Mr. Villamagna – “I think it’s the 400 block; you’ll see it there’s an orange cone there so you can.”

Chuck Murphy – “(all inaudible) a complaint by phone from a citizen regarding the catch basin on Rosslyn and I forwarded that onto Jim Strachan to go ahead and actually look into it and as far as things are concerned I’ll go ahead (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “Double check. Thank you.”

Mr. Timmons – “Can I add on to that real quick.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Sure Eric what’s up?”

Mr. Timmons – “I think we’ve talked about the one on Oxford too that orange barrel in front of somebodies house; I keep getting complaints about that they said it’s been there for a year.”

Chuck Murphy – “Okay”

Mr. Timmons – “You know which one; on Oxford 800 block.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “People already looked at that.”

Chuck Murphy – “Okay”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah (all inaudible)”

Chuck Murphy – “Yeah I’m trying to remember and I’ll be perfectly honest with you (all inaudible).”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay.”

Chuck Murphy – “You said the 800 block of Oxford?”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah so whenever possible.”

Chuck Murphy – “Okay cause right now what it boils down to is we actually have some you know some very bad ones (inaudible) we are trying (inaudible) on the paper project (all inaudible) on the west end there and that way we can go head and gets those catch basins rebuilt and essentially they should be done; if they are not already done they’re going to be done here in the next day or so weather depending and essentially we were looking to actually deal with a catch basin over on Eve Dr. which has taken a pretty decent portion of the road over there it’s actually (inaudible) out into the middle of the one lane so you got barrels all around that it’s actually one of the worse ones of all. (All inaudible) by the ambulance service which is on Clairmont and it’s a really bad one. We’re trying to work in the order of public health and safety.”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah and I just; yeah I know we already talked about it but talking about it here some time ago; record it and then (all inaudible) why it’s like that exactly. I appreciate that. Thank you.”

Chuck Murphy – “Not a problem.”

Mr. Villamagna – “The next item that I want to talk about is; I saw that in that Dean Martin Festival they’re looking for vendors for downtown and stuff like that and they also said that they’re going to have alcohol on the streets if somebody wanted to have an alcohol; my opinion of the alcohol; that’s a bad move; that will ruin the festival on the street if you remember the hometown celebration years ago that was part of the fall was the alcohol. I don’t think with the family atmosphere; I don’t think it’s necessary for alcohol to be on the street for all these events but that’s just my opinion. It’s not contained they’ll be able to walk up and down the streets if there’s not an contained area; I can buy beer and hand it to a kid; it’s just; there’s going to be a problem that’s my experience from the Police Department if there’s alcohol involved at these festivals on the street you’re going to have a problem. I just wanted to bring that up and the 4th of July are we still going; are we going to try and have that here downtown?”

Mayor Barilla – “No at Belleview.”

Mr. Villamagna – “But we’re not going to have it at the fort?”

Mayor Barilla – “No”

Mr. Villamagna – “(All inaudible) I kind of like the fort thing everybody was all hyped up on that fort.”

Mayor Barilla – “Well maybe next year but we’re going too yea know; say this year at Belleview then maybe we can entertain next year downtown but it takes a little bit of logistics to work it out.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay and the paper tonight I didn’t; I grabbed it on the way out I didn’t get to read it; is JB Green Team moving out of here or was that Belmont County?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No Belmont County just got signed off on a new facility there; what came up is again they were reminded they have a 30 day notification so they’re not moving yet.”

Mr. Villamagna – “The paper and I just glanced at it so I don’t know; it said they’re going to be out or if they’re going to be moving in 30 days.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No no; (inaudible) discussed with that is what the contract is they have a 30 day notice to vacate when it’s given to them by us by the City.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay it might have been a misprint.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes sir.”

Mr. Villamagna – “The herald star; in the herald star it said they were moving in 30 days.”

