

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 28, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call.

Present were Councilmen Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, & Timmons.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Wastewater Supervisor Chuck Murphy, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Paul Giannamore from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for August 21, 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. It’s a letter from Judge John J. Mascio to Council. Dear Council: On August 20, 2018 Steubenville Municipal Court held its first video arraignments. As you know this was a joint project between City and County that came at significant savings to the taxpayers. The City portion of costs was entirely grant funded. I cannot overstate the benefits of this system to our court system and law enforcement. There were many challenges along the way and I think it is important to recognize the City Electrician, John Wineman and City Manager Jim Mavromatis is overcoming these obstacles. Mr. Wineman and Mr. Mavromatis did an outstanding job in bringing this project to fruition and I would just like to take the time to recognize their work and thank them for their time, knowledge, and effort. Sincerely, Judge John J. Mascio.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move into ordinances and resolutions before City Council this evening. Mr. Paul?”

Mr. Paul – “Yes your Honor. Ordinance No. 2018-60 I would like to take off the table; that we had tabled last week and I make; I have an amendment to that Ordinance. I move to take 2018-60 off the table amending the; here we go with your; the salary of the Water Department to \$70,000 per year; Administrative Assistant to be paid \$17.00 per hour and declaring it an emergency.” Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Paul – “Your Honor I make; well do you want to go to the public first? Go ahead.”

Mr. Mastros – “Also amended. It’s also amended Mr. Mayor pursuing to those two salaries that we amended.”

Mayor Barilla – “Well do we need; do we need to have a discussion on it first?”

Mr. Mastros – “Well he kind of combined that in that motion.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Mastros – “So that’s what was voted on.”

Mr. Paul – “I was hoping to; out here; if there’s a question before we go into emergency.”

Mr. Mastros – “Correct before we have our reading.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay so…”

Mr. Paul – “Is there anyone wishing to…”

Mayor Barilla – “Yeah…”

Mrs. Hahn – “Can I ask one question?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay. What we have in our packet was revised by what you gave us at the committee meeting. So we were voting on the revision of what was given to us on committee.”

Dave Lewis – “Correct. Yes.”

Mrs. Hahn – “At the committee? Okay. I just wanted to make sure.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes we went from 71 to 70. \$17.00 from I think it was 18 something an hour.”

Mayor Barilla – “It was 18.50”

Mr. Paul – “So we dropped it down.”

Mayor Barilla – “Right.”

Mr. Paul – “Is everybody okay with that? I mean if you don’t want to do this its fine.”

Mr. Timmons – “We’re good.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And it’s called the Water Superintendent not Assistant Water Superintendent.”

Mr. Paul – “I think I’m going to address that this next.”

Mr. Mastros – “No it was. That T.O. reflected a Water Superintendent revision. Correct. We’ll have to change that in the next one.”

Mr. Paul – “No it’s in this one right here. It’s in the next ordinance I’m bringing up.”

Dave Lewis – “Change both of them. They both say Water Superintendent.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yeah they both will say; they both will say Water Superintendent when we go to the next one. Correct.”

Mayor Barilla – “So you need to read that now Karly.”

**NO. 2018-60 – as amended – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**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.**

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2018-60 as amended. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2018-60 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2018-60 as amended duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move on to Ordinance No. 2018-61. Mr. Paul?”

Mr. Paul – “Yes your Honor. I move to take Ordinance No. 2018-61 off the table and I move to amend the position of Assistant Water Superintendent to Water Superintendent.” Second by Mr. Dressel. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

**NO. 2018-61 – as amended – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-108 AND ADOPTING THE INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION PLAN OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2018-61 as amended. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2018-61 as amended please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2018-61 as amended declared Mayor Barilla.

**NO. 2018-62 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2018 AS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.**

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-62 by roll call. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes I have a letter here address I guess to me about Beatty Park. (All inaudible) Finley Church and she insist that we not spend no money on Beatty Park and she wants to know if we could sell Beatty Park and the Union Cemetery because it’s not very safe. If she would participate in her church I have the feeling that this church cleaned up (inaudible), they are people moving out of there, (inaudible) authority down there drinking their beer; Police go down there every day; they do a few times and it cannot be secured; you got Lincoln Heights; you have Belleview Blvd. the front of it cannot be secured. There’s been very little vandalism down there and it’s time (all inaudible) they’re just trying to keep it (inaudible) I wish she would contribute. All she would have to do is contract the Finley Methodist Church youth tour; that they’re going to take care of Beatty Park as much as they can to cut the grass; we’ve also got new bridges and the only cost; a great man run into Jerry (Inaudible) takes care of the front; takes care of all the grass; has a (inaudible) cutter, buys the mulch, buys the seed; he gives out of his pocket; he doesn’t want anybody to know it but I’m going to say thank you to him. Thank you.”

