

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
October 16, 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, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Wastewater Superintendent Chuck Murphy, Mark Law from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for October 9, 2018. Second by Mr. Paul. 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. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor just a few updates. I just went through this right now. I don’t see; there’s no K-9 report in here.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I don’t know is there?”

Mr. Villamagna – “I don’t see one.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We’ll get one. It should’ve been there. Mr. Villamagna Sergeant wants to address you.”

Sergeant Cook – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “Last week we talked about getting a weekly report like on the K-9 (inaudible). Whatever the activities are.”

Sergeant Cook – “We got to do it by the month (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “(Inaudible) by the week yeah.”

Sergeant Cook – “You want it by the week?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah.”

Sergeant Cook – “(All inaudible.)”

Mr. Villamagna – “Just add it on to the...”

Sergeant Cook – “Alright I’ll do it Monday.”

Mr. Villamagna – “You don’t have to (all inaudible). Thank you Sergeant. The Police Station what are our updates there?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “October 11th we finally got back an update on the read; bid on the contract. The dimensions are still off and their; I directed the Chief to contact the (inaudible) that sent that because they still had it to the full wall and it’s not the full wall; it’s been brought down. That’s what they had to relook at and do recalculation and that came in last Thursday.”

Mr. Villamagna – “What about the computers and everything?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The computers are all set. It’s just a matter of getting into the wiring in there.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And Kenny Anderson’s whatever they call that; Kenny Anderson’s stuff in there.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Are you talking about the computers? That’s going to be a different issue because the money involved for new cameras, new servers, everything and none of that has been budgeted so we’re trying to get a dollar amount so we can see where (inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “Do we have a dollar amount yet?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Not yet.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Then can I? What are we waiting for?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We’re waiting; this has to go out to bid. Find out; we tried to go with the contractor that we had.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well I want it to go out for bid.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well it will go for bid. The problem is; is the money. Nothing was budgeted.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well we don’t know; if we don’t; how do we know how much we need if we don’t get an estimate at least?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well I can tell you right now you’re looking somewhere between 150 and \$200,000 for the cameras, the service, and moving everything over there.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay so I thought we had the money in the...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “You talking about the asset forfeiture fund?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well that’s part of it yeah.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Do we still have that money?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We have some of that money. All of that cannot be used just to move everything there. We have other accounts we can go too.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We have other accounts we can go too.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Then why don’t we go to them?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We are but again until I get the bids when you have something like this I’ve got to have at least three bids.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well I got to have the prices.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “This has gone on too long and I don’t know why it’s taking so long to get these guys out of a shack. I don’t understand it. I’m going to every Tuesday; I want to know about these computers. Now there’s other funds; the capital improvements; do we have money in that?”

Dave Lewis – “I sent you or gave Jim a breakdown but there are other funds. I can find that information (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay I want the information and I want it promptly. I’m not going to come here every Tuesday like some fool and stand up here and ask for this.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Do you want me to answer that?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes I’d like you to answer it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’ll give you your answer. Last year’s budget not one dollar was budgeted for this move. I told you this move would be done; that building was not built for a Police Station.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I know that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It was built for a health unit so we have a lot of recommendations that have to be done; equipment has to be brought in there. It will be done. I told you it would be done this year; it will be done and that’s the bottom line. You hadn’t moved anybody in your career. This is the first move this Police Department has done here.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Exactly.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It’s going to be done right but it’s not going to be done sloppy.”

Mr. Villamagna – “What did I tell you I wanted? I said I wanted it done right.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It is going to be done right.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I want it done right.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “So you got to have the patience and the money to do the job.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well I talked to Mr. Lewis and he said we have the money in the accounts.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But here’s where you’re going; you want to zero everybody’s account out to make this happen and you never budgeted for it and I’m not going to spend \$214,000 that this is the first time in the history of this Police Department (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “Let me ask you if I’m right or wrong? You said you’re not going to budget it. If we want it done we’re going to budget it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Fine that’s no problem.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s not your call. It’s ours and I’m tired of coming here and asking every Tuesday why the Police Department is not moved yet. Now it’s going to be moved.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Villamagna – “(All inaudible) Council; this Council’s in charge because we let everything go and we blow everything off. I ain’t blowing it off no more. Those guys deserve it (all inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “There’s no one arguing that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Then I want it done.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It’ll be done.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I want answers. I want answers.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Fine. Here’s what you need to do. Stay out of the contracting business.”

Mr. Villamagna – “No I don’t.”

Mr. Villamagna, Mr. Mavromatis, Mayor Barilla – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Villamagna – “Police Department too. We let you get away with murder here. It’s over.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Fine.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Next the City Building down there with the bathrooms; what’s going on down there?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Same answer that I told you. It’s the contractors and Mr. Baird contacted them and told them to get this done. That’s where it’s at.”

Mr. Villamagna – “The sanitation trucks there’s to be no purchase of a sanitation truck until we have our budget hearings.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s fine.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And another question too. Mike Dolak is the engineer how’s come he’s not involved with these guys?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “With what?”

Mr. Villamagna – “With the water problems and stuff like that. The design work and what’s going on with that. Is he part of this team or not? Dolak’s involved with you?”

Chuck Murphy – “Yeah (all inaudible) 12 inch waterline project.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Is he involved with everything with you?”

Chuck Murphy – “We keep him in the loop as much as possible. Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay because I never hear his name mentioned and that’s it. And then instead of worrying about me getting out of the contracting business maybe we ought to worry about who you hire for the contracting business. Maybe they should not be tied up with other people. Okay? Think about that for a couple seconds. That’s all I got and I got a lot more under miscellaneous.”

Mayor Barilla – “I think we just had Mr. Deacon Adams say that we should be conducting ourselves (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “I try my best Mayor. I try.”

Mayor Barilla – “You got to really understand this is a Public Forum.”

Mr. Villamagna – “It’s not a Public Forum.”

Mayor Barilla – “No it’s not a Public Forum to be at this (inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “I understand. But I can’t help it when I hear the same stupid answers every week I get a little irritated. I’m done.”

Mayor Barilla – “Well you can control yourself on this.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I can’t.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Oh okay. I was going to introduce the ordinance to increase the water rates next week. I think it’s already been taken care of; we’ve got some ordinances here. Costa do you know anything online about the ordinances?”

Mr. Mastros – “They are lined up but they need to be sunshine.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Well that’s why I want to sunshine this evening so it can take effect next Tuesday.”

Mr. Mastros – “That’s fine.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “As an emergency right Willie Paul? (All inaudible).”

Mrs. Haley – “Wait a minute. Okay somebody in Finance has to do it if they are all under finance.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay.”

Mr. Mastros – “I think we put them under finance.”

Mrs. Haley – “Yes.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I’m sorry. Willie I’m sorry.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes sir I got it coming.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay. I stand corrected.”

Mayor Barilla – “Is that it?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “That’s it. That’s it.”

Mr. Dressel – “I had one thing. Relatively simple but I wanted to make a motion that the City provide to the Hilltop CDC 30 trash cans; trash carts the big ones that we have all over the City; to replace the blue cans that are up there currently that will save our trash men from having to lift those and make it easy collecting. The rear loaders then; when they drive around to pick up trash every week to empty them. I’d like it done by October 26th so that’s next Friday. Teresa DiCarlantonio said that we can drop them off at her house and they would take care of in some way putting a stripe on them or something in blue so they can be identified as for litter and then they just need to be emptied every trash day in the given area (inaudible) eight hours. That will replace those round ones that are so heavy and big right now and don’t have tops on them. Is there a second for that?” Second by Mr. Villamagna.

Mr. Dressel – “And then can we vote on that as well so we can get (all inaudible) done?”

Mr. Petrella – “I got a couple questions.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay.”

Mr. Petrella – “How many Scott?”

Mr. Dressel – “30 because that’s what they have now is 30 (inaudible).”

Mr. Petrella – “I don’t know if Jim or Teresa; is that for both Pleasant Heights and LaBelle?”

Teresa DiCarlantonio – “15 on each.”

Mr. Petrella – “15 on each okay.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I hate to go (all inaudible) I had two or three of those blue barrels in my ward and they didn’t last too long. People stole them so I don’t know if we can chain them down or what because they can just pick them up and run.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah well at least now they’ll be easily identifiable.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah.”

Mr. Dressel – “Because of (inaudible) with the serial number so if somebody has one with a blue stripe on it in their driveway we’ll know it’s not theirs.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay good luck.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah. We got to start somewhere.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I know. I agree with you.”