Mr. Petrella – “I can clarify that; that’s in the Belmont County facility.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay. They have already served notice that; they served notice to their landlord that they’re no longer going to lease that property; they have already secured a lease for a different property down in Belmont County; June 22nd their lease is up; June 25th they’re going to start repairing and by July 30th they’ll be in their new facility down in Belmont County.”

Mr. Villamagna – “(inaudible) Moundsville.”

Mr. Petrella – “Is that correct Paul?”

Paul Giannamore – “That’s correct (inaudible).”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So it wasn’t ours then it was Belmont?”

Mr. Petrella – “Is was Belmont County.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay. Then over the weekend we had to; Joey Lamantia called me from the Parks and Recreation board and there was a problem at Murphy’s Field with the coaches getting into the; where they store the equipment; Joey asked me if he could cut the lock off; if he thought it was the right thing to do and he called Lori and I think he couldn’t get the key right there was (inaudible) or were you out of town.”

Lori Fetherolf – “I wasn’t in town.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah you were out of town that’s what it was and Jerome; he couldn’t get Jerome so he cut the lock off I just; I don’t know if you were made aware of it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I was aware of it; there’s a little bit more to that and again this has to deal with the little league; I’ll talk to you later about it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay and then; okay the Franklin Ave. Building; Mr. Colalella who owns that building on Franklin Ave.; for the older guys it use to be (inaudible) distributors, then Funno’s, and now it’s just an empty building but he contracted me probably about over a year and a half ago he wanted to donate the building so what he wants; he wants the building appraised; he wants whatever the appraisal is; he wants us to deduct how much it’s going to cost from; to tear it down and the remainder of the money that is left to put in writing that; am I stating this right so far?”

Mr. Mastros – “Uh huh.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That he wants that put into his estate so and I’m just going to use these figures; these are not the figures but if it’s \$40,000 and it costs \$30,000 to tear it down then he wants \$10,000 put into...”

Mr. Mastros – “If we ever sell it down the road.”

Mr. Villamagna – “If and he wants that...”

Mr. Mastros – “(inaudible) yeah.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Writing that if we sell it down the road he wants; a hundred years from now whatever he wants \$10,000 so.”

Mr. Mastros – “To put into his estate.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah to give to his heirs.”

Mr. Mastros – “We may never sell it; we may never do anything; if price is under the difference amount obviously he would get nothing.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Right”

Mr. Mastros – “But if it’s over the difference enough the difference of would go into his estate and...”

Mr. Villamagna – “I know he wants a plaque put in there commemorating his mother and father; the property he donated to us. So with that I would like to make a motion that we have Costa draw up the contract.”

Mr. Mastros – “I’ll start that process.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And start that process.” Seconded by Mr. Dressel.

Mayor Barilla – “It’s been moved and seconded that we draw up a contract with Mr. Colalella with a purchase of the building on Franklin Ave. next to the ballfield.”

Mrs. Hahn – “It’s not really a purchase.”

Mayor Barilla – “It’s a...”

Mrs. Hahn – (inaudible) agreement”

ALL INAUDIBLE

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s why we got him he can come up with how it has to read. I would also like to sunshine legislation an ordinance authorizing the demolition of 329 Highland Ave.; 331 Highland Ave.; and 1326 Wellesley Ave. Rear.”

Mayor Barilla – “So we need roll call on the motion for that building? Mr. Mastros is that what we...”

Mr. Mastros – “That is correct.”

Mayor Barilla – “We had a motion and we had a second vote. So we need a roll call.”

Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla

Mr. Villamagna – “I have a question and I don’t understand; we have to have a roll call vote to sunshine that ordinance?”

Mr. Mastros – “No that was for me to proceed to try and get (inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “Oh I got ya. Okay alright okay thank you. So we don’t them to?”

Mr. Mastros – “No we don’t vote for that or get a second.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And that will be all.”

Mayor Barilla – “One thing with the water trough I think that’s on a national register?”

Mr. Mastros – “Right.”

Mayor Barilla – “And I think there may be guidelines as to what kind of paint; if you use paint or”

Mr. Villamagna – “Right”

Mayor Barilla – “What needs to be done with it you just can’t...”