Mr. Dressel – “One quick thing. I had a phone call today (inaudible) asking about trash cans at Jim Woods Park; apparently they disappeared; there’s maybe one left that’s overflowing so and I didn’t have time to go up there so I actually don’t know the situation if someone could check. Not Jim Woods I’m sorry Murphy Field.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Murphy?”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah.”

Mrs. Hahn – No Report

Mr. Paul – No Report

Mr. Petrella – “Yes your Honor. Last week Councilman DiLoreto read the letter that he sent to the Governor I think Council as a Whole should pass a Resolution reinforcing what was in that letter asking for those moneys to come here for our water and wastewater.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Second.”

Mr. Paul – “Second.”

Mr. Petrella – “That’s all your Honor.”

Mr. Timmons – “Do we just want to send one to the Governor or do we...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “You got to send it to Johnson too.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay.”

Mr. Paul – “I think we ought to send it to also Cera, Jack Cera.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Hoagland.”

Mr. Petrella – “All (inaudible)”

Mr. Paul – “Sherrod Brown. Sherrod Brown who is also fighting for a position. So I think we’ll just have to send it to; as you said...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Paul – “(Inaudible) up also. I think we should send it to everybody involved. Even our; Mr. Hoagland. Okay?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Could say something. I don’t know if you all got that but the Ohio Municipal League had (inaudible) a sample letter and a sample resolution; it would be very easy to print that and bring that for signatures next week. That’s more specific to Ohio where it looks like the budget is ending with \$147,000,000 excess and the request is that that would come back to municipalities maybe even (inaudible) marked or water and sewer water infrastructure.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Whatever we can get.”

Mrs. Hahn – “So do you want me to...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “(All inaudible)”

Mrs. Hahn – “Get that to Karly and...”

Unknown – “Yes.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes please.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And type it up on our letter head that we could sign.”

Few of Council – “Yes”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay. Great.”

Mr. Paul – “Good point. Thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor? Before I forget this has nothing to do with Council but right here; this has to be fixed.”

Mr. Paul – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Villamagna – “Water is pouring out of here on Willie and all his paperwork and stuff.”

Mayor Barilla – “From the air conditioner.”

Mr. Villamagna – “It’s coming right out of that corner right there.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah.”

Mr. Paul – “I told him I smelled something and I’m thinking it’s from; it’s from up here.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And it happened; it happened a couple weeks and we always forget to say it so that’s why...”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “It’s coming right out of that corner you can see the white tile; there’s a substantial puddle and...”

Mr. Paul – “I’m going to bring an umbrella next week.”

Few of Council – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Villamagna – “I don’t know what it is.”

Few unknown – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Paul – “Looks like a ceiling tile.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Timmons – No Report

## REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. I just want to let Council know that last week we had three water breaks in the City within a four day time period. One was at Argonne and Sunset, another one of Stratford, and the most recent one on Washington Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> but what I wanted to make Council aware of is those valves were tested and they were found and Chuck please correct me if I’m not accurate on the facts; they were already checked to be operable; it’s almost humanly impossible when you’re doing these tests to know exactly are they going to shut the water off and what was that particular break there were two service line breaks; they were copper that split and it went to two businesses there but what we had to do is put two line stops in so we could clearly shut the water off to get in to do the work; even though those valves had been tested we; you never truly know are they truly operable so again downtown again had two other valves that did not work and we used the line stops to get in there. So again we’re going to have more of these and again it’s going to be but again we had the break out in Argonne and Sunset which is a newer part; if you want to compare it to downtown; so these are issues that are going to continue to come up and that’s why you know we’re going to try hopefully we’ll get the grant that we’re applying for because these desperately need to be done or we’re going to have a lot more issues to face downtown and the rest of the City. We had a request for the next first Friday to close off South 4<sup>th</sup> Street in the 100 block. It was requested to close half of it off up to the Grand Theatre but from the traffic congestion problem we’re going to close the whole street off. It’s at night time there’s lot; all the businesses are closed unless you’re having something special Scott from the Grand; I know the last time it was beautiful you had a small acting group there and did a nice job there.”

Mr. Dressel – “I think; I think they’re planning to do something again. I’m actually going to be out of town that day.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mr. Dressel – “But they; they’re all set to do it all by themselves.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right. 100 block north; 100 block South will be closed during that First Friday I believe is the 7<sup>th</sup> so and that’s all I had to report at this time Mayor.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

## MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move on to miscellaneous reports and signing in this evening under miscellaneous would be Bob Villamagna.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you Mayor. Jim I never received that garbage information from Bob Baird yet.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The (inaudible) chart?”

Mr. Villamagna – “That routes and all that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah. Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “The Police Station did we get anything going with that? We were trying to figure out about the...”

Mr. Mastros – “We have; we’re going to have to; we cannot use sole source procurement I’ve researched that; that was one of the three options we were going to try and do; we cannot do that. We’re going to have to put it out on whether we can just do a straight bid or a QVR is the next step and I’ll meet with Captain Anderson. I just don’t know; it is (inaudible someone coughing) so that’s why we might have to go to qualified bid but that’s the next step (inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We’re in the process right now of moving people over. The detectives (all inaudible from someone coughing) we have some equipment we need to get put in their office. Where I see the last two possible things would be the cameras and the communication; the radio communication but the rest of the things can be moved over there. The Code Enforcement and the Dog Warden will be in a room together and we’ll get the; we have additional computers coming so the officer’s work room will have their individual work stations with the computers so we’re moving it over now. We’re moving everything we can move possible.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Do you think we’ll have this wrapped up before winter gets here?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I plan too. I’m hoping to have it done by the end of September. Now the only thing that will hold it up would be our communications until we get that taken care of and our camera issue. The rest of it will be there (all inaudible) I mean everybody will be here other than those two things.”

Mr. Villamagna – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Mastros – “That’s what I was referring to just the camera.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mastros – “That’s what I was referring too.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s the big process?”

Mr. Mastros – “Correct.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah.”

Mr. Mastros – “There’s one more I think that Captain Anderson mentioned to me but I can’t remember one more piece to that and I can’t remember if that was the (inaudible) glass. I’ll (all inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The other thing on the communications (inaudible) we’re waiting to get the new (inaudible) back here because you cut some things down (inaudible) that’s what I’m waiting for.”

Unknown – “(Inaudible)”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Exactly so if that comes then we may be able to move that a lot quicker.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Because we’ve got video people in there; the phone lines have been hooked up (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “So that’s all done. Everybody from here will be over there and (all inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well again we may have to move our Prosecutor up; our Bailiff up here to clear out the rest of that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “No I just mean Police personnel.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Oh yeah. The last of them will probably go out will probably be the communications and the cameras that was it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “You’re talking for the camera set up you’re talking to the Captain for communications we have our operators so the rest of it; it will be there.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Villamagna. Also signing in under miscellaneous is Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes your Honor. I just wanted to bring up last Friday night we attended the Calvin Jones dedication. The Mayor did an excellent job.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

Mr. Petrella – “And the City Manager was there and we got to talk to Jack Cera while we was up there our representative about helping us out with the water and wastewater also.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay that’s it.”

Mayor Barilla – “Also signing in under miscellaneous is Mr. DiLoreto.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay I; I know this coming week Jim the (inaudible) they’re going to have a meeting on all the money that we spend for all these trolls and (inaudible) something that it took \$308,000.99 and I know no one wants to hear this (inaudible) public housing; I think that we just have too many of them here and the characters we’re getting are from Chicago and Pittsburgh. You have somebody come up before this court and they’ll bought it for a half a million dollars and more they are no; they are no kids. Shortly we have 911 public units in the City of Steubenville alone and that’s not counting the hotel, the (inaudible) center, and the heritage apartments; some of that money that goes; will have to go to the water department. Why is there no cap on these houses? The NBA has a cap, NFL has a cap, they put all these houses in Steubenville; they don’t ask anybody anything they just lock them down. All I’m asking for is HUD to come down and explain to us why we get the majority of them? Why can’t we put a cap on them and why can’t we sell some of them to some of these young people who are looking for houses and can buy them for ten or twelve thousand dollars. You go up to north end Scott’s place they sold those houses up 15 years ago and those houses could be on Lexington Drive. They’re clean the grass is cut; get people up there and there’s no crime. (All inaudible). We have everybody almost half of it in the whole county. Jim talk to Mr. Lamatrice get him a warning; come up with some figures on how many cases? How much will come out of our budget? Let’s just see if we can do something because I get tired of it every day seeing them walk up and down the streets and the people that are in business got to shoo them away or call the cops. Trying to build up the downtown and (all inaudible from someone coughing) downtown and give them a check and tell them to go to work for those that can. Thank you.”

## PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move on to Public Forum and signing in this evening is Mr. Clarke. Is Mr. Clarke here? Please step forward and state your name and address.”

Curley Clarke – “608 Hermania Ave. in Steubenville, Ohio. I’m here about; I called for an inspection on the electric. It takes sometimes 3-4 weeks to get issues resolved; minor issues that’s done and you can’t (inaudible) get no lead way on that. I fixed the problems that I had just before the inspector left; I mean he left about 5 minutes I had everything done; and its two weeks; tomorrow I’m given another inspection. This ain’t right.”

Mayor Barilla – “You’re talking about the length of time?”

Curley Clarke – “Yes.”

Mayor Barilla – “To get (inaudible) that’s what you’re saying? That it’s too long of time between the inspections? Mr. Mavromatis?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Can I address Mr. Clarke?”

Mayor Barilla – “Sure.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mr. Clarke.”

Curley Clarke – “Yes?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Do you own the property yet?”

Curley Clarke – “I’m buying the property.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No. No I understand that but you do not own that right now. Is that correct?”

Curley Clarke – “No.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay. I pulled all the paperwork and I believe Mr. Zimmerman is the owner of the property.”

Curley Clarke – “Yes.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “To answer your question you’re referring to an electrical new box that needed inspected and I understand your frustration there. This is something else that you may not know; well you wouldn’t know because it’s not going to go to you it’s going to go to the owner of the house. There are 12 maintenance code violations at that house. That house will not be issued an occupancy until those code; in fact I’m just letting you (inaudible); the owner hasn’t even received this yet and I went in and I pulled all the paperwork here. Tomorrow is the inspection for that one specific thing.”

Curley Clarke – “Yes.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But there are 12 other issues with that home.”

Curley Clarke – “I know that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Oh okay well.”

Curley Clarke – “And...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I don’t know how...”

Curley Clarke – “Unless I get some power on in the house I can work on those issues.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Curley Clarke – “But I can’t work in the dark; in the dead of night I can’t work in the dark.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And I understand that perfectly but the bottom line is the owner of the house it’s his responsibility to call for inspections and get our people there. But again he’s the one that’s responsible until an occupancy; code of operating occupancy permit is issued; no one can reside in there and no one can live in there but again the owner Mr. Livingston stated that he was going to do the work that’s what he...”

Curley Clarke – “Mr. Zimmerman.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right Mr. Zimmerman. He said the affidavit that he was going to do the work.”

Curley Clarke – “Yes.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s where this is at right now. So tomorrow they’re supposed to look at the electrical box which I drove by there and saw the brand new box put there but there’s other internal issues that will have to be taken care of and that report has not gone out to the owner yet.”

Curley Clarke – “I know what needs to be done there and as soon as I get some power in there I will be doing it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Curley Clarke – “The gutters, the electrical.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right.”

Curley Clarke – “Cob webs.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well there’s (inaudible).”

Curley Clarke – “Shingles.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay. What I would ask you to do is yourself and Mr. Zimmerman come down and meet with our Building Inspectors; see what goes on tomorrow.”

Curley Clarke – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And then come down tomorrow and go over it because I’m sure Mr. Zimmerman hasn’t received this yet. Alright? I got a copy because I wanted to know what issues there are and there are several; there’s 12 issues there. So I would recommend that you do that; inspection done on the electrical box out there; meter and whatever else Mr. Zimmerman needs to do; get it done and you shouldn’t have any issues.”

Curley Clarke – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But he has to call for the inspection. Mr. Zimmerman is the one that filled out all the paperwork and he’s the gentleman responsible for that and I know you said you’re doing the work but he’s the one with all the paperwork that’s responsible for it. I mean I know...”

Curley Clarke – “Next week I’ll have (inaudible) paperwork because I’ll finish paying for the house.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Curley Clarke – “That way I can do everything.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Sir I appreciate that but please let us help you here that’s what we’re here for. Okay? I don’t want to see you taken advantaged of; you take a piece of property and he hasn’t met his obligations. Does that make sense to you?”

Curley Clarke – “Yes.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mr. Paul – “That’s where I was going to go. I mean it’s; excuse me.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Go ahead.”

Mr. Paul – “What Mr. Mavromatis is trying to tell you I think is Mr. Zimmerman has to fix these problems not you. Right?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right but what he said though Mr. Zimmerman is having him do it but that’s not; Mr. Zimmerman said he was going to do the work and now Mr. Clarke says he’s doing the work. Again I’m asking; talk to our building people and make sure that you’re protected. Okay? Alright thank you for taking the time to come down here sir.”

Curley Clarke – “Thank you for giving me the opportunity.”

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

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Clarke.”

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