Mayor Barilla – “So we’re; you want to vote on that tonight?”

Mr. Dressel – “Yes.”

Mr. Dressel made his motion already. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. Six (6) ayes. One (1) abstain. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Timmons – “I’m in the CDC should I abstain from that Costa?”

Mr. Mastros – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah.”

Mr. Mastros – “Just go ahead and abstain.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes I just wanted to give a quick update. First of all for any of you here who were at the town hall last night I thank you for coming. We’re having another town hall meeting tomorrow night and anyone is welcomed to join us. I have some good conversations with four; sorry three of the four leaders at Ohio EPA who I met last Friday in Columbus. There were questions and concerns raised last night that I didn’t think were thoroughly answered and I wanted to get more information. One thing that was new to Council was this idea that we had to have six months’ worth of expenses for water and sewer in like a savings account and our goal has been; what we passed two years ago was a 10% minimum but our goal has been two months minimum and Dave helps us every month showing us lines where those fall so we really keep that at the fore front as we’re working through these funds and some of the people at Ohio EPA had stated to Dave and Chuck and Jim on Thursday that we needed to prove six months so I called several of them and talked to them. The man who is over the four Kevin Spurlock had not even heard that story; had not even heard that. One of the women who had said it was; well this is part of the guidelines for the new asset management plan instructions; it’s new. So there’s good reason we haven’t heard of it before and I said you know this is really burdensome but I can understand that you want us to have that but for us to get to the place where we have six months’ worth in the bank is going to be a great stretch and the implication was this was one of those (inaudible) that could just end the possibility of grants and they assured me what they want to see is that we’re not having money come in and go right out the door to pay bills. In other words we’re not living hand to mouth we actually have these guidelines of certain amount of savings. Then I told them about the water reserve fund; about our rainy day fund and I said we’re working at really being fiscally responsible so for those that felt like that was one of those questions lingering last night. I wanted to share that information and we’re working on improving the communication so that Council is aware of anytime they’re coming in town and anytime that we’re invited to another meeting with them in Columbus we’ll be apprised at that. The other thing is when you hear Willie read what these proposals are one of the key elements in all three of the enterprise funds is that we’re setting in motion something that will be ongoing and that made a difference to the EPA because they said if you’re just doing kind of a quick fix and then you’re going to go back to no increases ever that will really effect things but if you have it in your wording that this is ongoing; small; small incremental increases after this year that that’s going to be helpful for us. So we were able to send that on to them for them to be able to read the language of course it’s just being sunshine tonight we won’t vote on it until next week but those two things went a long way and I felt like they were really speaking about the partnership they want to have with us. They said many communities in Ohio are struggling in similar ways to us; they understand that people are digging out of debt (inaudible from coughing) trying to deal with old infrastructure and I think there is a real partnership and I think we can see them as less of a threat and more of partners and for those of you concerned about it I wanted to share that. Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor. (Inaudible) to what Kimberly just said I have four ordinances here under finance. The first one will be an ordinance amending section 921.04(A) of the codified ordinances of the City of Steubenville and declaring an emergency and this is the water rates; the increase to the water rate and the sewer rate. Second is an ordinance amending section 925.05(B) of the codified ordinances of the City of Steubenville and declaring an emergency; this is under the minimum bill.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yeah that’s the sewer rate.”

Mr. Paul – “Yeah it’s the sewer rate on the minimum bill. Okay? Third an ordinance amending section 951.11(A) of the codified ordinances of the City of Steubenville and this is under the service call fees. Okay? That’s \$20.33 on the refuse collection correct? Okay and last and ordinance establishing and creating a sewer infrastructure improvement fund and declaring an emergency and as it stated it’s a sewer; a sewer fund; the infrastructure fund yes and it’s a \$7.00 increase where before we had it \$3.90 on the water. Now it’s going to be a \$7.00 increase on the sewage. Okay? And I would also like to bring in a Resolution; Resolution proclaiming the week of October 23rd to the 31st as National Red Ribbon Week in accordance to the Tri-State Young Marines and mostly this is about; we encourage Americans to wear a Red Ribbon to show their support for a drug free environment. Yes sir?”

Mr. Mastros – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Paul – “Yes all of them are under an emergency. Yes. Yes. Now also I was looking at your e-mail this has to go to be approved by the EPA is that?”

Mr. Mastros – “The fund; I’m sorry the ordinance establishing the sewer infrastructure improvement fund has to go to the Auditor’s office first in Columbus.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay.”

Mr. Mastros – “To approve it first; to create the fund and then hopefully they can do that by Tuesday. Mr. Lewis has already sent that off. If for whatever reason they do not create it by Tuesday this will have to be tabled then hopefully we can tell them look we need this done now so that we can get it back on (inaudible) or the reading for (inaudible).”

Mr. Paul – “Okay. So there’s a possibility we have one that could be tabled?”

Mr. Mastros – “Correct. Correct.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay. I’m good.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you.”

Mr. Petrella – “I only got one question. Willie all of those combined comes up to what on the rates?”

Mr. Paul – “Kimberly’s fund. Kimberly’s the \$16.78.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I think it ended up being one penny more when I looked at it (all inaudible from Mr. DiLoreto talking).”
Mr. DiLoreto – “16.78 and 68.82.”
Mr. Petrella – “But we’re in the ball park right? About what we say?”
Mrs. Hahn – “(All inaudible).”
Mr. Petrella – “Okay. I just wanted to make sure.”
Mrs. Hahn – “Oh yeah.”
Mr. DiLoreto – “68.82.”
Mr. Petrella – “That’s it Mayor.”
Mr. Timmons – No report
Mayor Barilla – “I want to remind Council that what we just went through are supposed to be reports from standing committees. You just heard Mr. Paul give a great report on the standing committee. The outburst that took place earlier I’m not going to put up with that anymore. We’re supposed to conduct ourselves in a proper manner and to have this outburst and we can talk with one another; level voice and to be frank with you what went on in the first committee was not involved with anything about committees. It was just targeting; I feel of our City Manager. I’m not going to stand for that anymore Bob. It ain’t going to happen. You’re not going to make a fool of us by this outburst.”
Mr. Villamagna – “May I ask you a question?”
Mayor Barilla – “No you’re not going to ask me a question. Thank you.”
Mr. Villamagna – “No I am going to ask you a question.”
Mayor Barilla – “You’re not going to ask me a question.”
Mr. Villamagna – “Yes I am.”
Mayor Barilla – “Officer could you remove this gentleman.”
Mr. Villamagna – “I’m not allowed to ask you a question in Council?”
Mayor Barilla – “No you’re not. I’m going to have you taken out. Take you out.”
Mr. Villamagna – “I’ll sit down but I’m going to ask you under...”
Mayor Barilla – “I don’t care how you’re going to ask me. You’re not going to ask me now. Take him out. Thank you.”
Mr. Villamagna – “You want me to leave?”
Mayor Barilla – “Yeah.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you you’re Honor. I have two things here and Karly I’ll give you copies of both of these so you can enter them; don’t worry about talking.”
Mrs. Haley – “Okay.”
Mr. Mavromatis – “This is from Aey Electric Incorporated and this is a complimentary comment. We hear frequent things about our inspectors not doing their job and working with the people. Thomas Burchfield was the inspector for a job we were doing for the University Inn Residence Hall at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. We wanted to reach out and let you all know how much we appreciated Thomas. He was out once, but we were having some issues with the roof top unit, so he needed to come back a second time. Once he came back, we were having more issues with the unit. He was patient enough to stick around while we resolved the issues so that we could pass the inspection that day. Thomas was extremely thorough and very patient with us. Once again we greatly appreciate everything he did for us. Again that’s a compliment to Thomas Burchfield one of our inspectors. The second one I had was a letter for Chief Capaldi and this is from the Mayor Harold Miller in Weirton and this was complimenting him and the staff for assisting him in a fire on September 2, 2018. (Inaudible from coughing) again as our partnership grows with our sister city Weirton again we couldn’t do what we do here without their assistance and it’s vice versa. So it shows the teamwork that is in place there. So Karly here’s both of these here so you have for your report.”
Mrs. Haley – “Thank you.”
Mr. Mavromatis – “And Mayor that’s all I had for this evening.”
Mr. Mastro – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “Moving onto miscellaneous reports and signing in this evening under miscellaneous we have Mr. Timmons.”
Mr. Timmons – “I didn’t get a chance to talk much last night at the town hall but I did want to state my feelings on the water rates. After attending the town hall meeting last night I was surprised at the feeling in the room. I was surprised that how many citizens you know understood that rates have to rise; some even said let’s do the full rates that the rate study suggested. The topic was brought up of how the City spent two million dollars on meters that were supposed to save the City money that did not. It dawned on me at that time; you know the citizens aren’t upset you know with the raising of the rates its they don’t trust where this money is going to be; going to go and that it’s going to be spent properly and I agree with them. This City does not have a good track record with that. Whether we were; any of us were here at that time or not that really doesn’t matter this is the

reality. So I think overall my overall sentiment was you know it's okay with the water rates going up we just want to make sure that this is done right and we want evidence of it. I think the one citizen brought up a great point that the money it should be; we should see the expenditures on the City's website; we should also everybody see how the project updates as they go along. I don't think that's too difficult with the technology we have out there. I also believe the project should you know; I support the \$16.78 increase more than ever now but that's all I really wanted to say about it so thank you."

Mrs. Hahn – "Yes. I apologize earlier I had those notes in front of me and it was not; I should've waited for miscellaneous for that so sorry about that. When I received this letter I just want to make sure that we're really following through on these key things that were brought up Friday at our meeting down in Columbus and I just want to make sure that we're really following through on each of these items. We had not completed the application process yet for the valve application and so I wanted to make sure is this letter from Mr. Spurbeck is that clear what we have to do? We know the way forward but they're saying we're missing..."

Chuck Murphy – "Yes if I may. Basically what it boils down to is we need to go ahead and actually; because we were talking about it even on the way to Columbus on our trip up."

Mrs. Hahn – "Right."

Chuck Murphy – "As well as even I think a little bit yesterday. There were certain things during the Thursday meeting that we actually had scheduled for Ohio EPA to go ahead and determine you know what we can and can't do within that seven million; try to stretch the money as far as we can. That was going to have an impact of course on the (inaudible) works because of what we're going to be dealing with within that project and therefore as such before it can be finalized in terms of okay here's all the information because you have to provide all the information as part of your loan as what you're doing. We wanted to make sure that we had those I's dotted those T's crossed to give us the maximum benefit of that seven million for the City to go ahead and accomplish as much as possible. (All inaudible) of the distribution system."

Mrs. Hahn – "So since (inaudible)..."

Chuck Murphy – "Those things..."

Mrs. Hahn – "(Inaudible) things now will we have it by the end of the week to them?"

Chuck Murphy – "As far as things are concerned I'll have to go ahead and double check with the folks at Arcadis."

Mrs. Hahn – "Yeah."

Chuck Murphy – "And basically what it boiled down to is we're planning on getting an ordinance passed for the valve project and all that aspect of it the construction everything engineering so forth and so on and then essentially going ahead and actually (inaudible) plans to go ahead and be out to bid October 29th and essentially we have to have the application and everything all in before the end of the year is exactly what we were told."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay because he said you don't have to have a bid yet you can just an engineer's estimate."

Chuck Murphy – "Right."

Mrs. Hahn – "At this point but we are supposed to get the application completed before we have the bids ready then we can insert the bids."

Chuck Murphy – "Right. He stated we can go ahead and do it in given segments."

Mrs. Hahn – "Right."

Chuck Murphy – "But based on how things function we need to make sure that we had exactly what we were doing refined to make sure we can maximize. Having that now you know which was like I said only this past Thursday; to make sure we proceed forward in regard to that matter of course we're going to be checking back with Arcadis as we do to see exactly where they stand in regards to that. But I know that Matt (inaudible) from Arcadis was actually working on aspects of that. I received some calls just yesterday if I remember correctly."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay great. I just want to make sure because Amsterdam really got stung by you know someone failing to get all of their grant applications filled and we just don't want any chance of that happening here."

Chuck Murphy – "No I 100% agree with that and essentially if that means if I got to go ahead and do 24/7 until the end of the year or whatever it takes. We're going to go ahead and make sure..."

Mrs. Hahn – "Well if you need more help come to us and tell us because we need to support you in that. Okay and the only other thing I wanted to add onto is to what you were saying Eric you know I thought it's been really instructive in the newspaper; I have that update on the Public Library; it seems like on a regular basis he's letting everybody know the progress on that project and we could do something similar just really; okay these are our projects we're working on this year; this is how far we're coming; doesn't have to be every week but even once a month I think people would really appreciate knowing exactly where we are on those projects."

Mr. Timmons – "I think we owe it to them."

Mrs. Hahn – "Yeah."

Mr. Timmons – "Yeah absolutely."

Mrs. Hahn – "I second what you're saying. I think that's a way that we could do that and just a brief article update on how our water and sewer water infrastructure is improving. Thank you."

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – "We'll now move onto Public Forum and signing in this evening we have two starting off with Mr. McAdam. Will you please step forward and state your name and address."

Dave McAdam – “Up there sir?”

Mayor Barilla – “That’s fine right there.”

Dave McAdam – “My name is Dave McAdam I live at 237 Rockdale Street in Steubenville. First of all I would like everybody in the room to recognize that how important the trash man is to us. They keep our lives clean; they keep the rats out of our basements. Last week on Monday or a Tuesday the garbage was collected; I was behind the garbage truck and I stopped probably 50 feet behind it or 20 feet behind it; a car passed me and got between me and the garbage truck; right up to the garbage truck; they (inaudible) a lot of these people coming to their job; another car comes up around the other side and blocked; nobody is going anywhere; this poor man is looking around his truck trying to figure out what he’s (inaudible). It was unbelievable. I think that Steubenville should take care of their garbage men; put safety lights on these trucks and stop cars from going around when they are trying to do their job.”

Mayor Barilla – “I agree.”

Dave McAdam – “That’s all I have to say sir.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you. Thank you. Yes Mr. Mavromatis.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Sir since you took the time to come down here I do appreciate it very much because very rare that our workers get complimented on what they do and you are absolutely correct. I have followed our sanitation people when I see them on Sunset, Lovers Lane, other areas and I’ve watched how traffic goes passed there. So again I thank you for taking the time and it’s greatly appreciated to show that you care about our (inaudible).”

Dave McAdam – “I’d love to see something done. Put safety lights on like on a bus (inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Again we have a certain amount of lights and I will tell you we don’t have the Police manpower available that can watch them but it is something that I can mention to the turn Captains to say when they see their guys just to keep an eye on what traffic is doing but thank you very much.”

Dave McAdam – “Thank you sir.”

Mr. Paul – “Yeah. Yes sir. There was several times that I saw our Police following going west; heading west up towards Wintersville; I did see our Police officers behind a truck on Sunset and that is very dangerous Sunset Blvd. Now in other areas it’s all just them that you’re seeing Mr. McAdam.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you. Thank you Mr. Paul. Also signing in this evening we have Mr. Palumbo. So Mr. Palumbo would you step forward and state your name and address.”

Rocco Palumbo – “So my name is Rocco Palumbo. I’m from 1326 Ridge Ave. So I just want to thank everybody for all the work that they do here that’s the real main point of my message tonight. I was present for the; a previous shooting that happened up on Ridge Ave. I was involved in helping the victims along with my neighbors; we collected we tried to do our best to help them out. After that shooting it made me think about how people in this community will often view that hilltop as a group of strangers or as a group of people who need to be fixed or you know those people on the hilltop they need to you know we need to fix that problem; they’re people and those people they need help and I think when; in my experience working at the Port Authority; the Jefferson County Port Authority which I concluded working there last Friday so I’m not speaking on behalf; on behalf of Evan Scurti or the Port Authority (all inaudible) just me (inaudible). When I see people speaking negatively; when I see people working halfheartedly; when I see people complaining about their jobs or saying that’s not part of my job description or not doing their best to do their job; it makes me realize that the work we do here does save lives in a very indirect way sometimes but revitalizing the hilltop revitalizing the City; it’s not that we just want to get Steubenville back you know oh good ol Steubenville let’s get that City back up and running. There’s people’s lives and the work we do here; the work that you all do that’s what we’re helping and on the second note (all inaudible) after that experience was; I’m a graduate from Franciscan University. I’m originally from Bedford, New York which is one of the safest places in the world and I’m proud to say that I call Steubenville my home and I plan to stay here and I also plan to invest here. So don’t think that because people are getting you know these situations are happening that it’s going to scare everyone away. The undertow of good in this area is more powerful than the undertow of that and we’re going to move forward regardless of what happens. That’s my conclusion.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Thank you.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you so much.”

Mayor Barilla – “(All inaudible). Thank you so very much.”

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR