

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
October 9, 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 Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, & Petrella.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Financial Accountant Dave Babela, Utility Supervisor Lisa Knight, Sanitation Director Bob Baird, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, 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 2, 2018. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Barilla – “Petitions and Communications Madame Clerk?”

Mrs. Haley – “Nothing this evening.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madam Clerk.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2018-70 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 3rd Reading

Messrs. Dressel, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2019 CITY STREET HOT-MIX RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS, CITY PROJECT NO. 2019-100, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND REBIDDING THAT MAY BE REQUIRED, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO SAID CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2018-70. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2018-70 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2018-70 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will go into effect November 8, 2018.

NO. 2018-71 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE VACATING UNNAMED ALLEYS BETWEEN NORTH 7TH STREET AND THE RAILROAD TRACKS LOCATED WITHIN THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 324 NORTH 7TH STREET IN DJ SINCLAIR’S SECOND ADDITION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2018-71. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2018-71 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2018-71 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect immediately.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah Mayor. I just; one thing under the committee I just want to apologize to the audience for us being longer than what we were with our committee meeting because our meetings start at 7:30. I think maybe you guys were interested too because we were talking about the water but I want to apologize for making the Council meeting drag on. Okay? Thank you Mayor that’s all I had.”

Mr. DiLoreto – No Report

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes a couple of different things and I wanted to go under miscellaneous as well if I can. For Parks and Recreation tomorrow night at the clubhouse 7:00 will be our next board meeting and everyone is welcomed to attend. If you brought candy Lori is willing to give it to tonight. There’s still another week if you think of it to bring some candy to donate to the Halloween party which will be at the MLK Center a week from Saturday. It’s a dollar per child; there’s room for 40 and they need to call ahead of time; for little bitty ones 4 and under they need to bring someone with them; an adult with them. Okay we did find out that the wall project has been approved and there’s an individual who’s going to do it and the request for the check has been made so as soon as Lori gets the check she will be; for material she’ll be able to have the man purchase the materials; hopefully

within a week and then they'll start tearing apart the wall at the pool and rebuilding it so we have a safe structure without having to have the caution cones up so that's great. And finally we had 8 volunteers from Catholic Central come for 4 hours at the pool and we were able to get a lot of weeding done and the gardens are really in good shape for heading into winter and the spring. Just need to figure out how to get rid of the poison ivy which I am suffering from but aside from that it was well worth it."

Mr. Paul – No Report

Mr. Petrella – No Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "I see Mr. Palombizio is here and Councilman Kimberly Hahn; last week's request that you asked about the brushes that were put on the sidewalk. That was a clear discharging rubbish in the area; I turned this; this is going to be turned over to our code enforcement. I met with the individual that left there she shed some light on it but it was clear violation. Our crews went up there spent close to a \$1,000 in man hours doing what they had to do because of what they have done there; clearly illegal and we will follow up on it but it was taken care of the next day so again I thank Mr. Baird and his men. He had called me on another area that's on the property I stopped and met with the resident owner; the resident there and explained to her that the ordinance is very simple; 4 feet in length and bundled and just call the sanitation department and they will come up and pick it up so that's been taken care of. I just wanted you to know where this was going. Okay? Mr. Timmons we took care of your issue today; that's been taken care of and Mr. Dressel I'll meet with you or I'll talk to you tomorrow on the other issues. That's all I have."

Mr. Mastros – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – "Moving onto miscellaneous reports. Signing in this evening under miscellaneous is Mr. Villamagna."

Mr. Villamagna – "Thank you Mayor. Just a couple things. The bathrooms down at the old City Building are they done or in the process?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "They're not done. They're still working on them. I met with Mr. Baird last week it's on the contractors they're coming in because I went and looked myself. They are redoing the walls now. Have all the fixtures been ordered Bob?"

Bob Baird – "Yeah."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "What's taking them so long? I'm sorry go ahead."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That might be a better question for Mr. Baird."

Mr. Villamagna – "Do you know what's taking them so long?"

Bob Baird – "I don't except the only thing I know is it's that time of season for many contractors I think. We did a lot of demolition work and they are in the process of putting it back. I met with the; spoke with them today actually and partitions, fixtures, everything is ordered; the floor is going to go down (inaudible) as soon as a couple days and we'll; the room is ready to be put back together (all inaudible). And then they're going to move (all inaudible from coughing) they have also been working on other things. We've had the doors replaced and they (inaudible)."

Mr. Villamagna – "(Inaudible)"

Bob Baird – "Yes simultaneously so we haven't had other work completed (all inaudible)."

Mr. Villamagna – "How long since that started (all inaudible)?"

Bob Baird – "I will to check the date."

Mr. Villamagna – "Because these contractors I think they need to be reminded when they bid these jobs that they are working for us (inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "I agree whole heartedly with you."

Mr. Villamagna – "Because they drag their feet. Now the bathrooms; it came to my attention that the bathrooms aren't done down there still and that's been; I can't remember can you help me out here?"

Mr. Paul – "February."

Mr. Villamagna – "February. February; March; April; May; June; July; August; September; October; 9 months. They need to be reminded. The Police Department; bids yet?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "I'll have to check with the Chief he's been off this week but we're still moving things in there; we're progressing. That'll be the last thing that's done is that front part."

Mr. Villamagna – "Well why aren't we putting the bids out is what I don't understand."

Mr. Mavromatis – "From what I understand the contractor has not got back; the original contractor because we cut the work back. We're still waiting for them to get back to us."

Mr. Villamagna – "I was under the impression that we still had to go out for bid or if this guy comes in underneath then we don't have to (all inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That's correct and that's why we pulled back on him because one we don't really need to do all of that."

Mr. Villamagna – "Can we give him a call? He don't want the job."

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well that’s fine I’ll call him first thing tomorrow and I’ll call you and give you an answer.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Alright.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Because this is dragging out way too long and then one of us; we’re not going to be here; some of us are not going to be here; you’re not going to be here (inaudible) and then somebody they might say we don’t want to do it no more (inaudible) never transpires and then; gone on way too long. We got a beautiful building there that’s empty and they should be in there. One more thing. I didn’t have time to look at it. How’s come we don’t get a K-9 report anymore?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “You should I mean; I saw the printed copy...”

Mr. Villamagna – “I didn’t look; I don’t even know if we got it tonight because Melissa was training somebody.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “(All inaudible) at Council tomorrow. He still does those.”

Mrs. Hahn – “That would be great (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “Same as everybody else.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right.”

Mr. Villamagna – “They were doing it and then all of a sudden they stopped doing it. So a weekly report for the dog too.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes Mayor. When we put out the contracts do we put time limits on the work?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well in some cases it’s put out 2-3 weeks whatever it takes depending how detailed it is but...”

Mr. Petrella – “Do we tell the contractor you start (inaudible) here you have 90 days to complete.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes it’s within there but I would have to look at the contract. But we’ve talked about going for bids I just signed off on one last week because we didn’t get three bids; it was under \$50,000; the third contractor wouldn’t give us the bid so I went with the lowest of the two.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah. All I’m looking at is he said 9 months for that contract; if he’s under time restraints; he doesn’t complete it within the scope of the contract in 90 days then we should start penalizing them.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well again if it goes into that detail. A lot of these aren’t that drawn out like the multi-million dollar but I can tell you this I’m going to other contractors in West Virginia; whatever it takes to get the job done. We’ve got contractors that we’ve relied on here and in some case rightfully so but they are in the middle of other jobs and this just doesn’t fit in to their schedule.”

Mr. Petrella – “I just (inaudible). Last week I had Karly print everybody a; on the OML that’s coming up on October 31st through November the 2nd. If you had a chance to look at that if there’s any interest in there. If you look on the 10 to 1 p.m. general session on Friday November 2nd; training local officials to effectively communicate with the Ohio Legislator. We’re a member of the OML and I think that we should be sending delegates to the OML to effectively orchestrate some type of legislation and if there is enough small cities and villages in the State of Ohio that has a common goal like water and sewer maybe we can get the Ohio Legislator to introduce a legislation to give us some relief. I would whole heartedly recommend the OML there is several different exhibits and sessions that would be beneficial and then next year look at the OML and the National League of Cities. That’s all I have.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay I have several things. The first thing is the Steubenville Hilltop CDC litter pickup is going to be October 27th so we’re mention it this week and next week in hopes that some of you would consider joining us for this. The people on LaBelle are going to meet with what is now the Marian Building it use to be the old Roosevelt School on Belleview Blvd. and then Pleasant Heights are going to meet at Trinity East Hospital at 11:00. J.B. Green Team will provide the gloves and the bags and Franciscan University students they’re generously come and help out and then there’s a lunch afterwards. So if any of you want to contribute some money towards the luncheon that funds we have for J.B. Green Team do not go toward food; that’s only for the supplies so if any of you be willing to give \$5-10 toward that lunch then Teresa DiCarlantonio and the other leaders of the Hilltop Association; Carlotta and Jordan who are here tonight they’ll be able to use that money to pay for the lunch. So if you put your hands up just so everyone knows who you are. So they’re the ones that could get the donation. I also wanted to mention First Friday on Fourth was awesome; it was the biggest yet. For some reason the weather has been really great and there were thousands of people down there and the only small thing that I noticed was if we could section off Market Street so that was a safe two blocks. I just noticed adults having to be very watchful for kids not darting out and if we would probably have to come up with a couple detour signs but someone coming off the bridge; you know just turn left or right and there needs to be some kind of sign coming down. But we have more activities; we had a new business open up nearer to the theatre; the theatre had a wonderful show that they were offering and so for First Friday in November I just wanted to put in a (inaudible) to see if there is any way we can block off that street as well. It would really increase the sense of safety for those two blocks. And then I wondered if there was any follow up to the roach problem that the man came last week and spoke about; Alvin Leonard. Do you know and is anybody assisting him to connect him with Ohio Department of Health or...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’ve talked with Mr. Leonard and I have a message that came in late today by the resident there who I’m going to talk to.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Because I want all the information on who owns the property.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Because they are sending checks out of state. Alright? That’s where we’re at.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Alright?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay thank you. I appreciate you following up with that situation.”

Mr. Dressel – “I have a question on that. If we get a solution can you let me know because I have another problem that’s the same elsewhere?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And the only other question that I wanted to ask since Bob Baird is here. Is why we went with the routes that we went with for this one? I have so many people; I guess they don’t know; but they are really confused about what ward they’re in and by going by wards it seems like people are doing a different route than what they normally do and so it’s taking us six weeks instead of four weeks so I just wondered if you could explain that because that was confusing.”

Bob Baird – “Fundamentally we have less men and less equipment available to do bulk. The route as far as the wards on the City’s website we have an alphabetical listing of streets that identify the ward; we have a ward map; and we have a link to the County site that if they type in their address it’ll tell them right now what ward they are in so we’ve done a lot of things to make it very simple for residents who don’t know what ward they’re in to easily identify what ward they are in. By bringing it down that way we have smaller bites and that’s a function of the four day schedule on bulk having to occur on Friday because we have other business that has to happen on Friday too. So we don’t have as many men and as many trucks to run bulk pickup so we can’t cover the same amount of ground or handle the same amount of (inaudible) when time comes available without getting into overtime.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mr. Baird could you clarify this for me I want to make sure; all the times that I remember it’s always been six pickup days with bulk is that correct or has there been four?”

Bob Baird – “It was always six. We had done it in five we were able to combine the North and South end when we did it that way.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Alright.”

Bob Baird – “But historically it was always six pickups.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s what I thought.”

Bob Baird – “We can’t do; even though we pick up residential curb side garbage in four days we cannot pick up bulk in four days. It’s a function of the logistics of the waste. The bulk waste does not compact so just you know to give you an example on a normal garbage route our guys go out and pick up garbage that weight is compressive; that weight compacts (inaudible) and they can complete the route and go to the landfill and that’s normal. On bulk pickup they make multiple trips to the dump because the couches, dressers, chairs, wood does not compress so what happens is the volume of the truck fills up but the weight is not there. We can’t get any more in the truck but there’s not that much necessarily in there. We have a lot of volume and not a lot of weight so we can run and have been running normal curb side collection four days but the nature of the bulky waste prohibits us from completing that much just because you can’t; it doesn’t; it doesn’t compact. You can’t get as much (all inaudible from coughing) so we have to keep going (inaudible).”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay thank you.”

Bob Baird – “Yep.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move onto Public Forum and signing in this evening of course we had Mr. Lesnick. Will you please come forward and state your name and address.”

John Lesnick – “I’m John Lesnick and somebody earlier; I live out at the corner of Bryden and Lexington; somebody earlier mentioned they didn’t want sewage running in our streets. Well we have sewage running the streets of Bryden and Lexington okay now I talked to the workers and they say the problem is there are too many people with rain water running into the sewage system. They said they’ve identified most of the people if not all of them but nothing is being done about it. Why can’t we lien their property so that when they sell the property they have to get it corrected or we could cut of the meter; they just cut of the drain spouts where they go into the sewage system and the water just run into the yard or if they are worried about (inaudible) they could put a 50 gallon drum under there to catch the water; of course they could use that water for their gardens or water their lawn or whatever. Anybody?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Chuck?”

Chuck Murphy – “As far as all the; you know what you were told; I don’t know who exactly gave you that information but we don’t have those folks identified. We did go ahead and actually smoked test the entire west end.”

John Lesnick – “Okay.”

Chuck Murphy – “And essentially anybody that we found gutters and down spouts tied in with; they were given letters and basically we have everyone comply and those who were stragglers we actually took them to court and they (inaudible) complied. So anybody that we found in violation of the city ordinances regarding that matter they were addressed. Now does that mean that there aren’t folks who might have gutters and down spouts still tied in but they got traps that prevent the smoke from getting in there and making it known; yeah that’s still a possibility. There’s also driveway drains that can be a contributor which I know there are a few here and there that I’ve seen out there in your neighborhood. In addition to that we’ve actually put in three flow monitors out in your area to

go ahead and try to determine the actual source of where the water is coming from in regards to we've had heavy rains things of that nature so they can try then trace it back around the heaviest source using those flow monitors in those lines to go ahead and actually pin it down to see if its City (all inaudible) because right now yeah we can't definitively tell you that; it's not possible. Apart from that we'd be looking at having to do a; define the ones that I was talking about that have maybe their gutters and down spouts tied in but there's a trap you know before it gets out to the main line; water and sewer line; what it boils down to is those ones we would have to go ahead and actually pay a lot of money to go ahead and actually do a dye test would be the only alternative. (All inaudible) dye test all the gutters in the entire area then go ahead and see exactly who's homes is specific; so the way we're approaching it is; first and foremost finding out exactly what the major sewer area it's coming from then going ahead and (all inaudible) three separate legs that are attached to that exact lift station out there on Bryden Road; then trace it back and basically go from there in terms of looking at dye testing various other options to go ahead and pin it down. This is something we're required to do by Ohio EPA and it's something that they're looking to put in through of consent decree in terms of going ahead and finding the sources (inaudible) so that's going to be (inaudible) a component for what we need to do."

John Lesnick – "Last week Bryden and Lexington were flooded with about a foot of water you could see from the manhole cover water was gushing up and then it was going into the sewer drain on the street and then it was going down the street."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Mr. Lesnick?"

John Lesnick – "Yeah?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Was this this past Saturday when this happened?"

John Lesnick – "(All inaudible)"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay. This (inaudible) to explain."

Mr. Villamagna – "No."

Unknown – "(Inaudible)"

Mr. Mavromatis – "No?"

Mr. Villamagna – "No because I came down there that day and it was before the rain."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mrs. Lesnick – "It had just (inaudible) downpour."

Unknowns – "(All inaudible)"

Mr. Villamagna – "It was before the Saturday rain though."

Chuck Murphy – "It was actually on I believe Wednesday."

Unknown – "Yeah"

Chuck Murphy – "Or Thursday of last week (all inaudible). But we did actually have a force main go ahead and actually break and we had all the guys out there making that necessary repair. So as far as that part of things is concerned sewage coming up out of the ground so forth and so on..."

Mr. Villamagna – "There was a break there though?"

Chuck Murphy – "Yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "That caused that that day?"

Chuck Murphy and Mr. Villamagna – "(All inaudible)"

Mr. Villamagna – "(Inaudible) councilman there that day and I thought it was (inaudible)."

Chuck Murphy – "Yeah and that's what we had going on and they worked until nine o'clock that night to go ahead and address the problem."

Mr. Villamagna – "So that was not a rain problem?"

Chuck Murphy – "No basically if it did it Saturday then that Saturday yeah he had a 25 year ringer done where we ended up having like I think .91 inches of rain in ten minutes."

Mr. Villamagna – "There was no problem there Saturday for you guys..."

Mrs. Lesnick – "We have to shut our valve off every time it rains, every time the light goes off on that pump station, we have to shut our valve off to the house. We cannot use our water; we cannot have bowel movements; we cannot take showers because of this problem and nobody wants to take care of it."

Mr. Villamagna – "When you say shut a valve off..."

Mrs. Lesnick – "We have a; what's it called?"

Few Unknown – "(All inaudible)"

Mrs. Lesnick – "No it's not a sub pump."

Chuck Murphy – "It's a back water valve."

Mrs. Lesnick – "Back water valve."

John Lesnick – "It costs us a fortune."

Chuck Murphy – "What it comes down to is that valve was originally had one to begin with because I can believe it was just a couple years ago."

John Lesnick – "Right."

Chuck Murphy – "If I remember right and essentially where they built that house (all inaudible) the thing is they did. They put in that back water valve because of the fact the elevation of the line which that can attach into; you're going to have you know from time to time; even if you had the line on; you have a failure of equipment which can happen and that water level rises into (inaudible) it will back up the lines and then basically go into their basement..."

Mr. Villamagna – "So their valve shuts off automatically to stop that from going in there?"

Mrs. Lesnick – "No we have to hand crank it..."

Mr. and Mrs. Lesnick – "(All inaudible)."

John Lesnick – “Most of the time but sometimes something gets stuck in there like toilet paper and it’ll start seeping up through the...”

Mr. Villamagna – “I got you.”

Chuck Murphy – “(All inaudible).”

John Lesnick – “Automatically shut the; (inaudible) of the valve you can shut it off; about three turns and it shuts off the valve and that stops everything but if we miss it you know we’ve come up with other solutions that we; you know something happens and we’re not home; we’re putting in a sub pump now to catch it if we miss it.”

Mrs. Lesnick – “But we’re also tired of the sewage in; going down the creek; in our yard; and it’s you know it’s terrible. It’s terrible to have to go outside and somebody is mowing the lawn and he was stepping in raw sewage and that’s just not right.”

Chuck Murphy – “As far as the (inaudible) is concerned there’s an overflow relief point as all the (inaudible) stations have even the wastewater plant (all inaudible) because nothing is 100% (inaudible).”

Mrs. Lesnick – “And the EPA did tell me that you’re allowed to dump so much sewage in the crate.”

Chuck Murphy – “Right when that occurs and you have basically a malfunction or in this case right here we have a bunch of INIs from the rain fall. Something (all inaudible) inherited is part of the process and like I said trying to resolve it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “What’s INI?”

Chuck Murphy – “INI is inflow and infiltration that’s basically brown water, rain water, things of that nature makes its way into the sanitary sewer system.”

John Lesnick – “So how expensive is it to trace it back (all inaudible)?”

Chuck Murphy – “As far as Bryden and Lexington (all inaudible) like that we got too actually (inaudible) flow monitors and those flow monitors costs you about 5 to \$6,000 a piece.”

John Lesnick – “But you could move them from place to place?”

Chuck Murphy – “Correct.”

John Lesnick – “So once you figure out where it’s coming from on Bryden (all inaudible) how much fuel is there?”

Chuck Murphy – “(All inaudible) the other thing; that (inaudible) and everything going clear over to Efts Lane.”

John Lesnick – “Yeah.”

Chuck Murphy – “And basically all of Bryden all the way up to Sunset and it takes care of Lovers Lane as far as the west side of that. It’s a huge bowl.”

John Lesnick – “(All inaudible) anything yet? (All inaudible).”

Chuck Murphy – “As far as water’s a concern we’re still gathering the data. Part of the problem is that is where the location of these monitors have to be cellular signals are a lot more difficult to get out; to go ahead and get out the information.”

John Lesnick – “(All inaudible)”

Chuck Murphy – “Yeah we are working on that.”

Mayor Barilla – “Gentlemen we’re going to have to move on okay?”

Mrs. Hahn – “So sorry.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you.”

Mrs. Lesnick – “Yeah we are too.”

Mayor Barilla – “We also have signing in under Public Forum this evening we have Mr. John Mascio Sr.”

John Mascio – “Thank you Mayor. Two matter I would like to address. First I was going to talk about maintenance of streets but I noticed this morning that our crews are out (inaudible) Sunset Blvd. at least west bound and Bob what I wanted to know is do you plan on crack sealing all of Sunset, John Scott, and Mall Drive?”

Bob Baird – “its possible yes.”

John Mascio – “What do you mean it’s possible?”

Bob Baird – “We have a competing demands; we get pulled in different directions; if we’re left alone to do it.”

John Mascio – “The reason I ask is because there was approximately two weeks of time and man hours that was devoted to cutting weeds on the Elm Street connector hill side (inaudible) and on the area between Washington Street and Market Street. Now maybe I’m off base but I think maintaining the streets is much more important than cutting weeds. Those can be done at any time and they even let it go for years now all of a sudden it’s important to do it. Those men could’ve been doing the streets and the reason I’ve been on this thing for as long as I’ve been on it is thanks to Dave Lewis with I understand with some help from Mike Dolak; John Scott cost \$1,827,000 to build that Mall Drive; we contributed a \$102,000; Sunset Blvd. or Linduff west was almost a million five; we paid \$21,618; hey folks do you think that money is coming back anytime soon when those streets fall apart? We got a bad problem with water and sewer lines you’re sitting here for how many hours talking about rates and what to pay. Streets are as much of the infrastructure as water and sewer if you aren’t going to take care of them; they’re falling apart everything is falling apart and it wouldn’t take that much of you crack sealing to keep them up or keep them maintained I mean that’s a huge amount of money that we have received from all (inaudible) sources ODOT, Federal Government, Ohio Public Works. We put a very little bit in there; I think we owe these people an obligation to maintain those streets certainly the people of Steubenville an obligation to make the streets. Let’s get our priorities and (inaudible) straight. I don’t think cutting weeds is important as fixing streets. Second thing I would like to ask Council to...”

Mrs. Haley – “Is weeds. You want to talk about the weeds now.”

John Mascio – “Ordinance 2017-88 that’s the one dealing with the Public being able to speak at Public Forum; having to register ahead of time before you do it. You call in or you fill out the form and turn it in there are a lot of things that happen between 4:00 on a Friday and 7:30 on a Tuesday and yet people can come down here and

they can't address you because they didn't sign in to do it and the way this thing is being worked out; you really can't even question the officials or the department heads because you didn't sign in to talk about it. We don't know that Bob Baird is going to be here or Mike Dolak is going to be here or Chuck Murphy is going to be here because they aren't here at every meeting but when they do come in and they give a report we may have something that we would like to ask. Can't do it you got an ordinance you got to register ahead of time. So you might want to register to come in the following week they may not be here the following week. I don't see why it's a big problem to let the public come in and say what they want to say. I never saw where it was a problem before. I've noticed less people attending meetings now since this ordinance has been passed but I really would like Council to reconsider and repeal this ordinance and let people show up when something appears that grabs their attention without having to go ahead and sign up on a Friday come back the following Tuesday and whoever you want to talk to (all inaudible). Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. Mascio. Yes Mr. Mavromatis."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Judge (all inaudible) even numerous times that you've come before us about the weed issues and I respect that. There's a lot more dimensions to go to fixing these roads. This is what I would ask you to do; you know Mr. Baird and at any time you can call him and understand the issues that we're dealing with and if he doesn't call you; you can always call me. We got multiple issues in this City; roads you're absolutely correct; the weeds I get calls all the time; I drive the City and I see the weeds but you also know the dynamics that go with that. We just can't go on people's properties and cut them. I wish we could. Talk about all these home owners that are out of State; it looks like a jungle out there but we have a responsibility to a lot of these other areas too. But you are correct I saw them out there too on Sunset both going east bound and west bound and you are correct these streets are in deplorable shape in a lot of areas of this City but we try to focus on our main routes to do that. To address your singing up here; I can tell you since we went to this (inaudible) well (inaudible) not stopped them but they had not had to come down here when I was able to give them the answers they wanted. It saves them time then having to come down here. This isn't about speaking at Council it's getting the problem taken care of."

John Mascio – "No Jim; excuse me; you have consistently told people if they had a problem call you..."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That's true."

John Mascio – "And you would try to address it. I'm talking about on other things maybe even completely out of your realm or something that you really and often times you'll refer to the; and the other day (all inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Absolutely and I mean it but Monday morning comes up and something whatever it is; if they call me and they didn't sign up I can get the department head if I don't know the answer it still gets them what they want. What this has stopped is the unknown. You stand up; not you; people will stand up here with a problem which could've been answered had we known about it earlier and this has worked out fine with this."

John Mascio – "I don't have a problem with that to this extent because again (inaudible) done this as long as; before this (all inaudible). It took people one time (inaudible) answer look it up; give me your phone number and I see you get their number and you call them back."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes."

John Mascio – "And give the answer that they want to receive. That's not my concern."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

John Mascio – "I think you've been on top of doing that to the best of your ability."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Right."

John Mascio – "But things do pop up sometimes."

Mr. Mavromatis – "And I understand that."

John Mascio – "That's what I'm pointing out."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay thank you sir."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. Mavromatis."

Mr. Villamagna – "I'd like to add something to that Mayor to the City Manager."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Villamagna."

Mr. Villamagna – "Also this; that started and it had been working because a lot times people come here; they ask a question and everybody is going like this looking at each other who's going to answer this question; nobody (inaudible) know the answer. That way if you sign up we have the answer for you; we can find out the answer and Jim's been accommodating if; he'll have any of the department heads come and explain; if somebody has a question that needs really; some of this stuff like you addressed brush; you took care of that; that's (inaudible) come down here and talk about it but it has worked the Council meetings has been much more orderly and Council meetings are to conduct City business; that's what Council meetings are for that's for us to conduct City business and we answer every question; people text us all the time; we sit in the hallway for half hour after the meeting is over if anybody has a question. But it's worked fine and these people can say whatever they want to say as long as they sign up that way we have the answer for them."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. DiLoreto."

Mr. DiLoreto – "(Inaudible) from being first ward councilman I never come down here and ask a department head a question. I get on the telephone and I call them and I'll get an answer; I'll get in my car and go down and see them. I don't think anybody here has ever asked a question. I like Chuck I call him on the telephone and if I don't get an answer I'll go myself personally and get the answer. I got three calls today I'll take care of the problem. Thank you. I don't need him."

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR