

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 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 Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, & Paul.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Sanitation Director Bob Baird, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for November 13, 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. 2018-82 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd Reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 1195.04 AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 1195.04 OF THE ZONING CODE.

NO. 2018-83 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st Reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT, RE-BIDDING, AND SALE OF THE OLD AND OBSOLETE WATER METERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

NO. 2018-84 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st Reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT, BIDDING, AND SALE OF A 1999 DODGE DURANGO SLT OF THE STEUBENVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT.

NO. 2018-85 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st Reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2009-40 SPECIFICALLY SECTION 11, SUBSECTION B TO DIRECT ALL INTEREST FROM THE WATER FUND (FUND 50), WASTEWATER FUND (FUND 51), AND THE SANITATION FUND (FUND 52) BE DIRECTED BACK INTO THOSE PARTICULAR FUNDS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mr. DiLoreto – No Report

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – No Report

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I have one. Next week on November 27th I would like to call a budget committee hearing meeting to order. Hopefully this will get us to the end of the budgets so we can start deciding what we’re going to do with it for next year 2019. We’ll start off with Mr. Baird sanitation and M & R then we’ll go with Mr. Murphy wastewater and then we’ll go with Mr. Jenkins water distribution. Okay? Dave are you still here? Okay. We’re good? (All inaudible).”

Dave Lewis – “(All inaudible) water second?”

Mr. Paul – “If you want to do it that way that’s fine.”

Mr. Paul and Dave Lewis – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Paul – “We’ll do it. Mr. Jenkins then Mr. Murphy. 5:30.”

Mayor Barilla – “5:30. Thank you Mr. Paul.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Some questions have come from Council on some of our fence projects. I talked to the contractor today. There’s a lot of construction going on and unfortunate where we fit on the meter they did do an emergency fix for us up at MLK because of the shootings we had there and a lot of these suspects that were causing crimes were cutting through the fence there. That’s been done. They did a grades job for us behind the Big Red score board where the fence came down separating the cemetery and the alley there. They fix that as grades to the City. The jobs that are left are the North end field, Belleview, and a site in the downtown area. I’m meeting with them next week to proceed with that one then also at Belleview Park at the kid land. The slats have been on backorder that’s what they’ve been waiting for that’s why that hasn’t been done. So we should have all these fixed by the end of the year according to the contractor. Same issue with the other contractor with the bathrooms down there; I was down there personally to look at it; it’s coming along it’s a matter of the fixtures being put in and that’ll be finished there for the workers down there. Tomorrow is our light up night. I’ve had several businesses inquiring about the festivities and I explained to them the actual light up of the tree will be at 6:25 tomorrow; News 9 wants to do a live broadcast and they’ll catch the last 5 minutes of their news of the day so that’s why the time is that way. We’ll have traffic blocked off on the bridge and the festivities will start. Some of the businesses are staying open tomorrow night so that’ll give a chance for everybody including Council to get a chance to go up on 4th Street to see the shops there. I was at some of them today talking with the business owners and they’re excited about tomorrow night. I want to personally thank a lot of the citizens that have contributed to this light up night tomorrow. This could not be done by the City alone. One we don’t have the financial capabilities to do it. It’s been the goodness of the hearts of our citizens that have made this happen and all of us will get to see this tomorrow when this goes on so again I appreciate that a lot of Council has stepped forward and done somethings and again that’s what it takes for a town to succeed. I will tell you I’ve had calls from a lot of different citizens wanting to know the times; they’re bringing the grandkids down; their families are coming in. We’ll have 3rd Street blocked off from Market and to where the Police cars come out there and that way there’s extra room to stand around because last year the Fort was packed it was just jammed people and it was hard to move around so this will give a little bit more freedom for the festivities tomorrow and there’s maps that are there at the Fort that shows where all the nutcrackers are for our ones that donated nutcrackers it’ll tell you where it’s placed at and that’s all I have Mayor for this evening.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “We have no one signing in under miscellaneous.”

Mr. Timmons – “I wanted to.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. Mr. Timmons.”

Mr. Timmons – “Just real quick. Jim I had sent an e-mail last week about 129 Wildon Ave. trash pickup; they requested a special trash pickup; they wanted to get it out there because of Thanksgiving and what not so I didn’t hear back on it. I just wondered what to tell them. They called down to the...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Sanitation.”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah and they didn’t get anywhere so...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Bob was there anything on the recorder at all? Because I know sometimes Tina...”

Bob Baird – “Yeah it’s not; it’s not that they didn’t get anywhere they didn’t like the answers they received.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Bob Baird – “The only option that we didn’t offer is; offer she’s welcomed to bring it down to the roll off like we’ve offered to others. She’s threaten to; you know I’ll do what I want; I’ll put it on the street because she didn’t like the answer she was given. We explained that we were in the middle of holiday collection schedules; we still have bulk collection going on and so that was our end of the; yeah she did call; she was spoken too; she was given several answers and explanations.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Bob Baird – “And she doesn’t like the time frame and she doesn’t like the answer she received and she doesn’t like the options that are available to her. So if you want us to do something other than our normal operations we will do that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “My first question would be...”

Mr. Timmons – “I’d just would’ve rather have it; you know if I could’ve got that in an e-mail something I wouldn’t of had to bring it up and then I would’ve gone back to her. That’s just my only concern because I have to get back to her.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And I understand that from Council’s stand point. What would be helpful for me and I know you get the complaints to forward me the name of the complainant and number because I’m going to make sure that they’re going to get an answer and again something gets lost each time it’s handed down and again in fairness to Council also you don’t always get the facts presented to you.”

Mr. Timmons – “I’m sure and I know how that goes.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right.”

Mr. Timmons – “There’s two sides...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I know you do.”

Mr. Timmons – “And but yeah I just sent that Friday; didn’t hear anything.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mr. Timmons – “I wanted to get back to her that’s all.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay. Thank you Bob.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “Signing in under Public Forum this evening. Before we begin Public Forum I have a few rules and regulations that I think we should follow this evening. First of all when you’re addressing Council I would wish and hope that you would address Council as a whole as opposed to an individual Council person. Secondly I would ask that we’d be respectful to one another. That’s all of us. Also I would ask that we speak in a normal tone of voice and that our comments would be limited to five minutes. So that being said first signing up to speak in Public Forum this evening is Bobbi Cash. Is Bobbi Cash (all inaudible from coughing)? Alright we have signing up Therese Nelson. We have also Mark Nelson signing in. We also have Jemma Nelson signing in. Patrick McLaughlin? Mark Recznik?”

Mark Recznik – “Present.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mark step forward then.”

Mark Recznik – “You need me to come up to the microphone?”

Mayor Barilla – “Come up to the microphone and please state your name and address.”

Mark Recznik – “Address that will be a good one. (All inaudible) So my name is Mark Recznik. My address right now is 6181 County Road 56 but it’s actually 6258 because I recently just purchased a house. Just closed on it downtown about two weeks ago so excuse the soot on my fingernails. We’ve been remodeling it. Yeah so my name is Mark Recznik and I’m actually here to talk about the work that’s being done downtown especially with First Friday’s on 4th. I was actually able to perform for First Friday’s on 4th. If you’re not familiar with it or if you haven’t had a free Friday to come down for it; it’s a festival downtown there’s music, there’s vendors, and there’s a lot of people getting to know each other. So I had a chance to perform in October and I did like maybe 20 or 30 minutes of music and I enjoyed that but I’ve also been there September, October, November and I’ve been told that there’s been some criticism about First Friday’s on 4th so I wanted to speak on not only; not really just against the criticism but more talking about First Friday’s on 4th and what it’s been able to do because I think it’s a really good thing. So there’s; I think there’s a lot of positive impact right; positive impact that First Friday’s on 4th have. The first thing being that it encourages people to come to the downtown area not simply for economic reason but for a social reason or personal reason because it can’t just be about getting jobs to open. I know that’s a really good thing it also has to be about building relationship because that’s ultimately what keeps a community together and when I came down for the first time in September I said I’ll just walk from this end to the street about one and a half blocks down and it took me an hour and a half because I kept running into people; kept having conversations. So that was really; that was something that I really found positive about it. The second thing is First Friday’s on 4th has a lot of potential for future impact and not just that but what it’s encouraging to happen downtown. I’m part of a faith community that use to meet out on the end of Lovers Lane if you ever journey out there. It’s very interesting the road is a little bit narrow so don’t take too big of a car. But we’re actually moving downtown next week. We’re moving downtown to the Sycamore Community Center and we’ve been encouraged by the work happening downtown; First Friday’s on 4th being one of them; also the Nutcracker Festival and other activities so I want to talk about that and (inaudible) I think we should be aware of ways that we can support First Friday’s on 4th. We can be talking to people about the opportunity to be downtown to get to know other people and also; also the chance to kind of learn for themselves the history of Steubenville and what Steubenville is about. My uncle said to me that his grandmother remembers when she lived in an apartment and Dean Martin lived upstairs when he was a teenager. So she say come down come on Dino sing for us you’re pretty good. We all know where that went. So I also wanted to speak on Therese behalf; so I actually graduated with Therese five years ago; me and a group of other people. I’ll wager that my friend who’s in Law School at Baylor you may or may not have heard of him. My friend who’s doing her graduate degree in Philosophy at the Catholic University of America you might not have heard of her either. You probably haven’t heard of me until tonight. I’m doing my doctorate at Duquesne for chemistry but you’ve probably heard of Therese because lord she’s not. So I find really important is that it’s not simply about what you’re doing it’s also about where you’re doing it. So I want to speak on Therese’s behalf and I’m really excited that I can share with you tonight what’s been happening in me thinking about the way that I can be engaged in downtown and also now the future we’ve seen opening up for it; for us because of First Friday’s on 4th. Thank you for listening.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you. Thank you very much. Alright we have signing in also this evening Madeline Nelson. And we also have signing in Andrew Parrish. Andrew Parrish? Please step forward and state your name and address.”

Andrew Parrish – “Yes sir. Well good evening ladies and gentlemen of the Council. This is my first time in this building and in this room. My name is Andrew Parrish. I’m not a member of the Harmonium Project. I have attended a hand full of their meetings but they’re all (inaudible) that I’ve never joined. I’m a resident of Steubenville. The (all inaudible) of our own Harmonium are not present this evening for reasons of possible liability. I know all the members I’m friends with them all. I’m here to answer what seems to have been an allegation against the Harmonium Project that I think deserves a response. The November 13th Council meeting

contains the statement the people in charge of that are I believe the Harmonium referred to as the Harmonium Project this is correct. I think they run out of possibly the Nelson's I don't know where they're actually based from that in cooperation with Therese Nelson but that's who's in charge of the Harmonium Project. This is not the case. The Harmonium Project was not begun by the Nelson Family; it was not associated with the Nelson Family and I think it's important that the City Council know who the Harmonium Project are and what our background is and our motivations for interaction with the City and motivations of the organization. It was started by a group of Franciscan graduates (inaudible) mostly because they felt that something had to be done to address the disparity between the way the campus of Franciscan University looked and felt a way about the downtown of Steubenville what they felt at the time. They thought that teachings of the religion which they followed and of the philosophers and (inaudible) and social credits and they studied compelled them to action on behalf of people who were (inaudible) in the situation it was not a guilt. They wanted to do something. They wanted to do something. And there's a remark in here it's the very next sentence; I'm (all inaudible) lately about shaking people down has been directed towards Council so if you're charging \$185.00 on a City property you might want to (inaudible). Who's shaking who? Yeah. Who's shaking who? Who's shaking who here? Are the next two lines. This is I think perhaps more derogatory in print then it was vocally. The original reference of the (inaudible) November 6th minutes there's a lot of derogatory things said on that Facebook account from an attorney about us shaking down citizens. Its nonsense we make 52 stinking hundred dollars here and we got to put up with bribery, we're stealing everything, we're idiots; well we are idiots I mean because we're here I mean. This is very familiar I think that the Harmonium Project and the City Council might be able to find some common ground here because the truth is we are desperately poor and I would like you to know on behalf of the Harmonium Project as an interested party but not a member; on behalf of my friends I would like you to know that they have never made a profit on any of the events that they have put on. In fact we have always had a short fall. I believe maybe once or twice we broke even. We've covered many of our expenses out of pocket. We've allowed bands to sleep on our couches. We use our own vehicles. We pay for food; we pay for gas; we pay for lights and the reason why we've done it is because we love this place we want to see it be great. We love the people in it. We think that all people deserve a chance to live in a place which is great and a place which is beautiful. I think that time is better spent (all inaudible from coughing) in (inaudible) goal than in these kind of remarks and we the Harmonium Project looks forward to; to working with the City. The Harmonium Project is pound to issue a statement I believe thanking the City for everything that they've done to help make First Friday's successful."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you. Thank you Andrew. Also signing in this evening is Grace Hyden. Please come forward and state your name and address."

Grace Hyden – "Hi I'm Grace Hyden and I live at 633 Lawson. Actually I just moved here about three months ago (inaudible) tomorrow will be my three months living here and I've loved it so far. (All inaudible). I'm originally from Columbus a small suburb called Westerville and funny enough we actually also have something similar to First Friday's on 4th; it's actually called Fourth Friday's so it's kind of the opposite there. Well I was really excited when I came here because I loved the hometown that I grew up in and I loved Columbus but I really wanted to you know venture out and start on my own and I had previously worked the (all inaudible) actually I'm wearing a t-shirt right now. And I just love the people; I met some really really great people who you know value the same thing as I did and just you know were looking for like finding people to start (all inaudible) and a lot of that is through campus but a lot is also through downtown and one of the big things that I love when I first came here was First Friday's on 4th. I actually I got the opportunity to work a few of them which is great because all I've ever done is babysat and house clean. So this was great I got ice cream and it was busy all night and it was so much fun. I also got to perform because I'm a former Irish dancer and so they had a group of us come down from campus and so it was really great opportunity to mix Franciscan's campus with the downtown and I just loved all the work that everyone's doing and you know specific families or just individuals that are really working to make Steubenville a great place to live and I think they did a great job with it too. I think First Friday's on 4th is one of the bigger events that has definitely drawn people from all over and really brought everyone together as a community. Also the Nutcracker Village which I have never gone too but I'm so excited for tomorrow night. I actually had the opportunity to work on some nutcrackers and just be around downtown; the coffee shop I love going there. I feel like I need (inaudible) every day. So yes on you know what Mark was saying and what Andrew is saying I guess we all just really feel that First Friday's is really important as a community to just grow Steubenville to a place that we all want it to be. So thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you. Thank you very much. I see that Kevin; is there (all inaudible). We also have Gabriel Nelson. Gabriel is not here this evening. Patrick Walters? Is Patrick Walters in the audience? Sarita Asawa? Please step forward state your name and address."

Sarita Asawa – "My name is Sarita Asawa and my address is 1120 Wellesley and (all inaudible) people here to talk about First Friday and; but talk about First Friday. I moved to Steubenville when I was a kid; I grew up here and I'm currently a home owner and I'm raising my children here too. And when I stop and I compare and contrast what Steubenville looks like when I was 13 versus what's been going on in this past year; I mean the difference is startling. There's excitement; there's things to do; people are excited to belong to Steubenville to go around town to sell; I mean vendors are down there and you walk around you know everyone and the environment is so family friendly. My favorite part about it is you walk through and it's all of Steubenville; it's not just one little section; it's people from downtown and there's people uptown and LaBelle's down there and everyone is getting along; you're meeting your neighbors and based on; I mean my mom's a vendor down there and I can say from experience the first time is free and it's a \$10.00 donation after that so it's definitely not \$185.00 for a vendor's fee. It's next to nothing. And my kids are down there and they're helping volunteer; they're learning life lessons but at the same time they're getting to know everyone and that's the kind of City I want to live in and that's the

kind of City I want my kids to grow up in and I do volunteer occasionally with the Harmonium and it's partially because I love this City and I really really want to see it succeed then; just if you have any questions for us please definitely we're always opened to answering questions (all inaudible) big event."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you. Thank you very much. And finally we have Brodie Stutzman. I don't think he's here either. Well that's a..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Jerry."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. DiLoreto"

Mr. DiLoreto – "Yes I would like to say something in a positive matter. Looking around here I think the First Friday's are the greatest thing we ever had. I can remember as a kid in the 40s coming downtown; jammed pack; I enjoyed coming downtown; (all inaudible) bath and get my hair combed. Now (all inaudible) First Friday's every Friday. I was born; raised in this town and die in this town. This is a tough town. You got to stand up to criticize and (inaudible) and keep on going ahead. This Council is part-time; they think we're God; when something goes wrong come see a Councilman and they go through the City Manager. I want to get a grass cut I got to go through him; hopefully it gets cut; if it don't get cut I'll find somebody to cut it. All we are is goffers so please don't take anything on a negative manner in this town. We're like Philadelphia we probably could (inaudible) Santa Clause. I get tired of people (inaudible) Steubenville. I was born and raised here; I'm going to die here. I love it here. It's not the same as the 40s or the 50s but it's coming back and whether you like it or not the Nelson's have done a great thing for this town and I know they're criticized and that's the way these people are. Reno Saccoccia is the greatest coach there is as long as he's winning but let somebody lose; (inaudible) coach and they want to run him out of town. Franciscan University is our greatest asset; if it wasn't for them there be no town. Once the two mills went down what do we have? Nothing. All I can see is Franciscan; I've been trying to get them to come downtown; have a little campus downtown but I've met with no cooperation from anyone. I just see that downtown have a little classrooms downtown when they come downtown and spend their money. So please let's be real positive instead of being negative and when somebody says something just rub off your shoulders. I've been called a crook and a thief and everything else; I'm a politician so I got two shoulders; have one here and it goes off there. (All inaudible) job. So start being positive a little bit and this town will never be the same but it's on its way back. This Council works very hard; we're part-timers; that's it. Part-time employees sometimes I think I'm a full-time job. I retired once. So thank you for your time and keep up the good work."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. DiLoreto. Mr. Villamagna."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah I'd like to echo Mr. DiLoreto (inaudible) too. First the First Friday's on 4th Street is a beautiful thing; the same as the Nutcracker Village has been. The Nutcracker Village; born and raised in downtown Steubenville; it's the nicest thing I have ever witnessed for a long time other than when just people were downtown all the time. You know what I mean? The Hub; I mean you couldn't even walk on the street; I mean on the sidewalk and there's some questions that Council wants answered and we're going to give them to the City Manager and he's going to meet with the Harmonium Project and get these questions answered. So when we get them set up Jim and maybe you can talk to them and get the answers that; and it's nothing derogatory or serious about it's just somethings that have to be addressed. I don't remember who said what but somebody said that somebody had made a comment about they were in charge; the Nelson's were in charge and that's not true so we don't know and we didn't know. Honestly didn't know so these are questions that; I'll get you a list Jim of certain things but we're supporters of anything that goes on in this downtown. Everybody here said about how they love it. Everybody that's in this room has been here all our life. Most of us. Scott's been here long enough he can say he's been here all his life. So we're supporters of it. Nothing derogatory was said last week and we look forward to working with each other; somebody brought that up and that's what you have to do to get the (all inaudible). And a lot of people; you don't have to love everybody but you have to get along and you have to make it work. Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Mavromatis."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Mayor if I may? Again I welcome any questions naturally that Council has but based on last week's comments that came out and other people; first of all whatever you see on Facebook you take it with a grain of salt. There's no cleansing there whatsoever. Anybody can put anything on Facebook. Especially what's said on the corners. When I grew up here if you wanted to know anything you went to the corner of 4th and Market to see what the gossip was. These are the facts. I met with Therese Nelson; I met with Dave from the Harmonium Group and these are things that I didn't even know. People that want to be a vendor there are asked to fill out a vendor agreement and the donation is \$10.00. I asked him if he ever charged anyone \$185.00 they said absolutely not. They had one vendor it was on the last one that wanted his money back because he wasn't happy with his spot; they gave him his money back; the \$10.00 and the vendor left. So again all the vendors that are out there other than the first time; they fill out the form; they pay their \$10.00 and they're given a spot there and it's first come first serve. Now if we have two hot dog vendors the first vendor that comes first is the one that gets the spot because you can't; you're not going to make any money if you got two or three vendors of the same food group. So again I have talked to Therese on numerous occasions; I've advised them on what the rules are for safety reasons; we must have room to have our fire trucks to go down there; they accepted that; they understood that completely. So again as Council has said here tonight I can clearly tell you from the comments I've received from the citizens this is exactly what the town needs. It's first Friday of every month; people can plan their vacations around it and they come there and it was successful and we didn't; to my knowledge nothing has reported to me of any issues that we had there. So that says a lot about the citizens of this town and the vendors and all the stores. I've talked to all the store owners on 4th Street that stay open they have loved it. George because I know him personally he has enjoyed staying open because of the customers that come there; this is the Greek food on 4th. The Chinese Restaurant there; you have the Nelson's shops there for coffee and ice cream whatever; again this is

what the town is all about. It starts with this building here and I'll tell you it kicks off tomorrow this is some of the greatest time starting tomorrow with this light up and I asked all of you that took the time to come down tonight; come down tomorrow night because you will thoroughly enjoy it and you will see how this town has worked together to make tomorrow night a special thing. So Mayor I hope that's answered some of the questions for Council."

Mr. Villamagna – "I'll get you a list too."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you I would appreciate that Bob. That's all Mayor."

Mayor Barilla – "Mrs. Hahn."

Mrs. Hahn – "Yeah. I just wanted to make a statement that I would say and this is probably true of all of Council but every day I get up and I think and pray about how can I fix Steubenville? How can I make it better? How can I draw more people here? You know help me draw more businesses here. You know every day we're just (inaudible from coughing) at all the different ways but we have all the different connections we have and we've gotten a lot of credit for First Friday on 4th. I can't tell you how many people come up and thank me and I keep trying to deflect it like we don't do anything but show up. It's such a joy and I feel like instead of just working on fixing Steubenville, First Friday on 4th and the Nutcracker Village are these incredible invitations to just enjoy each other and to enjoy what's happening and the fact that a hand full of more businesses are actually opening; Mr. Villamagna mentioned that someone's got plans for a deli. It's giving; it's enjoying where we are and getting people true hope that it can keep improving and so I'm very grateful for all of the efforts of the people and we're grateful to have the opportunity of hosting. I met someone who had never been to Steubenville before this last First Friday and her first comment was I can't wait to come back here. This is an amazing small town and it is. It is. We need a lot of fixing; that's what my grandfather always said; you're awesome but you need a little fixing and I feel like that's kind of how we approach the City we love and it's not just the (inaudible) of people. And so we want to collaborate with anybody of good will who wants to do more here to help strengthen marriages, strengthen families, give kids a sense of purpose and meaning and direction; help business's thrive and reach out to those who cannot lift themselves up. So I thank you for those of you here who have been involved in the Harmonium Project and in the First Friday on 4th and I'm already having people ask me when the first one is next spring. So we'll look forward to that. Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "I think I'm the oldest fellow here except for Mr. Mascio that's in the front row."

Mr. DiLoreto – "No I'm the oldest one here."

Unknowns – "(All inaudible)."

Mayor Barilla – "That's true. But I do; I would like to make a few comments. Naturally I've had a business in downtown for 50 years. We just closed in 2017 and of course I was here; Mr. Mascio; downtown was a hussle bussle place Thursday nights; Monday nights were full of people and of course those times went away and I think that what has started the revitalization of downtown as far as having people come is our summer concerts. We started that back in 2006 and we attract close to a 1,000 people every Thursday evening; family friendly concerts across the street and of course that has started; that started to turn things around for the image of us here in downtown. Then back three years ago; four years ago I traveled to Cambridge, Ohio and saw they had this dickens village; actually it's on the street; they have 96 characters of dickens; life size of their streets. So coming back from there was on a Saturday I was with my partner Judy Bratton across the way and I said what can we do in Steubenville to have this atmosphere in Steubenville because they attracted thousands of people. So anyhow the following Sunday we came up with the idea of this nutcracker. And so I talked with Mark Nelson on Monday and also Judy Bratton and so the three of us got together about this thing and so we tried it. We actually had about 35 nutcrackers the first go around. We didn't know how it was going to go it was thrown together. In fact I told Judy don't advertise this because we don't know what the hell we're doing and so we didn't and I mean we really didn't but anyway it was successful. Last year; more forward; we counted 35,000 people go through our doors at the Visitor Center and that's not counting after hours which we close of course so we figured there was an estimated of 40,000 people came to Steubenville for this Nutcracker Village. And I'm telling you they came from Cincinnati, Toledo, Cleveland, even anywhere in Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Maryland; to Steubenville. We were ranked last year 6th in the State of Ohio of the place to visit for Christmas. We came from nothing to 6th. So then of course the First Friday's come about from this same group of talking; we follow a guy by the name of Roger Brooks he's an international promoter of downtown. Roger Brooks said you need to have 250 days a year of activity in your downtown in order to turn it around. Once you get activity businesses follow. First Friday comes out of that and as you all have witnessed the number of people coming down to First Friday's; thousands of people down here and as Mrs. Hahn (inaudible) too they had; there's two shops up on fourth street that just opened up a third one might be coming along the lines so that is what we call revitalization of towns. People; business follow people so it's an honor and a pleasure to work with people the Harmonium Group, the Nelson's, to move forward this community because I'll tell you what; I mean the downtowns are a cool place to be. It's not a mall it's a downtown that's the heartbeat of our City is this downtown; we have a court house over here with a county seat. So the atmosphere is what we are looking for; family friendly; a cool place to be; a cool place to hang out; at the first the coffee shop and the bookshelf; Peter Marks with his bookshelf down there has been a great asset for us. So I wanted just to say that giving that information that we as the City are matching 100% behind anything that can promote us in a most positive way. We're never going to give up. We're never going to go down that rabbit hole. We're always going to (inaudible) put forward and be positive because we want to live on the good side of life rather than the negative side of life. So anyway I want to say again Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your family. Get some love and friendship around that table. Mr. Paul."

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor. I would like to say that back to you. Have a good thanksgiving. You and your lovely wife."

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

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