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s why I wanted...”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah you got to follow all the guidelines for historical.”

Mayor Barilla – “Right”

Mr. Petrella – “Those guidelines (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “(All inaudible) if maybe; set up something where you can.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Once they found out what’s going on.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Because I know that; we’ve had talked about this before and there was some guidelines; we actually had a group that was interested in (all inaudible). Thanks.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “A few short statements. Mr. Lewis when you go find that money see if you can find about \$5,000 for Dresden Ave. chip and sealed for the last 20 years that I’m trying to get paved.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well Yonk that’s a different fund though you know. That’s a different fund all together so these guys here don’t have to work in a hovel over there with holes in the floor and broken furniture.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I just want it paved. I just want it chipped and sealed.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I know I’m just saying that’s a whole different.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I just want it chipped and sealed.”

Mr. Villamagna – “They’ve been working in a dog shack over there since 1976 that I know of.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Are we ever going to hire that extra man for Mr. Murphy and the water department? Give them help. Does that need Council’s approval to get money for it?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well it’s going to need Council’s approval and what I want Council to look at is you just got half of your grieving tonight.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Right”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It was on wastewater and you’re going to have a briefing on water and then now I will present what you need to know and then Council could make its decision.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay. Cause I don’t want to have no heart attack.”

Mr. Villamagna – “You’re going to present this Jim.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah”

Mr. Mavromatis – “What’s that? Yeah on all that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Because this is not a Council’s job; a council job is…”

Mr. Petrella – “Point of order.”

Mr. Villamagna – “But you have to present.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I have to present to Council.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Right that’s what I mean”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We don’t have it on our T.O.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Right so.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “So again”

Mr. Villamagna – “To be clear because there was so many rumors about this and it was our responsibility to do this; it’s not our responsibility.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Thank you. Hang on I got a little statement here. I went down last week on this homeless deal and they want some more money and I (inaudible) told him no we have our own particular problems; I want to get the record straight right now; I’m not against the homeless people; we have enough of them in town; I’d like to see them work which is always a possibility; now they’re coming downtown bothering all the merchants downtown; panhandling; call the police departments; one fellow called the ambulance 5 times in 1 week; 5 times in 1 week. We got a new housing project down in the north end that’s fine and dandy but the whole north end and south end as far as I’m concerned some of these people that can work; they’re in better shape than I am; they can cut grass and they can pick up litter; what we need most in the north end and south end is a grocery store; (inaudible) all these people and most of them are from out of town; we need people here that are working and paying income tax all they’re doing is using our services so I’m not against but I think it’s a (inaudible) I think everybody should work that can work; I don’t think the old and disabled or the rest; if I can work and (inaudible) can work anybody can work.”

Mr. Villamagna – “But Yonk I want to add something to that.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Go head buddy.”

Mr. Villamagna – “It’s something that me and you talked about today.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah”

Mr. Villamagna – “There are places available; we got over abundance of other places that are available. Right? I mean these people; it’s not like.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “They have room for them down the housing projects we can’t even meet our quota down at the housing projects 93% and we’re getting punished by it; they’re holding this money back; the federal government (all inaudible) we don’t have (inaudible) and you’ve seen what’s downtown the Spot Bar and (all inaudible) they’re like rats; you call the police they go down third street; 5 minutes (all inaudible) police department got better stuff to do than that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “You know at the bus garage today there was a video; remember the incident where they were defecating outside the bus garage? Did you get calls on that today?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “What bus garage (inaudible)?”

Mr. Villamagna – “There on Adams St.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Oh okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “Steel Valley.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Same thing, same place, same corner back there; we got the person last time and arrested them.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’m supposed to go down and look over at the County Building was it?”

Mr. Villamagna – “It was at the bus garage that’s why they had a video of it.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “It ain’t supervised.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Said they were going to call.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “It ain’t supervised; that office ain’t supervised; (inaudible) doors off (all inaudible)”

Mr. Villamagna – “I know you didn’t say it but that; we talked earlier.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah.”

Mr. Villamagna – “They are places; other places.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah”

Mr. Villamagna – “That they can go.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “They’re not supervised. Thank you.”

Mr. Dressel – No report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes I just had a question related to planning. Is there anyway Jim that you could get Council a list of the City owned lots that are to be cut by the City personnel and the lots that are owned privately and maybe in conjunction with the State of Ohio that the community service people cut? Because last week I had asked Bob Baird and he said that on LaBelle that the City does not own a single piece (inaudible) of Piece of Pie Park we do but aside from that; so that when people get upset and they call and say why isn't this being cut? We can explain it's actually not a City owned lot and at the moment we're so stretched with City owned lots we're not having City workers do the private lots that's being done by community service and then also who do you call to reach someone about community service if we notice some of the non-city lots getting long? Is that possible? Just so we can give better information to the people as they call us.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The information we have the answer is yes on your City lots which we would have; would we own that? Yes we can get you that. The State lots we may not have a list of because once they have; they don't cut their grass; they own the lots but they don't cut it so it's either we got to go on the property; other lots we just can't go on the property am I correct there? Private lots.”

Mr. Mastros – “Correct.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And we have a lot of those so the only way we can go on there is a court order...”

Mr. Mastros – “(inaudible) towards our procedure to our code procedure and all that so we can't just go and do that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right correct. That's on other vacant lots that have been tore down; still owned by people; we just can't go on the property and cut so.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay so how do we resolve this? Because the City has done negligence and taken down the buildings.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I'll let Costa explain...”

Mrs. Hahn – “You know people; you know neighbors are there; they're maintaining their properties.”

Mr. Mastros – “There's a notice procedure that we have to go through for highways when we cut the lots; I don't have it off the top of my head but basically we have to give those to the people; if they don't do that; I think it's within 10 days if I recall correctly we have to get them by certified mail or I think sometimes we can also make it and actually post it in the ground if we can't get them by certified mail. Then after 10 days if they don't do it we can go in cut it and then we charge it; all the costs; labor, materials whatever we do as a lien on the property and we've done that before I know we have but that's how we do that.”

Mrs. Hahn – “My understanding is the State of Ohio doesn't own them; they put them on as co-owners only to stop the taxes from building up but I don't think we have found a way of relief yet.”

Mr. Mastros – “That's correct the State; (inaudible) forfeited to the State of Ohio the deed does not change only on the journal entry if you will when that forfeiture occurs do they own it? But the deed never (inaudible) I've actually litigated that; I took it to the court of appeals and I lost so you can't force that owner even though it's been forfeited to the State of Ohio; you can't force that owner to do anything. We can still cut it; we can still assets the property but we can't force it in that particular situation.”

Mrs. Hahn – “So who would do the citation (all inaudible)?”

Mr. Mastros – “We would just; we would just like we would do if a private person doesn't comply with our notice to cut it; 10 days if they don't we go in cut it assets it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Costa can I ask you a question?”

Mr. Mastros – “Yes sir.”

Mr. Villamagna – “When you say we you mean the process starts out with our litter control guy right?”

Mr. Mastros – “I believe that's who we have now issuing the notices correct.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I just; I met him out on Bryden Road; he issued some.”

Mr. Mastros – “It's basically a citation (inaudible) 10 days.”

Mr. Villamagna – “He gave them 10? He gave (all inaudible).”

Mr. Mastros – “10”

Mr. Villamagna – “He gave her a citation for 10 days to cut it and then if it's not cut then they'll issue a summons to have them (inaudible).”

Mr. Mastros – “You can do that and that's fine but we also have the right to go in and cut it ourselves.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay”

Mr. Mastros – “(Inaudible) you're right; you can go in and be summons to the court for a high weeds violation as well; either way.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Can I talk?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Kim all you have to do is go down and see Karly; she has (inaudible) down there I go down all the time to find out who owns the lot; half of them are dead; passed away and if the State owns them you my as well just forget it because it's under the State of Ohio. Right Bob? State of Ohio you got to cut it.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Petrella?”

Mr. Petrella – “Thank you Mayor. Costa on the lots that we have liened already can't we approach the County to put them up for Sheriff Sale?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “They are.”

Mr. Mastros – “They usually do go up.”

Mr. Petrella – “You know force; a case like some of the lots on LaBelle for instance I'm sure some of the neighbors; if it's absolutely Sheriff Sale down there would love to pick up that lot if it's reasonable.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “We got 3 sales.”

Mr. Mastros – “I think how that would work though is before they would institute the action for that they would have to be in arrear in their taxes for that to start I don’t think they would just try to forfeit the property to get our lien is what I’m saying.”

Mr. Petrella – “I understand that but if we’re liening the property I’m assuming they are already delinquent taxes.”

Mr. Mastros – “I would assume so.”

Mr. Petrella – “And if we’re tearing down places and liening them for; I’m assuming they’re delinquent in taxes; if we could start to force some of these Sheriff Sales and get some of these lots into private hands and then those responsible people could do something with it.”

Mr. Mastros – “Sure.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Craig I think we did; we did have something because I remember some people bought some of our you know property that we had that was within the City limits that we put up for Sheriff’s Auction and I don’t remember the exact thing but you’re right about the tax delinquency; most of them were but there were a few that weren’t and they pulled them off of there but most of them were.”

Mr. Petrella – “Even if we get 5 or 10 off our books.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah; you know giving it to people that can improve those properties it’s worth it; cause we’re never going to get a dime for it anyway.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I have one follow up question. So Bob Baird said they don’t; they won’t cut any privately owned properties so even if we cite them and give them 10 days is our only recourse appealing to Judge Mascio to send new service people?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “If we go through the process and get an order we can either cut it with our people if we have them or we can contract it out; but the bottom line is we cannot go on the property until we have the authority from the court. So to answer your question yes. Can our guys do that? Yes. If they have the time to do it from all the other properties that we have to maintain; we have our right of ways that we have that they have to do every day when they are out there cutting and then the other lots that we own that they have to do. So does that answer? The short answer is yes.”

Mrs. Hahn – “So you’re saying it is possible for our crews (inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes unless on that particular lot that you ask if we have the order to go on there then the answer is yes.”

Mayor Barilla – “Is that it Mrs. Hahn?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes I would love that list of properties.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I have that. I’ll make a notation to get all of Council that list so they’ll have it; they can answer the questions when they get the phone call.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes your Honor I’d like to; May 23rd; the week of May 23rd is EMS Week and I’d like to make a Resolution to honor ASI for their participation in conjunction to our safety forces. Okay?”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “I would ask Council at the conclusion tonight of our meeting that we go into executive session so you can be properly briefed where we’re at with our lawsuit; there’s been some changes out of Columbus that you need to be aware of so we can make the proper decisions where we need to go.”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to go into executive session after public forum to discuss current litigation.

Seconded by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you and that’s all I have.”

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

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Petrella – “I got one question. I don’t know if you can answer it or Mrs. Wiggins. Where are we at with the process of hiring those firemen and policemen?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The test has been posted and we’re just waiting to administer the test.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Ms. Wiggins she sent out the notifications.”

Mr. Mastros – No report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mr. Dressel – “I just wanted to mention that the Sycamore Youth Center is donating an event this Sunday May 20th. Pizza for the kids from 3:30 to 4:30 then an adult concert from 4:30 to 6:00 across the street and that’s in; I can’t think of the name of the church but it was Sycamore (inaudible) most recently but across from what use to be the Convenient store there but it’s not the Convenient store anymore either; behind 4th Street this Sunday. They have a flier.”

Mr. Villamagna – “4th and North right?”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah 4th and North right on the corner.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “We don’t have anyone signing in under Public Forum this evening.”

Council Chambers were cleared for Executive Session.

Council Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR