

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
August 7, 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, Dressel, & Hahn.

Mr. Paul moved that Mr. DiLoreto 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, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Wastewater Supervisor Chuck Murphy, Paul Giannamore from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for July 31, 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 – “I have one. I have a Notice to Legislative Authority from Ohio Division of Liquor Control. It’s the transfer of license to Prospera Hospitality Services DBA Bennigans Steubenville from Prospera Hospitality Services. It says to please complete and return this form to the division of Liquor Control whether or not there is a request for a hearing. Refer to this number in all inquiries BTRFL 7097265-0001. Please sign below and mark the appropriate box indicating your title.”

Mr. Dressel made a motion that we make the letter a part of the record and the copy of the letter be given to the City Manager, Mayor, Law Director, and the Police Chief.” Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madam Clerk.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2018-57 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 3rd 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.

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2018-57. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2018-57 please come forward state your name and address?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor I have a question.”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That bill; that bill is from November 30, 2017. I’m AVS; I’m assuming that’s chemical?”

Dave Lewis – “I’m sorry.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That bill; that bill that we’re voting on tonight is from November 30, 2017.”

Chuck Murphy – “(All inaudible) and we’ll see. Okay basically this is due to a change in; you know (inaudible) booking towards the end of the year and basically this is just an (inaudible) carry over we just missed that point. You know what I mean?”

Unknown – “(Inaudible)”

Chuck Murphy – “So the thing is POs get closed out and then basically you have to reissue another purchase order is what it rolls down too.”

Mr. Villamagna – “9 months?”

Chuck Murphy – “I’m sorry?”

Unknown – “9 months is what he said.”

Mr. Paul – “It was last year.”

Chuck Murphy – “No; no what I’m getting at is the bill was paid before that as far as things are concerned.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well if the bill was paid then; this is another purchase order? Is that what you’re...”

Chuck Murphy – “Yeah basically go ahead and issue another purchase order after the first of the year.”

Mr. Villamagna – “But this bill was already paid at that time?”

Chuck Murphy – “It wasn’t paid on November 30th. I don’t know exactly when it was paid to be honest with you (all inaudible). But the thing is I’ve e-mailed specifically; that that’s exactly what it was it’s just a carryover (all inaudible) the POs have to be closed out and basically when that thing came that’s; it all just; times not running. You know we have never (inaudible) downs as far as that problem is concerned it just didn’t happen (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “I know I kind of caught you off; caught you off guard here but...”

Chuck Murphy – “Yeah it’s not; (all inaudible) stay here as far as November 30th one thing that Dave would (all inaudible) have no idea what’s being said here.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I’m having a hard time understanding why; why it’s here. What’s going on?”

Dave Lewis – “The way (all inaudible) much. The bill; what happens at the end of the year is the State Auditor’s require us to close all super blankets; which is just a blanket ordered to purchase and (inaudible) supply and that kind of stuff. So at the end of the year we have to close them all. Chuck did have a bill that didn’t get paid before the end of the year so we had to start over January 1.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So it’s already been paid and then the purchase order just never got to us until now?”

Dave Lewis – “Well we do it in 3 month installments. So it was paid in March and then…”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Dave Lewis – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Villamagna – “Alright thank you.”

Dave Lewis – “Approval of the expense.”

Mayor Barilla – “Is there a question?”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2018-57 duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. It was take effect September 6, 2018.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Paul – No Report

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – “I have something under Utilities Committee. I do want to discuss a social media post I made last night that has generated some communication. I stand by everything I said. Some of the attacks have become a little bit personal; I’m fat; I’m stupid; I need to brush up on my grammar; which is probably all true but the bottom line is why does the garbage sit on the curbs for months at a time? Now I haven’t posted anything negative in a while but last night I was frustrated and angered. I don’t like using social media but when I’m; but what I’m saying here doesn’t seem to be going anywhere. Even after Council has stated on at least 6 occasions; maybe me being the most vocal about it; why do we continue to let this garbage sit there for months? I went with the sanitation crew one morning and I barely made it 4 hours; I know some; one of the; they said I quit after 2 hours; let’s just say it’s 15 minutes what’s it matter? It was brutal work I couldn’t do it. I have the upmost respect for them; those guys are strong, they’re tough, I couldn’t do their job. However I don’t understand why we continue to drive by garbage on a; on a weekly basis and leave it there. There was somebody named Shannon Bee commented on there. I should know the procedure and reported it. Yeah that’s true but it was reported by Scott Dressel said he reported it; Tyronne from the zoning and planning commission said he’s reported that for months. Also you know what is holding any of the workers back from approaching Jim or Bob and asking for a work order to get that picked up. Bob and Jim don’t seem unapproachable to me. I know Mrs. Hahn has discussed the workers taking a clip board or a pen or even just something to scratch down any markings or violations or garbage piles such as what I’m referring too. I shouldn’t have to go public to have this taken care of especially since Council has made it abundantly clear that we want this garbage picked up. If the owner is present and they live there; pick it up and then we fine them. If it is an abandoned property pick it up. I’ve heard the excuse before that if we pick it up we’re condoning it. If that’s the case then we shouldn’t have a problem with just piling it up on the corner outside this building or at the fort; the neighborhood shouldn’t matter. It’s just unsanitary conditions; when I was up there last night a rodent and a raccoon ran out from the garbage. So if fellow Council people if I’m wrong or if I’m misconveying Council’s direction please speak up but you know I’m going to continue to complain about this until our mind set changes and we implement the policy that Council has requested for 2 years now.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Timmons. Yes?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I would like to address this. A little clarification on unapproachable where did that come from?”

Mr. Timmons – “I said you’re not unapproachable.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay I just…”

Mr. Timmons – “I know.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I just misunderstood.”

Mr. Timmons – “I know I know your… okay (all inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The first thing I want to go too is the social media and this has come up before by our previous Law Director Gary Repella and I’m not sure if you brought this up Counselor.”

Mr. Mastro – “(Inaudible)”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But the bottom line is this; I can’t control what any of you do when you go on social media; as long as you understand this; you’re flying solo. What does that mean? If you put something out there that’s misinformation and they want to try to sue the City that’s not going to happen because we’re not attached to this. But back to this I saw this this morning when I got up. Number one that has been an obitual place that they drop stuff and they throw it there. How do I know that? I talked to Mr. Baird and he says our sanitation people have picked up stuff there several times within the last year. So again I didn’t investigate this because I don’t know who you talked to other than what I saw personally myself when I drove by this morning. I saw exactly; there was; looked like fairly new stuff that was put out on McDowell and not Pennsylvania but the bottom line is this; I know what our workers do; they do what they’re told to do and I can tell you I’ve called Bob Baird on numerous occasions when it’s brought to my attention for a special pick up and that’s what they do. What probably sent me into the direction was a tone that was used and what you put out there as a dare and I’m going; I have to address this. This isn’t junior high I will explain something to you quite clearly and it’s not just you; it’s to anybody that’s in this room; if you choose to pick up garbage and bring it down here and dump it in front

of the City Building; this I can guarantee you factually; you will go to jail. I make no quantum's about this at all. Are people get calls every day; we have a structure system in place; if it's from any Councilmen they call down to the Clerk of Council to do a work order and they go in there. Now if work orders have been in there and I had that pulled for that specifically location; the last work order that went in there back in August of 2016. Now apparently the one complainant had said he called me; that was probably the person I talked to that I directed to call for Mr. Baird to send the guys up there and they picked that up. I can't tell you because I didn't go out there and look at these mattresses to see if they're infested by rodents because it's a home now; what it look like. What concerned me is when you make comments like this on Facebook you don't know who you're dealing with and they don't know all the facts. But to go after our workers is clearly wrong and I will tell you this because I have watched them every day; I've watched them on the weekends for bulk pick up what they deal with here. Now if this is what Council wants to condone what the problem is with our society today; their entitlements that they just throw stuff out then get prepared to pay for it because that means there's going to be overtime every day. That's the bottom line. So you have to make that decision."

Mr. Timmons – "We've already have."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Oh you have?"

Mr. Timmons and Mr. Mavromatis – "(All inaudible)"

Mr. Mavromatis – "If this is what Council wants done..."

Mr. Villamagna – "Jim we told you (all inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "No please comment."

Mr. Timmons – "Well I'll be going to jail here soon because (all inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Please do."

Mr. Timmons, Mr. Mavromatis, & Mr. Villamagna – "(ALL INAUDIBLE)"

Mr. Villamagna – "You're quick to sit here and say you'll put one of use in jail."

Mr. Timmons – "Yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "When people are throwing this stuff out all the time and nobody ever goes to jail."

Mr. Mavromatis – "But no one makes an open statement like that that they're going to do that."

Mr. Villamagna – "Well."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That's the problem."

Mr. Villamagna – "Listen. We have; this Council has been clear and I don't think I'm just speak for me. I don't think any of these guys are slackers."

Mr. Timmons – "I didn't say they were."

Mr. Villamagna – "And I don't think you meant that either. I think..."

Mr. Timmons – "Never said it."

Mr. Villamagna – "But anyway that's beside the point. It's not their responsibility to go (inaudible) but (inaudible) told you; this whole Council has sat here and said we're clear and we want this garbage picked up and you continually stand here and tell us if Council is clear we got to do that. We want the garbage picked up but we also want someone charged the way you were so quick to charge a Councilman to put him in jail. Find out who the garbage belongs too like you did the last time; we went up there one time; we; I didn't go with you but I've volunteered and I'll still volunteer (inaudible); to open those garbage bags up and find out who it belongs too and have them arrested and charged. But we; that; that; under those (inaudible) when you get picked up with a stolen gun; I don't know the gun is stolen I've bought it off of somebody else; they're charging me with possession of..."

Mr. Villamagna and Mr. Mavromatis – "stolen property."

Mr. Villamagna – "(All inaudible not sure what's being said) where this property is at; now; one; listen social media I couldn't agree with you more (inaudible) 100%; that social media is the worst thing they've ever come up with. With that being said somebody posted on there they did a county search and they had the name of the people who owned the lot; they live in Toronto; we should have a warrant issued for their arrest for littering and have them picked up. That's all (inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "You know as well as I do when you prove that they put that out there (all inaudible because Mr. Villamagna starting talking)."

Mr. Villamagna – "It's on their property. It's their responsibility."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That's correct the notification goes to them; a bill will be sent to that guy. You're correct. There is the one property that's in Toronto. That's it. The other one is on the demolition list and nobody knows who that person is."

Mr. Villamagna – "Then we have an obligation to pick it up."

Mr. Mavromatis – "And you are correct. As long as you understand; I drive around every day..."

Mr. Villamagna – "Jim I understand."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "Unless I'm saying something wrong I think all of us understand that there's going to be some cost associated with this but we can't leave that garbage. If they dump; if I go home tonight and somebody is mad at me so they just decide to dump a bunch of garbage in my front yard; I don't know who did it; I can't just leave it there; I got; I'm responsible for taking it out of there and it's going to cost me money."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Just (inaudible) we have the new procedure in now picking these cans up; I drive the City every day; they're still putting bags out. So it totally disrupts the whole procedure."

Mr. Villamagna – "We want the garbage picked up and to sit here and say you're personally going to arrest a Councilman first off..."

Mr. Mavromatis – “He made the statement. I didn’t.”

Few unknown – “(ALL INAUDIBLE)”

Mr. Mavromatis – “He said he would come down and put it here. He knows that’s a violation of the law.”

Mr. Timmons – “And I still will but you guys will probably won’t pick it up now Jim just to prove a point.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No. Just to answer your question Mr. Timmons it’ll be picked up Friday.”

Mr. Timmons – “Good.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay there’s your answer.”

Mr. Timmons – “That’s all I needed.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s another question; that’s another thing since we’re talking about this. You’ll go up (inaudible) and told us 4 day work week; 4 day garbage collections these guys and I got News 9 articles here and everything; they will be able to free them up to pick up trash we’re talking about. So we should be able to come up with a solution to it on the 4th day. Now and I’m not saying these guys should just on their own randomly stop and pick up this garbage because they got a route to do too so you know and the side arms can’t put stuff in there to begin with. And I don’t think they should randomly pick it up like that on their own; I think when we get the complaint and it comes in but that’s what the 4 day; we went to this 4 day garbage collection to free these guys up on the 5th day to do this and everything has been done to make that fail; it’s still not working. Now we’ve spent a lot of money on them packers which I wish I had that to do all over again but anyways; we went to the 4 day work week; Council’s clear they want it picked up but we also want somebody charged. I don’t; I don’t want these guys just to go pick up garbage unless (inaudible). We investigate murders, shootings, and everything else; breaking and entering; you don’t always find the guy that did it but you still have to investigate it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s correct.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Check it out. If we find out who it is like we did that guy up on LaBelle and he was arrested that day. That’s all here.”

Mr. Timmons – “What’s it like?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Huh?”

Mr. Timmons – “Getting arrested?”

Mr. Villamagna – “I’ll bail you out.”

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

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes. A while back I asked for a; well never mind I’ll do that under something else. Never mind. Thank you I don’t have anything.”

Mr. Dressel – “Real quickly I wanted to request that we have a Utility meeting next week at 6:00. Have to go over some (all inaudible) from Dave and then (all inaudible because of a chair moving). Okay? Thanks.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes a couple items then under miscellaneous I would like to say something. If anybody would like to come – to the Parks and Recreation Board meeting that’s this coming Wednesday at the clubhouse and we welcome anybody (all inaudible) to come and join us; so 7:00 Belleview Park Clubhouse and under; loosely planning in economic development I just want to say the First Friday on Fourth was so much fun. I hope; I know I recognize a number of people I actually saw there; just the street was packed you could hardly walk down the middle of the street and that was packed from one side of the businesses all the way across and so for all who contributed; for those who sold things we went from 30 booths a month ago to 50 booths and it really is varying out this idea that we have learned from people who examine how downtowns get more vital. If you create the activities people will come; if the people come business people will begin to see there’s; it’s possible to set up a business here and to make some money and it brings more hope and I don’t know all that was going on in the theater but things were happening at the theater and more people are contributing to the new campaign support the grand theater (inaudible) sheet and I just encourage everybody to continue enjoying your township. Thank you.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mr. Villamagna the Fire Department is moving out of their office over to the JB Green Team facility right now. So once they get out of there the Detective Division will all be put in there; we’re starting to move all the sections over there but we still have bidding that has to go out for our camera system and also for our (all inaudible)...”

Mr. Villamagna – “Are we starting to do that now? Are we starting to get these bids yet?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes they are going out. We just have to; Council; Costa has to find out; do the research then we’ll go (inaudible) procurement; which will make life a lot easier on the cameras and then naturally having enough money to do all of that so that’s where we’re at right now.”

Mr. Villamagna – “There’s certain things Costa you can; excuse me; it’s certain things you can do that when (inaudible) safety being one or a...”

Mr. Mastros – “I’m going to look that up.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mastros – “See if we have to do; or we can do sole source or we have them do a regular bid pursuant to (all inaudible from someone coughing) or a (inaudible) process.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Could we try...”

Mr. Mastros – “Design bill.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Could we try to expedite it? So we; I think it’s imperative for two reasons to get them out of that (inaudible) there and the other thing is that maybe have some economic development for this building also.”

Mr. Mastros – “We are working on it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mr. Dressel the; Saturday at Sunset and Lovers Lane the catastrophe there; it was (inaudible) it was a misjudgment of space; it was DOT; the Ohio Department of Transportation was there with about 8 people with this whole process; Sheriff Departments; City Departments; Highway Patrol; all of this was paid by the moving company that was moving then. Sunday they moved the same type of unit through only 100 feet shorter; there were no issues what so ever right now of the next plans we’ll be Sunday at approximately 6:00 a.m. in the morning there shouldn’t be any issues there.”

Mr. Dressel – “Thanks I’ve heard that they paid for everything so.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes okay. And that’s all I had to report Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Mavromatis.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor I…”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I forgot about that. In the paper it said; ODOT says; made a remark that the City would have to; it was their pole; they have to pay to replace it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well again the pole was put back on. I asked Mr. Dolak; didn’t appear to be any problems and there was nothing brought to my attention.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Oh so it’s back on.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “its back on.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We didn’t put it on; that group; they took it off…”

Unknown – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes but again Jim (inaudible) was contracted by them to help hoist it off and (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay and the other thing is a while back this came to our attention and I thought it was addressed but I was; it was clearly not. The Martin Luther King picture at the center.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes?”

Mr. Villamagna – “It’s still not up there.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Why?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’ll have to ask Lori. I directed her to get the picture reframed so it could be put back up (all inaudible). It needed reframed and then I believe it was taken down.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And it had been reframed.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay”

Mr. Villamagna – “But it’s still not up; there’s some other pictures that were up there too that need to be rehung.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Because it is the Martin Luther King. It’s a little disrespectful to have them down. Does that building have air conditioning throughout the whole building?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No it’s air.”

Mrs. Haley – “Miscellaneous”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It’s like a swamp cooler that’s in the gymnasium.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Does it?”

Unknown – “(Inaudible)”

Mr. Villamagna – “And the other thing going back to this garbage thing was; why can’t we break the City up into 4, 5, 6 sections or whatever and on Friday’s concentrate on picking up that trash that’s in different areas? If we; because it’s impossible to do this all in one day and I know that so if you concentrated on; let’s just say you broke the City up into 6 sections or 8 sections whatever sections they think they can handle and clean up that one section every Friday?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Again I can talk to Mr. Baird. They already have; they had to change a couple of their routes because of the 4 day work week; the 4 day garbage pickup; they have the 4x4s that they pick up every Friday.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Right”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The maintenance and all of those things so the short answer is yes; that’s just what I said this pickup is going to be Friday is when it’ll get picked up. Okay?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Wait because again the 4 day work week; this isn’t a matter if you do it; this is a matter of you telling somebody they have to do what you tell them to do.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And they will do it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I hope so because I’m getting tired of bringing it up. Now and again we can charge these people. I asked 3 weeks ago for the routes; the garbage routes; where the packers being used; I still haven’t got it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I thought you were given maps of the areas.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I got a map; magic marker; the lines are all the same color I have no idea what that means.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “But again I want the routes; how many men it takes to work that route; and the time frame. That’s what I wanted and I was given a map here and it’s got black magic marker all over the City; which I don’t know what that means. I’d like to have it as soon as possible.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

Mayor Barilla – “Might I remind Mr. Villamagna that what you were referring too was surely under miscellaneous. Is that correct?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Pardon?”

Mayor Barilla – “Was that under miscellaneous?”

Mr. Villamagna – “No I was asking him under his report.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. Mrs. Hahn you want to…”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah.”

Mayor Barilla – “May I add and inform you that you need to sign in prior; but you didn’t do that this evening.”

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mrs. Hahn – “So I want to hand this out. Arcadis revised the grants; I had talked to Chuck (inaudible) invited them in part both companies to share ideas about grants and we needed the time how we spent it. But if I can pass these out they took the time to add some additional things and the idea of coming and hearing about all the grants I’ve got one meeting. I think it sounds very promising and I am hopeful and I would love to be a part of that (all inaudible) said maybe a Council member and I; I would love to be a part of that and just go in here. If you still think it’s suitable for anybody on Council to come. I did do some time to call some of the companies this week; some of the actually the entities; the government entities and there are different restrictions; one of the grant programs was discontinued in the Ohio State budget so with the change in Governor it’s possible that that could be reinstated; if it is then we can take advantage of it at that point or if he decides local governments can have (inaudible) can have more money than we may have something else that we can use for the infrastructure which would be great. Jim I wanted to ask you about if there is what the process might be for speeding. I had a quite in passion call today from a gentleman who; he lives on Laurretta Drive; he is at 4; the 4th mailbox was taken out in the last 2 weeks and his years of living there his; someone plowed into his car; I forgot to ask him the police officer’s name who cited the gentleman; he was cited properly but he was probably going at about 50 mph down Laurretta Drive and this gentleman said you know I would be happy to offer my driveway if a cop wants to be there. Here’s the challenge and you probably know this; I mean the hospital you know it’s straight shot pretty much to the hospital from there; you take Laurretta Drive (all inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right I’m well familiar with it.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Catholic Central is up there (inaudible from someone coughing); Bishop Mussio Junior High is up there; the elementary school and it’s just a great concern. I told him we can’t put in speed bumps because that’s going to mess up the snow plows; could we add a couple more signs that say 25 mph? Can we ask the caller I know (inaudible) division but it just seems like there has to be something we can do because it really is going to be unbelievable if someone gets really injured or killed there.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Will you send me his name and phone number?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Sure”

Mr. Mavromatis – “So I can talk with him.”

Mr. Paul – “I already talked to you about it; same one.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mr. Paul – “Same person.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The short answer is yes. They can put traffic enforcement out there.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay with the schools starting back up.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Right.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It’s a natural fit for them.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Good. Thank you. Thank you I really appreciate it. Then would the best call be to relay that person to you in the future?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Have him call me.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay. Very good thank you so much.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you Mrs. Hahn.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move onto Public Forum and signing in this evening are two starting with Regina Blanchard. So if Regina Blanchard is here; if she’s here please come forward and state your name and address.”

Regina Blanchard – “153 North 5th Street. The reason why I came here; I haven’t really came and spoke in a long time at the City Council meeting. But the reason why I came here is on behalf of the community here; there’s a lot of things that’s going on in this community that’s not right and then there’s a lot of things going on in this community that we as a community need to work together. It showed tonight; the fussing, the disagreeing, and I want to be honest with you; I know I’m making bad but I really don’t care; City Council the people of Steubenville are not that pleased with you guys. I don’t know if it’s the system that we need to change but there’s a coming

storm and this town is not ready for any storm. He said a lot tonight because I listen to Mavromatis; I called your office Mr. Mavromatis and the reason why I did call you is because I wanted to pray with you because I know that you're coming up against a lot of stuff; a lot putting you up here. All I'm saying is we; Councilmen or whoever we got to get our priorities together it's not fair. The people; you didn't elect the people the people elect you guys to make a difference. We need jobs; we need some people; people are dying; people are leaving this town because there's no jobs for the young people and we're fighting over petty stuff or arguing over dumb stuff and it may; jobs; we need jobs and we; and Mayor I have to say this because I haven't been up here in a while; thank you for bringing different people in to pray because that's what it's going to take to get this City together and it's going to take us praying for the head; which is the Mayor and Mr. Mavromatis; like him or not he's still our City Manager and we still got to come together and work together. So I'm just telling you it is you could like what I say; I don't care; I'd rather please God then please man any day in time. So we need to be praying for you; Mayor thank you for initiating prayer in this; in this community because we need it. This is the promise land and how can it be the promise land when we don't want to work together like we should. Nobody has all the answers; nobody. The Mayor has to be able to have his input too. What are we going through all that craziness for when we was electing Mayors and having all these meetings and stuff and he only has a little say so; there's a store downtown that Rite-Aid that's closing up; it's not none of our faults but look at what's going on. We have to get our City back by working together and not (inaudible) for another. That's all I'm saying. Thank you for your time."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you. Thank you Mrs. Blanchard. We also have now signing in a Curtis Wickham. So if Curtis Wickham is in the audience please come forward and state your name and address."

Curtis Wickham – "3903 Maplewood Way in Steubenville. I wanted to kind of address towards the water issues and I apologize if I'm not on (inaudible) with what's currently going on. I don't get the newspaper and I try to stay current with what happens here. What; and to my understanding we still have the Rainy Day fund in place and I thought there was like a million dollars in that. Is that going to be used to offset some of the cost for the water increases? You know water and sanitation."

Mr. Villamagna – "No. I can tell you why. Go ahead if you want to finish and then I can tell you."

Curtis Wickham – "Is the general fund still contributing to that; to the rainy day fund? Is it; has it stopped? I thought there was a motion at one point in time to contribute more to it (all inaudible) some financial constraint?"

Dave Lewis – "It was built up to a million. There's been several transfers to get up to a million and the last one was at the end; end of last year. I don't know of anything pending that would transfer more money in but of course Council (inaudible) control what goes in and what comes out of that fund. If that helps you."

Curtis Wickham – "So if you want to address..."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah."

Curtis Wickham – "(Inaudible) why. (All inaudible) use or something."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's why; part of the reason why we have people sign in is so that I can be prepared for the question because we'd all be standing here looking at you going what? I went back to my notes when (inaudible) said that and I come up with 4 things that through my notes when we did this so. The depletion of the rainy day fund could result in a downgrade in the City's credit rating which would increase the City's cost of doing business and make the City less attractive as it attempts to attract new businesses and residents. Two. The rainy day fund was created to provide a safety net for the General Fund. With 85 to 90 percent of the General Funds expenditures devoted to employee salaries and benefits, elimination of the rainy day fund increases the likelihood of employee layoffs if there is a downturn in the general fund revenues. Three. Using the rainy day fund will not address the structural operating deficits that exist in the various water funds. Each fund must have sufficient revenues to cover its operating expenses as well as maintain at least a cash balance equivalent to two months of operating expenses. Taking from the general fund to support one of the special purpose funds is ill-advised and not sound fiscal judgement. Four. Just so there is no misunderstanding, there is not enough money in the rainy day fund to either solve all the water issues or make a significant dent in the water issues. Using the rainy day fund to help with the water issues will weaken the general fund and have only a minimal impact on the water issues. There is 1 million dollars in the rainy day fund. The projected cost to address all water issues is 29 million. The rainy day fund is insufficient to solve the water issues. If you use it as part of the overall plan to address the water issues, you have to factor in the negative impact its use will have on the general fund. Because when we talked during break hospitalization is going up everything is going up so that's all; there's a burden on that general fund. That general fund is not (inaudible)."

Curtis Wickham – "I understand."

Mr. Villamagna – "Storm. Yeah so those are some of the reasons that I come up with when I went through my notes and I looked at them."

Curtis Wickham – "Years past; there was a regular report on delinquent water accounts and things like that. I really haven't heard any lately I don't know; I kind of; it was a little bit of a discussion I think I walked in on before this meeting and you know it's like; increasing water rates is like bad medicine but at least knowing that the water accounts are not being delinquent or being chased after; 5 years ago we know that there was a lot of money out there that kind of just; kind of; okay we're not going to pursue that any further. Now..."

Mrs. Hahn – "Let us answer."

Mr. Paul – "its right here."

Curtis Wickham – "Okay."

A lot of people – "(ALL INAUDIBLE)"

Mr. Paul – "Give me that and I'll show you. I'll tell him exactly what he wants to hear."

Mr. Villamagna – "You knew I was trying to look for it."

Mr. Paul – “Yeah. I knew exactly...”

Dave Lewis – “We...”

Curtis Wickham – “(All inaudible)”

Dave Lewis – “We give a report out monthly to Council. It is good we’ve had a lot of progress (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah.”

Dave Lewis – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Villamagna – “When I first took this office we all; we couldn’t believe the water delinquencies; there was like 3 million dollars there.”

Curtis Wickham – “(Inaudible)”

Mr. Villamagna – “And some of them because they were in collections for so long we couldn’t go after them. When this administration and Council took over we did away with the water review board and we created another water review board because they were giving bills out like \$5.00 a month for the rest of your life. But the properties without water; let me see; the accounts passed due 30 days is \$20,000; past due 60 days is \$13,000; 90 days is \$63,000 so the total past due active accounts is \$97,000 and that changes every month because these people come in and pay the bills now because when they go to the water review board they’re not released; they’re not doing away with their bill.”

Dave Lewis – “Just to add to that (inaudible) delinquencies I always try to look at percentages; the dollar amounts seem large but we’re collecting about a million a month. So I believe before we started anything with the change of collections we were roughly 9% going over 60 days past due; that’s the number we really try to keep down and now it’s typically 1 ½ % or less. Maybe an (all inaudible) he gave out a number for the 90 day past due was above \$90,000.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Water; water in 2017 was \$237,000 in delinquent bills here.”

Curtis Wickham – “And if I’m correct...”

Mr. Villamagna – “2017 the (inaudible) are 36,000.”

Curtis Wickham – “If somebody skips out on a bill here and tries to establish it; there’s also a thing that someone owes (all inaudible) here that they...”

Few people – “(All inaudible)”

Dave Lewis – “We’ve been working on notes...”

Mr. Paul – “Hurdles”

Dave Lewis – “Notes on (all inaudible) to get (inaudible) anticipating because of an old federal consent order; we’re working through that (all inaudible). We’re at kind of a high (inaudible) county days (all inaudible because someone is moving in their chair) we’re (inaudible) the time that we (inaudible) properties. So we’re working on that now; we started a new process; the last couple of years what we identify what we’re going to lien; we notify everybody and the new process this year; we’ve called in every customer we could reach; we’re looking in years past where we had 60 some thousand in past due accounts that we were liening. We’re now down to about 40,000 within the last month or so we’ve been aggressively going after the money before we lien; we’ve collected over \$10,000. So I mean our collection rate improved greatly; we’ve made a lot of progress. What’s now 60 days past due which was 8% or higher is now 1.39% and then that 63,000 most of that; a lot of that has been paid already or it will turn into a lien. So when you get to the bottom of it probably less than half a percent is doing the collecting or (inaudible) to go on after shutting the water off quicker; a lot quicker than we ever did before where the bill is not turning in to \$8-900 bills or higher. You’re seeing shut off notices I know it sounds like a small amount going up for \$100; \$150 but if we don’t do that; that bill goes to the \$8-900 so you know when that shut off notice goes out most of time people do come in and pay.”

Curtis Wickham – “If I can I know I didn’t add this in there but oil and gas means moneys; will just (inaudible) be coming up again soon? Do we get (inaudible) from that and where does; to my understanding that initial; and its money went into sanitation (all inaudible because of noise).”

Unknown – “(All inaudible)”

Dave Lewis – “No there’s an agreement that the City has with Ohio EPA on the; on the old landfill and any money that comes in the initial payment (all inaudible) to (inaudible) it’s called the Ohio EPA fund (all inaudible from noise) now we just received the first (inaudible) which results will (all inaudible). So the money is restricted to (inaudible) close the landfill which is; is good in one sense because the cost (inaudible) the landfill (inaudible) 10 million dollars. So they’re working with us the Ohio EPA because if we had to issue 10 million dollars in debt it would have a huge effect on the utility bills.”

Curtis Wickham – “So reality money has to go back to that it can’t be put into the general fund or used anywhere else?”

Dave Lewis – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Paul – “Didn’t we (all inaudible from noise); didn’t they ask to make it close to 20 million dollars to close that landfill out? Back in 1982 (all inaudible) had the EPA; (inaudible) close that landfill and let us not; they didn’t let us (inaudible) we don’t have to close it but anybody who has these royalties goes towards (inaudible) landfill. Which (inaudible) may not be close to 20 million dollars.”

Dave Lewis – “(All inaudible) other areas.”

Mr. Paul – “So all royalties we get go towards helping; we’re never going to get enough money to close this landfill property but they’re satisfied with that. As long as we keep the EPA happy we’re happy.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Wickham we’re going to have to wrap it up here.”

Curtis Wickham – “Alright. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Can I say something?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes.”

Mr. Paul – “Mr. Wickham we go; every month I try to have a finance committee meeting. Every month everything you just asked we go over in that finance committee meeting. I will probably call one at the end of this month maybe the 21st or the 28th. If you want to come down you can hear all about the delinquent water rates and everything. Dave does a great job; him and his staff and he puts it up on the screen and you can visibly see what we’re going over so next time you want to come down; I know you’re a firemen and you work certain days but do you work on the 21st or the 28th?”

Curtis Wickham – “I’ll have to look (all inaudible).”

Mr. Paul – “I will make the finance committee meeting you can come down if you want and you can (inaudible).”

Curtis Wickham – “I just noticed on the website (inaudible) that’s being posted.”

Mr. Paul – “Contact me. Contact me and I’ll do it on the day you’re off. Okay? (All inaudible) sometime. (Inaudible) okay? Alright. You’re welcome.”

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

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APPROVED: _____
MAYOR