

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
September 25, 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 Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, & Hahn.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Assistant Law Director Bernie Battistel, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Paul Giannamore from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for September 18, 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. 2018-65 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER OVER \$3,000.00 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.41.

NO. 2018-67 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER, 2018 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND OCTOBER 19, 2018 AS NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY.

Mayor Barilla – “Mrs. Hahn are you going to be presenting the Resolution at the WIAACC Ohio Mammography Day Wreath Ceremony Wednesday October 17th at Prime Time Senior Center on Lovers Lane? Lunch will begin at noon and the wreath ceremony will begin at 1:00.”

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-67 by roll call. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2018-68 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7-13, 2018 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

Mrs. Haley – “A Resolution proclaiming the week of October 7-13, 2018 as Fire Prevention Week. Whereas, this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere,” works to educate people about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire – and how to escape safely in the event of one; and whereas, “LOOK” for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them; and whereas, “LISTEN” for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet; and whereas, “LEARN” two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter; and whereas, since 1922, the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country; and whereas, during Fire Prevention Week, children, adults and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire and firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fire; and whereas, in a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn’t just for school children. Teenagers, adults and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire; and whereas, while children under 5 and adults over 65 are at the highest risk for injury or death if a fire, people of all ages are vulnerable. In fact, the risk of a nonfatal fire injury is highest for those between 20 and 49, showing that fire safety education is essential for everyone. The purpose of Fire Prevention Week is to bring awareness to the risk of death in case of a fire and provide educational resources to people of all ages, races and socioeconomic status in order to keep everyone safe. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the council of the City of Steubenville, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio: Section 1: That this Council does hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2018, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community. Section 2: That the Clerk of this Council shall present a certified copy of this Resolution to Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi on behalf of the Steubenville Fire Department. Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by Council; otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.”

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-68 by roll call. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Paul – “Do you have the Resolution? I’ll give it to Chief Capaldi. Thank you you’re Honor. Chief Capaldi on behalf of this Council I’d like to thank you and your men for everything you do for this community; relating to fires but there’s other areas that you guys respond. You’re a great contribution to this community and I thank you and your men and I have a cold tonight so I’m not going to shake your hand. Thank you for everything that you do and your men too. They are brave men. All of the first responders that we have in this community; police officers and EMS thank you.”

Carlo Capaldi – “Thank you. Thank you very much; thank everyone. The department appreciates this and every year October Fire Prevention Month; Fire Prevention is not only important to our Fire Department but Fire Departments everywhere. We’d much rather be showing people how to prevent fires (all inaudible from coughing) happens so it is important. We’re going to be in schools during Fire Prevention Week; we work with the children; we also work with older groups, business groups so this is something we do all year not just in October so thank you. Thank everyone.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Can I ask a question?”

Mayor Barilla – “(Inaudible) yeah.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Chief can I ask you a quick question? There was a time that smoke alarms were available for free; do you still have that program?”

Carlo Capaldi – “Yes we still have a supply. If someone’s in need they can contact one of the fire houses and they can get them in touch with the office; they can stop at the office; I had someone stop the other day who needed a couple. They just have to fill out a form and we provide them with smoke detectors. They do have to be a Steubenville resident.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Steubenville resident.”

Carlo Capaldi – “Because it’s the Steubenville Fire Department that’s providing them.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes and then at home we have old fire extinguishers I have no idea if they work; is there a way to test them?”

Carlo Capaldi – “We don’t have a way to test them. There are companies you can take them to if anyone would like; we have a list we can’t just recommend one but we do have a list of companies that will do that. So but we have no way of testing them. Okay? Thank you.”

NO. 2018-69 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Dressel, Hahn, Petrella

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION TO BE USED TOWARDS FUNDING THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE 2019 CITY STREET HOT-MIX RESURFACING PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 2019-100 AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Mr. Dressel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-69 by roll call. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2018-70 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 1st 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.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Paul – “I have one item you’re Honor. I would like Council; I make a motion for Council to approve the reappointment of; on the income tax review board Greg Agresta 2448 Alexander Manor East and term to expire 9-2021.” Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Petrella – No report

Mr. Timmons – No report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. One under Building; the board of building and engineering appeals requesting the approval to reappoint; Mayor Barilla’s appointment Roger Wells of 336 Lovers Lane for term to expire for 2021.” Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah I got; I my as well be talking; (inaudible) talking to myself as usual. First of all I want to commend Lowe’s as usual; we get outside help to clean up the Martin Luther King Recreation Center; 15 volunteers and yet we have people down there that go for free and they can’t pitch in one bit. Same thing with the University students they clean up the hilltops they don’t dirty it but they clean it up. I just got Lincoln Heights cleaned up today; 4 hours they spent up there and it’s already dirty; I just think (all inaudible) do away

with the clean up and let people live like pigs because I'm getting frustrated; trying to keep the City cleaner everybody complains of mattresses all they got to do is pick it up that hilltop should be spic and span. They had a kid break in down on Lincoln Ave. on Lincoln School; if you can read they'll hire you instead of trying to steal copper and doing all that; doing all that; doing all that damage. Jimmy are we going to have a fall clean up? (Inaudible) requires about fall clean up."

Mr. Mavromatis – "We'll discuss that this evening."

Mr. DiLoreto – "We should have them because (inaudible) be dirty. (All inaudible). Thank you very much but I just get frustrated with this City because we got people in here; I'm sorry they just live like; I won't say anything because I'll end up in jail. Thank you."

Mr. Dressel – No report

Mrs. Hahn – "I was just going to highlight Lowe's doing that painting at the MLK Center we're very very grateful that they chosen us again for their Hero's Program (all inaudible from Mr. DiLoreto talking)."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Everybody chooses us we ought to choose our self."

Mrs. Hahn – "Yeah that really makes a wonderful difference so appreciate that. And I had a question I don't know if it falls under planning or what it falls under but the Hilltop Association that serves Pleasant Heights and Labelle has a lot of blue trash barrels and we're not in a dilemma that the trash barrels are not the kind of receptacles that can be picked up by our trucks but they do seem to be full on a regular basis and so I don't know if we can add that to the conversation about you know the trash; we need to have a committee to talk about that but if we can place that we can get some barrels that maybe were a different color so that people wouldn't take them and use them in their homes; I mean it's just a thought. I don't know if they make blue ones or a different color but the Hilltop Association wanted me to put in a good word for them; they are being used and would there be some possibility of replacing the blue barrels with something that the trucks could in fact pick up? Or would they need to do a fund raising campaign to try to help further cost?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "I'll answer that for you."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay great. Thank you so much."

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you Mayor. What I'm handing out; Mr. Baird contacted me today; this is the schedule for our fall pickup. It's going to be done by wards this year and this is a list of the wards and the dates but I asked him to also include so Council could see and this is also going to be posted on our website so the citizens can see it. Not only will they see the calendar they will pull their streets up because if there is individuals that do not know what ward they're in all they have to do is pick a street that they are on and they'll be listed in there for them. But this gives Council an idea of why; why we had to skip some of them because there is holidays that not only did we go to a four day it limits that from picking up that same; during that same week. So we got that all listed there. Now just for Council to think; other communities what they've gone too seemed to work out pretty easy; is every registered person that has a refuge bill they can call for a specific pickup twice a year and that has seemed to work out much better with a lot of the cities; it's on Friday (all inaudible from coughing) pickup for their individual houses and that's a paid account they have two pickups a year; that spreads it out throughout the year not just the certain times that the City has picked up to do that. So but again right now this is the scheduled pickup that's what we'll follow (all inaudible from Mr. DiLoreto moving in his chair) on there; I'll give a copy to News 9 and the Herald Star; I would ask that you get that posted out there as a free essay for us I would appreciate it very much and again naturally any other questions they have they can call. To answer your questions Mrs. Hahn you are right. There are cans like ours that can be other colors and we've had previous conversations (inaudible) willing to buy those that identify as cans in their respected neighborhood whether it be Labelle, Pleasant Heights, wherever else that you want to do that but you are absolutely correct. They are overfilling these cans even one individual can you are correct; our equipment the side loaders or rear end loaders it has to be physically picked up by one or two people so that presents problems so again the quick answer is yes different color cans can be purchased that identifies what neighborhood that they belong in. So that's where we're at with the fall pick up. Does that answer your questions Mr. DiLoreto?"

Mr. DiLoreto – "Don't put no cans in my ward they steal them."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Alright. Yes sir?"

Mr. Dressel – "I just have a question I'm not clear. Are we still emptying the blue cans on the hilltops or are we not?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes."

Mr. Dressel – "We are."

Mr. Mavromatis – "But again I'm just explaining some of the problems that do come. It's no longer a one man operation."

Mr. Dressel – "Right. Would be nice (inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "And some of the other things and again it's just the nature of human beings; some of them have turned over and then you got garbage all over the neighborhood so again they are still. Yes sir?"

Mr. Paul – "Would it be possible; Mr. Villamagna and I went down at the garage before there's a very lot; there's many many cans down there."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes."

Mr. Paul – “Could we paint a can? Maybe the lids blue and put those out in the community that way they fill them up or like Mr. DiLoreto said earlier maybe someone would steal them I don’t know. But I mean it would be easier maybe if we set those cans out in public with a different color lid maybe that way we know it’s for the hilltop...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s the most risky part is the cans staying where they’re at but again the idea though of spray painting it; it clearly identifies it. We’ve already uncovered in one of the incidents this year two cans that belonged over on Lovers Lane they were found over on Lawson Ave. in the alley and we were able to identify them. What happened was the residents on Lawson Ave. their father passed away so what they did is they went over and took his cans and brought them there but what brought us to the scene there were four cans at a location in an alley and two of the cans didn’t belong so that’s what flagged and called us up there. We were able to identify.”

Mr. Paul – “Knowing they weren’t there.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Exactly.”

Mr. Paul – “(Inaudible) noticed there was two cans now (inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right that’s the whole idea having the zero numbers on them.”

Mr. Paul – “Right.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But again I will talk with Mr. Baird on that decision. We do have extra cans more and more people are requesting the extra cans even though they might not use them every week. But as the holidays start coming and I will also tell you; this comes back from our sanitation people; they have seen a decrease in a lot of the trash areas because it’s being kept inside of a can now not being put out in bags that get tore open by animals so that’s helped out drastically there.”

Mr. Paul – “But there are many cans down there I mean; yeah.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah.”

Mr. Paul – “And you’re aware of that?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Paul – “(All inaudible) yeah make it a little easier for the guys out collecting.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah well...”

Mr. Paul – “If it; you know; if Mr. Baird thinks that’s proper.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right and the hilltop group even expressed an interest in buying their own cans as long as they’re adaptable to our equipment which they can; they can buy smaller ones; they can get the 96 gallon ones or the smaller ones at 48. Okay?”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you. If there’s any questions at all let me know and I’ll have Mr. Baird in here next week so if you get any inquiries from your constituents please let me know. Okay that’s all I had you’re Honor.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim can you give us an update on the Police Station?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes the Detective Division has moved in. We’re still getting the bids for the camera systems and move all that over. Mr. Baird is going to come up and move all of the equipment out of there that belonged to the Health Department and we’ll make arrangements and my recommendation is that we sell it. See whatever we can and we have our auction and sell that. Then the next that we move over; communications will be the last that’s going to be the most difficult so it’s progressing. We’re going to give you a call to come down and we’ll give you a tour over at the Detective Division now all of the detectives are in there.”

Mr. Villamagna – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah but what I’ll do let me get it cleaned out and then we’ll get that set up. Once that part is all set up; the Chief’s office is ready; we have to get Karen’s office ready we’ll get those two moved over and get the officers’ quarters up; the last thing will be the communications. We have a room for the Dog Warden and the Code Enforcement will be together in one office because they kind of work hand in hand.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Are the bids out for the new video equipment?”

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

Mr. Mavromatis – “Exactly (all inaudible from background noise)”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you.”

Mr. Battistel – No report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “Okay signing in this evening under miscellaneous we have Mrs. Hahn.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay so I sent this proposal out to everyone on Council and also sent it out to the City Manager, Chuck, and the Mayor; we need to schedule a couple of town hall meetings and in order for us to have these town hall meetings I think we need to come with a proposal in mind. Bob suggested having the water infrastructure charge go from 3.10 to 7.00 and having a new sewer infrastructure charge at \$7.00 but in addition to that after hearing Arcadis and know what the Finance Director has said I propose that we have a 10% increase in the water rate and in the sewer rate and then going forward to set it up by ordinance that will automatically be 3% increase each November so 12 months later it’ll be 3% across 4 funds but not the sanitation at the moment because we have more in that account then we really ought to be just holding on too and so and also our bills seemed to be being paid we’re not coming up short. So my recommendation is that we not begin to schedule that 3% increase for sanitation until 2021 and that gives a small burden but that at least is

not added to the other increases so I mean not that we have to have it firm because I think we want to hear from the people and they may bring up suggestions we haven't considered but we have considered a lot; we've gone through a lot of material. There are; there's just going to have to be an appeal to all Ohio EPA that we have limits and when we took those courses through the EPA they said that 2.5% of a household; the median household income is too much; it's too much for a community. Well if we take our household income; the median income it is \$33,369; two and a half percent of that is a total of \$69.52 for the water and the wastewater at the moment we're at 48.44 so we're significantly below we're about 1.7% right now. But having these increases the two 10% increases and then having the two infrastructure fund one increase and one new it would bring us up to \$62.99 for water and wastewater combined and then going forward it's a much smaller increase but it's every year. Again that was one of the things the courses emphasized don't do a major increase and then wait; wait; wait; and then another major increase. If you have to do a major increase do it but then bill in a smaller amount on a regular basis that will be easier for people to adjust to in their budgets. So you know is this going to solve all of our problems? It absolutely will not. It is not enough but it is a significant improvement and then part of what we have to do in working on the infrastructure downtown is hopefully we're going to find some of these breaks and that's what we're on the hunt for. We need to find where these breaks are occurring? Where the water loss is? It's most likely in the oldest infrastructure and as we find them this is one of Arcadis points last week and it's been made several times by Chuck and by Dave as we find those breaks and make the adjustments then we can use; we can clean less water; we can lower our cost of electricity and chemicals and that is going to have a positive impact on how much money is going out also we'll begin to have an impact on the number of breaks that will also have a positive impact. So I don't know what the procedure is for a conversation about it apart from a committee but I think we need to have the town hall soon and to do that I think we need to come to some possible decisions so that we have something we're willing to actually get up and defend. Do you have any; any feedback?"

Mr. Villamagna – "I do. I know we got to; we got to do something I didn't; I mean this is really troubling to me and that's why everybody; I think we're all hesitant. We know that we're not going to do the 30% raise or we're not going to do a 30%; I mean I believe nobody is in favor of that and we can't solve 40-50 year problem in 2019. So we got to start somewhere below and I won't say kick the can; I'd like to get it started and then kick the can down the road to the next Council maybe the finances will be better and they'll be able to do it.

(Inaudible) just went over that little thing; the plant today a little bit and I still have a problem with that much of an increase but I'm willing to talk about this personally. I still like what I said in the beginning about the raising it \$11.00 then it'll be \$11.00 increase that'll start a new infrastructure fund because for the sewer; I don't think the water is actually our problem I think our infrastructure is what our problem is. That's; and a; it doesn't take a scientist to see that we have that type of problem I mean if you just read the paper and the boil orders and everything else there's a break almost every day anymore on these lines. It's an old city; it wasn't corrected and when we had money we lost it and I think we lost; correct me if I say this wrong; 1.8 million dollars when Wheeling Steel left us we lost 1.8 million dollars so that's a lot of money that we took a hit but again we probably need a (inaudible) but at some point we got to; we have to..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Come to a conclusion."

Mr. Villamagna – "We got to make our mind; what we're going to do and do it and live with the results of it so I; that's my opinion I'm just not prepared to do a 30%; the money (inaudible) prepared to do it any more than what I said but I will listen and I don't know that's my opinion. I just; I can't; these people can't afford it and its going; (inaudible) will be the levies; the; people getting their water shut off we're going to lose customers and that's something we got to think about too. But we have to make a decision and I'm prepared to make a decision I know we have to raise them so maybe we can get together and have one more committee meeting and just sit down and this is what it's going to be and that's; then go with it. That's my point."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Dressel."

Mr. Dressel – "Well I just want to make so do we want to hold two public town halls or three whatever like next week? Just making that up and then have a committee meeting or do you want to have a committee meeting and then have; I mean we've been talking about it forever so we just need to make a decision on what sequence we'd like this to happen so that the public has input and is informed then we can vote on something."

Mr. Timmons – "Yeah I think we should have the committee meeting first. Get the way we want to go with it then present that at the town halls."

Mr. Paul – "We discussed that last week. Because we want to do; we want to; first of all it's; I'm not on the committee so I'm not going to sit here and call a committee meeting."

Unknown – "Right."

Mr. Paul – "Because whoever's on that committee should be calling this meeting. If it was my meeting; if it was my committee; trust me we'd be moving a little bit quicker than we are now. I'm getting very frustrated. We're not moving anywhere on this and I had suggested last week that by the 16th we'd get something for Mr. Murphy and so I think if one of you on that committee would like to call a meeting next week I mean we can do that but I'm not going to sit here and call a committee meeting when there's three other people on that committee.

Excuse me. We got to start moving I mean you know we got; okay well then let's do that."

Mr. DiLoreto – "I'll take the responsibility."

Mr. Paul – "Thank you. Thank you."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Let's call a meeting next week and make up our mind which way we're going to go because I'm getting frustrated too. We're going this way; we're going that way; we have to raise the rates no question about it; we want to raise to the least amount as possible and still make the needs. I'm worried about if we have another break down this coming winter time where's the money going to come from if we have another shut

down. Are you going to be able to pay contractors? Are you going to be able to pay time and a half? Are we going to pay when we have water coming in? So like I said we're going to make a decision whether it's right or wrong. I'm not much with (inaudible) but we got to do what the EPA tells us to do because we're right there with them so let's get the meeting next week; make up our mind finally; what Mr. Mavromatis has to say; what the EPA has to say and let's make the decision and damn the torpedoes and full steam ahead so how much time are we going to need next week?"

Mrs. Hahn – "Here's a suggestion we could committee meeting Wednesday but plan the town hall for; I'm sorry Tuesday; plan the first town hall the next night at Wednesday so we can advertise it and then the following Monday we have the second town hall the next night. Finalize it and vote."

Mr. DiLoreto – "What do you want the meeting to determine? How much we're going to raise? When we're going to raise it?"

Mrs. Hahn – "So next Tuesday..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "What day next Tuesday?"

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah."

Mr. DiLoreto – "What time?"

Mrs. Hahn – "Next Tuesday..."

Unknown – "6"

Mr. DiLoreto – "6:00 and that's the final one. We're going to make up our mind which way we're going to go. Up, down, left, right; that's it because I want the rest of Council I'm getting frustrated I'm getting tired of being bombarded probably like Willie Paul is too. You can't go anyplace anymore when they want to know how much you're going to raise it. When they going to raise it? And how long is it going to last? We do need some help from the Federal Government and the State Government which we're not getting. If just somehow water appeared from down south so we can purify it and use it. Okay 6:00 next meeting next Wednesday; once and for all; Tuesday; make up our mind on what we're going to do; come up with a figure and do three readings is that; two or three readings right? We don't want to; (inaudible) we all make it an emergency? Three readings?"

Mr. Paul – "We discussed that we would make it an emergency."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Okay."

Mr. Paul – "Is Mr. Murphy here?"

Unknown – "No."

Mr. Paul – "Okay."

Mrs. Hahn – "Can we go ahead and schedule the two town halls for next Wednesday and the following Monday? So that one week later that we can finalize this."

Mr. Paul – "Let's discuss next Tuesday on what we want to do and then we'll go from there. Does that make better sense or..."

Mr. Villamagna – "I think so."

Mr. Paul – "We might have; we might have a decision by next Tuesday."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Mavromatis"

Mr. Mavromatis – "This is my recommendation to Council and all of you are correct (inaudible) your statements. But make no mistakes you're going to have more problems if we don't have the money and we have to get it. I've talked to a lot of individuals; everybody that lives in this community has these services; Columbia Gas has gone through increases; electric has gone through increases; cable TV has gone through increases; cell phones have gone through increases and they all pay them. Now I think we all know why we're in a position (all inaudible) because (inaudible) to discussing; you can't (all inaudible). The bottom line is where do we go from here?"

Mr. DiLoreto – "Right."

Mr. Mavromatis – "We contracted professionals Arcadis out there; they came back; our in house people experts Murphy, Dave, and Dave came up with numbers and surprisingly they were in the same ballpark. Next week I will have Murphy here, I will have Bob Baird here because sanitation is part of this and you'll have all your facts, figures to make your decision. But whatever decision we make you have to understand we're in deficit spending we've been that way in our water and wastewater. We're in the process of hiring a superintendent of water; it's in the works right now and we need to attack this problem. Yes it's going to hurt and again I look at different bench marks when I'm looking at these raises; I have to be able to look at a 93-91 year old widow; a 96 year old widow can they afford that? They can but that's not everybody but the bottom line is this water you have to have; sanitation pickup you have to have; those are two things you must have to survive. You could survive without a TV. You could survive without some luxuries in life but this is everybody together to work on this problem and it's not just us it's up and down this Ohio Valley. There's been comments from Council about Belmont County getting these millions of dollars down there this City doesn't fall in to why they got that. Why? Because we're in a geographic area with Weirton and Steubenville; they look at this as a HUB here because; but we don't get anything from across the river and that's unfortunately the way we fall because I looked into that. But you're correct we can try to apply for all the loans we want there are no guarantees. The one thing that is guaranteed what are revenue is and what we have to do and what Mr. Villamagna brought up about the infrastructure that is the worst part; yes we're losing water and with a lot of these repairs that we do we'll be able to save some of those cost factors there and Mr. Paul you are correct. How much farther are we going; all of you are frustrated I got that; I'm frustrated; this is a problem that's not going to go away. That's everybody in this community has to chip in and try to solve this and that's the reason for the town hall is to educate these people and there's rumors still going on out there that people just don't know and that's the importance of the

town hall meetings and then another bench mark that Council can look at how many people come to these meetings? How many really care about these water increases? Well we're going to see when we have these town hall meetings. So again next week be prepared we start at 6:00 is that correct?"

Mr. DiLoreto – "6:00 to come to a decision how much we're going to raise them. What we're raising and for how long? Right Willie?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Then again we'll go from there."

Mr. DiLoreto – "We'll go from there."

Mr. Mavromatis – "(Inaudible) prepared next week to brief Council and then we'll go from there. Thank you."

Mr. DiLoreto – "End of program."

Mr. Villamagna – "It's not that easy though."

Mr. DiLoreto – "I know."

Mr. Villamagna – "You say end of program but..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "(All inaudible)"

Unknown – "(Inaudible)"

Mr. Villamagna – "But I agree with Willie. The meeting; the committee meeting."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay. Alright. Also signing in under miscellaneous is Mr. Petrella."

Mr. Petrella – "Yes I just had one problem. As you're aware we had a shooting last night; I was called a few minutes after the shooting and I want to commend Jim and the Police Department and all the other Law Enforcement agencies to respond quickly to it and handled the situation very professionally. So congratulations to the Police Department for their quick response; all the other agencies that assisted and the City Manager on how they handled the situation."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. Petrella. Also signing in under miscellaneous is Mr. DiLoreto."

Mr. DiLoreto – "I already gave my report."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. DiLoreto."

Mr. DiLoreto – "You're quite welcome."

Mr. Villamagna – "Mayor? I want to say something to the City Manager please."

Mayor Barilla – "Yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "Craig reminded me I had it written down and I forgot. I had an opportunity to attend a class taught by Captain Lemal and Officer Sowers and very very good class, very professional; there was 14 people in the class and they did a very very good job."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you. I'll make sure they know that."

Mr. Villamagna – "They knew what they were talking about. There was no hesitation and part of it was a self-defense class and they're skilled at what they're doing; teachers; I believe they both teach it the Captain I'm not sure though. They did a very very good job."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you."

Mr. Villamagna – "I told Sowers and Captain Lemal."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Alright thank you."

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – "We'll move onto Public Forum this evening and we do not have anyone signing in."

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