

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
August 14, 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, Dressel, Hahn, & Paul.

Mr. Paul moved that Mr. DiLoreto & Mr. Petrella be excused from the meeting. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Barilla.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Assistant Finance Director Dave Babela, Parks and Recreations Director Lori Fetherolf, Sanitation Director Bob Baird, Paul Giannamore from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for August 7, 2018. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Barilla – “Petitions and Communications Madame Clerk?”

Mrs. Haley – “Nothing this evening.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madam Clerk.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – No Report

Mr. Paul – “Yes sir your Honor. I would like to make a motion that we go into executive session after this meeting to discuss the three personnel that we need to hire and moving forward with our water; water...”

Unknown – “Not for rates.”

Mr. Paul – “Not for rates. No it’s not for water it’s for personnel for the water department which we need three individuals.” Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Paul – “One more thing. That’s what I was discussing with Dave. Yes sir and I would also like to call a Finance Committee meeting; 6:30 on; today’s the 14th; 14 days; the 28th of August.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay? Finance Committee 6:30. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright thank you.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “I would like Council to be aware that I received a letter yesterday and this is from Freedom from Religious Foundation out of Madison, Wisconsin. Apparently a citizen complained to them that we have a 10 commandments plaque at Murphy Park and they’ve expressed at different court cases that prohibit this and I’m going to contact the church that was responsible for this and we’ll have it removed. I’ve already consulted with our attorney; he says this is the best way to do it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Is that church by Murphy’s Field?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes it is. It’s right across the street Bob.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Put it over there?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah but I’ll let them; (all inaudible) they took the time to right this and send it in. It cited several court cases but I don’t know if this was the same; or group that went against our seal.”

Mr. Dressel – “It is.”

Mr. Paul – “It is.”

Mr. Dressel – “It’s the same one.”

Mr. Paul – “It is.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “So we’ll have that taken care of. This was brought to my attention today this goes back to an ordinance that was in 2014; it had to do with our cell phones that the City issues and the way this ordinance is written it’s basically has our hands tied and what I would like to do is do an amendment to this ordinance where we can change what we have too. One of the things in here it specifically states a carry which locks our hands. Carriers come out with different rates all the time and with the amount of phones that we use we got to have the ability to shop and see which is the best buy. The second thing on it is it actually had a list of who

should have phones; well just a case in point we don't have the Health Commission anymore; we don't have an ID Administrator anymore but I have two people that need to have access to phones because of the problems. This is just my personal opinion because I've been around phones issued by the government; I know we give the option that we will give them a pay through payroll or we can issue them a phone and what I will look at; at the cost involved with this. It's more cost effective that we issue the phone and that's my recommendation; if it isn't then we pay a (inaudible) that's fine but we'll do the research on it but that's what I would like to present to Council to do an amendment to this that we have that flexibility because right now my hands are tied I can't..."

Mr. Villamagna – "It actually spells out a carrier in there?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "It did. So anyway I wanted to bring this to Council so you're aware of it. We'll do a draft; Council or Costa will and we'll go from there. I've asked a couple of my staff to come in tonight to brief Council on where we're at on specific things. One being at the MLK Center with the pictures; the other is with Mr. Baird; Mr. Villamagna there's a better map we brought. I looked at it I can clearly see the streets and again in fairness to you I don't know how your other map looked; this is much better. But again Mr. Baird is here to explain where our man power is and any questions that Council may have I'd ask that you do it at this time and that's all I have at this time."

Mayor Barilla – "Lori do you want to address?"

Lori Fetherolf – "So there was a question about the; we had a Martin Luther King picture; it's being hung right now; I stopped down on my way back. I had a member of the community also give us a nice picture of Coretta Scott King. It is being framed right now; I called today to see where it was at and they are waiting on a piece on the back and they'll be as you walk in; on the wall back behind the counter so (inaudible) first thing. It'll look really nice; very very nice. So I just wanted to update you on that."

Mr. Villamagna – "Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay thank you. Mr. Baird?"

Bob Baird – "Yes. I just; wanted to maybe get some more information or answer more questions I have. There was a question; I've lost track; a couple weeks ago I believe; Councilman Villamagna asked for some information. I might of misunderstood Bob."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's alright."

Bob Baird – "My understanding is you were looking for the streets on which the automated trucks were operated. So that's the map that I gave to you is that; it is one color; it's highlighted in blue and that's the way I understood the question. What streets within the City do the automated trucks operate on so that was that?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Here's what confused me Bob what this map; the automated arm; that's why I wasn't sure because Efts Lane they use the automated arm on Efts Lane."

Bob Baird – "Right."

Mr. Villamagna – "And on there it's not marked that it was on there so that's what; and it was all in one color so I wasn't sure if you were being specific with something else."

Bob Baird – "I misunderstood myself perhaps and the other thing that map probably within a matter of days of us updating it or (inaudible) it; it's almost inaccurate because what's happened is over time; as we've gotten better at it; more comfortable as the guys gain experience; get more comfortable of where we found that we can use those trucks in more and more locations so there are streets I'm sure that on the map you were given..."

Mr. Villamagna – "(Inaudible)"

Bob Baird – "Correct are not included on that. So I just want to clarify all that; it was meant to indicate was what I thought the question was where are the automated trucks in service?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Well I assume that's probably possible to miss one or two streets there you know what I mean."

Bob Baird – "Right and as we gain confidence and experience and you know we're adding more so that was that. If there's additional information that you or anyone would like as far as the routes, the manpower, the schedules, I can provide whatever you like I just need to..."

Mr. Villamagna – "Here's what; here's what I; what I wanted was; I don't know how you do it is there a A, B, C, route or a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, route or how you do it but how many routes there are daily Monday through Thursday? How many routes there are per day? Like is there 4 routes 5 routes or whatever and how much manpower is expended on each route? Because when the truck leaves there he has an assigned route right? He doesn't just..."

Bob Baird – "Essentially yes."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah."

Bob Baird – "We have; I don't want to interrupt you."

Mr. Villamagna – "(All inaudible)"

Bob Baird – "So what we have and you know unfortunately it's kind of; it's kind of primitive; it's and some of you may have seen before it's more a highlighter; it's very hard to get an entire city map reduced to a workable size."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah."

Bob Baird – "You can almost not see it after it gets to a certain point. But I can give this to you and I can get you some better information but I just..."

Mr. Villamagna – "Listen this would be easier for you; if you could do this for me I'm happy because I can read this map here."

Bob Baird – "Okay."

Mr. Villamagna – “It’s a pretty good size map. If you can get a map and however; if you got 5 routes; 5 different highlighters okay?”

Bob Baird – “Yep.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And just highlight each one that’s on here and then just put a number there.”

Bob Baird – “Yep”

Mr. Villamagna – “On this.”

Bob Baird – “Yep.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That way I know.”

Bob Baird – “Yep.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So I mean...”

Bob Baird – “In essence and just real quickly and I’ll break it down on paper for you so you can see it. We now; we now run our normal collection schedule in 4 days where previously we did 5 so we have; we have an area of the City that we cover on Mondays; we have an area of the City that we cover on Tuesdays so north side of Sunset; west of Brady essentially; then we have an area we cover on Wednesdays and the area that was previously serviced on Thursday and Friday is now all serviced on Thursday which is the north end, south ends of downtown (inaudible). Now within those areas on those days everybody servicing that area so each truck is servicing sections of that schedule (inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “They took their little piece of the route.”

Bob Baird – “Correct. See I can break down for you what streets that the automated trucks service. What streets the rear loaders serve and so automated truck obviously one man; rear loaders will have either 2 or 3 and then we have; the dumpsters are going to have to be separate because the dumpsters...”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well the dumpsters you don’t need...”

Bob Baird – “They’re all over the City.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah. You do that on Friday (all inaudible)”

Bob Baird – “So residential curb side collection does (inaudible) happen (inaudible) scheduled in the assigned area and in that area there are what you’re asking for; areas that each truck serve which a certain amount (all inaudible) that’s; am I saying that right?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah. That’s what; like if that’s the easiest way; I mean that’s how I would do it; I mean I can understand that anyway.”

Bob Baird – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “You highlight how many routes there are with a different color highlighter; write the number down for each one and then (inaudible) manpower that’s in that (all inaudible).”

Bob Baird – “Yeah and I apologize I thought...”

Mr. Villamagna – “No that’s alright it ain’t no big deal.”

Bob Baird – “I thought you were looking for the automated route (inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “No that’s why when I got that map I was (inaudible); it’s all in one color; I don’t know I mean what the heck you know (all inaudible).”

Bob Baird – “So if there’s anything else just let me know. Yes?”

Mrs. Hahn – “I have a couple questions. When we first talked about (all inaudible) we were hoping to get it down to 2 people. Is it possible and I understand (all inaudible not sure what’s being said) but rather than have 2 people who are walking along because it seems; well let me ask the question; have we gotten it down to 2 people?”

Bob Baird – “In many cases yes.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay.”

Bob Baird – “Sometimes not. We have...”

Mr. Villamagna – “My route today was 2 people.”

Bob Baird – “Yeah. There’s; and I mean I can talk to you about it in more depth or detail; there’s many factors that go into that but on many occasions on the; when you say down to 2 people; on the rear loader trucks on the conventional truck...”

Mrs. Hahn – “A driver and one additional person.”

Bob Baird – “(Inaudible) driver (inaudible) back. Now there are occasions we still have 3 depending on how or what’s going on that day but on many many occasions yes we’ve been running with 1 man operating and 1 in the truck; two men on the rear loading trucks and 2 men on the dumpster truck; same principal you know a guy driving and a guy doing the work in the back.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay and then about sofas or pieces of furniture that people have. What can the public do; what procedure do you want them to have to contact you because they can get the City to pick it up right? So is there a charge and who do they call?”

Bob Baird – “The procedure is easy simply call us and what we’ve been doing is we’ve been doing a lot of that on Fridays. This conversation is for another time I would propose to Council that you consider that there would be a charge for that. Clearly there is not we have nothing in our ordinances that spell out how that charge; you know what that charge would be. Given the (inaudible) conversation regarding rates some of the things that are going on I would; I would ask you to consider or recommend looking at that because that is a way to deal with revenue; increase revenue. Simply (all inaudible) only for those that are using that service and not the; not the City at large.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Do you have a suggestion of what that charge would be proper?”

Bob Baird – “I would hesitate to say at the moment but I would be happy to provide whatever I can. There are and we’ve even encountered as our population has changed; we have encountered a marketing (inaudible)

people who are expecting to be charged. They are not maybe originally from this area; everywhere that they have lived that's how it works and they are; I would love to be able to do it but I can't do it because we don't have an ordinance that spells it out. So that's something that needs a little more discretion and thought but I would; I would ask that Council (inaudible) consider that and we have some more discretions about it. That is a way to maybe have a positive influence on the rate discussion."

Mr. Villamagna – "I think it's reasonable."

Bob Baird – "Because only those; only those utilizing it are the ones that (all inaudible). (All inaudible) question."

Mr. Dressel – "It's related to that when (all inaudible)."

Bob Baird – "Simply call us and we will make arrangements with that caller to pick up what they need."

Mrs. Hahn – "The City number?"

Bob Baird – "Yes its extension 3200."

Mrs. Hahn – "3200 okay."

Bob Baird – "283-6000 and extension 3200 to get to our department and we will make arrangements. The second option available to residents again we can make arrangements with them; is if they would like to bring it down to our roll off we can make arrangements to facilitate that also. But again we're trying to maintain control of that so that we don't have the excessive constant abuses so let us know and if that; if they would like to do that we can make sure that they have access and they can bring it down and throw it in or leave it on the ground and we'll pick it up for them (inaudible). So call us we'll either make arrangements to come get it or make arrangements with that caller to bring it down and dump it in our dumpster."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Dressel"

Mr. Dressel – "Well I just wanted to add a comment to what you're saying because Bernie is working on rewriting 952 I think it is which is the sanitation or it which has all that in it. I think maybe Dave is involved but we provided them or I have a number of links to a bunch of other cities ordinances and what they charge for all those. So there will be a number of things addressed in that ordinance aside from special pick up cost; like the cost for an extra cans, if they have to have an extra can, if they have too much trash, blah, blah, blah so it'll all be in there I just don't know where we stand. He said he has a draft done but I think we need to run through it and we probably should have a utility meeting and go through it. (Inaudible) think you want to do that right now. So maybe when he's ready he'll let us know and then we can call a utility committee meeting to just walk through that ordinance."

Mr. Mastros – "Does he have all of the divisions that are wanted that were being requested?"

Mr. Dressel – "He has them from me but if everybody else wants to send comments then they should."

Mrs. Hahn – "Could he send a copy to all of us so we can see what's already drafted?"

Mr. Dressel – "There's; I don't think he has anything yet so you need to send your; send all your comments. I mean he hasn't; he said he's going to get me a draft but he doesn't have it. You should get in your comments so he can include like whatever fees you want and I think what they'll be is a blank location for a fee and then we'll have to determine the fees. Yes (inaudible)."

Mr. Mastros – "He does have a draft."

Mr. Dressel – "(Inaudible)"

Mr. Mastros – "I know he has a draft but there was so many rewrites I'm not sure what version..."

Mr. Dressel – "What draft it is."

Unknown – "Okay."

Mr. Mastros – "Thank you."

Mr. Villamagna – "Mayor before; before; can I ask Jim another question about his; under his report?"

Mayor Barilla – "Alright."

Mr. Villamagna – "Jim on Harvard Ave."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Harland?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Harvard."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Oh Harvard."

Mr. Villamagna – "Off Efts Lane. Mike talked to you about that problem out there; I wanted to catch Chuck before he left."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Down at the bottom?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes he's talked to them about that."

Mr. Villamagna – "Do you know if they met with that lady or anything?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "I think Mike Dolak has met with her."

Mr. Mastros – "I think he's made comment or he's made contact with her again. Mike told me that today."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yeah there's been contact with her."

Mr. Villamagna – "As long as; okay just so there (all inaudible)."

Mr. Mastros – "We met last week about that."

Mr. Mavromatis – "We had a briefing on it; he explained everything; this goes back maybe a year; year and a half; I saw it personally when we had a heavy rain."

Mr. Villamagna – "Right."

Mr. Mavromatis – "And there was an AEP problem in the back with the pole and they took care of that but..."

Mr. Villamagna – "Because there's 2 problems there."

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “One’s clearly not our responsibility.”

Mr. Mastros – “Correct.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right.”

Mr. Villamagna – “The other one that’s what Mike was working on?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis and Mr. Villamagna – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Absolutely.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s what I want to know. Then the other thing is just I wanted to clear...”

Mayor Barilla – “Bob are we under miscellaneous?”

Mr. Villamagna – “No I’m asking; well I’m talking to the City Manager I don’t know if you want me to go under miscellaneous I can do it.”

Mayor Barilla – “Let’s do it then.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay you want me...”

Mayor Barilla – “Yeah. Okay thank you. We’ll go under miscellaneous but not yet.”

Mr. Villamagna – “You’re making me sit down.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Mastros?”

Mr. Mastros – “Thank you Mr. Mayor. I’m going to ask for Council to go into executive session next week. I need to update you on our OPEC litigation. I had a conversation with our outside counsel today; we need to talk about that and then we also need to talk about the remaining 2 appropriation cases; one should be resolved; the other one we need to discuss so if we can do that next week and that’s fine I’ll just; I’ll remind (inaudible) but that’s all I have thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you.”

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mr. Villamagna – “I have nothing. I’m just kidding. Jim I wanted to clear up a couple things about that littering and (inaudible) garbage. That ordinance is 521.08 okay? And I looked it up when we left here; just a couple excerpts from it because it’s lengthy but; Section F: No person shall cause or allow litter to be collected or remain in any place to the damage or prejudice of others or of the public, or unlawfully obstruct, impede, divert, corrupt or render unwholesome or impure, any natural watercourse and then it goes on to say what your duties are as the City Manager and the courts what can be done but there is a procedure and we do not have to prove who’s garbage it is; the land owner is responsible.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah the property; you’re absolutely correct.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But we do try to find out; there may be something in there that like the one we were out on.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Oh yes.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It was on someone else’s property that the person across the street had all their photos and stuff.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Right if you want to do that; that’s fine but there is a remedy...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “To this situation. The other thing is the dilapidated structures which probably bothers me more; these people live out in Toronto, Mingo, Wintersville, Weirton and they leave these houses here for everybody else to deal with and then it accumulates rubbish and trash on the premises and that’s under 521.11. 521.08 and 521.11 definitely spell out that there’s an avenue for us to go after them; I think we should go that way; we should make it hard for these people; these people buy these houses; somebody bought a house up there for \$2,500 on; come on give me a break; \$2,500 for a house what do you think is going to happen there? Okay? But that’s all there is an avenue for us to go over and we should aggressively do it so that’s all. Thank you very much.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I just wanted to mention one thing. Mike Florak had mention in Council a couple weeks ago that a survey was being sent to Council members and I think the Mayor, the City Manager and I didn’t get it until today. So they sent it numerous times I don’t know what my computer does. I don’t know if the rest of you got it but I do want you to know I was able to get it; I sent it to Karly; Karly sent it on to you; so if you would take 10 to 15 minutes it’s a great outreach by Franciscan University’s administration to get ideas from us about how we can have greater collaboration and just really work together so I just wanted to bring it to the fore front; take 10 to 15 minutes and it would really be valuable and because it was an issue; it was sent out 10 days ago; almost 2 weeks ago if you could do it soon (all inaudible). Thank you.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move into Public Forum. We have no one signing in this evening for Public Forum so we’ll then move onto executive session so I’ll ask the Council Chambers to be cleared.”

Council Chambers were cleared for Executive Session.
Council Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

Mr. Paul – “Okay I would like to sunshine 2 ordinances under Finance. The first one being an ordinance repealing the existing Table of Organization of the City of Steubenville, Ohio and now enacting a Table of Organization for all employees of the City and declaring an emergency. Okay? The second one; an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2017-108 and adopting the indirect cost allocation plan of the City of Steubenville and declaring an emergency. Okay? That’s all I have thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Paul.”

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR