

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2019

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, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Supervisor Lisa Knight, Wastewater Superintendent Chuck Murphy, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Sanitation Director Bob Baird, Building Inspector Anthony Bodo, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for January 8, 2019. 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. 2019-1 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st 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. 2019-2 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st Reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND URBAN PROJECTS DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2019 CDBG STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO SAID CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF.

NO. 2019-3 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st Reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND URBAN PROJECTS DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2019 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RECREATION CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO SAID CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF.

NO. 2019-4 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st Reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND URBAN PROJECTS DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR PROFESSIONAL/CONSULTING SERVICES UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP), SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL SUBMISSIONS, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH THE MOST QUALIFIED SERVICE OFFEROR AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE.

NO. 2019-5 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1327.04(b) OF THE BUILDING CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2019-5. If anyone would like to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-5 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor?”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Villamagna.”

Mr. Villamagna – “If I could just explain the emergency part of it was we hired an electrical inspector. We finally got one. We got an electrical inspector so the fees that we charge; the City charges goes to the company that we had doing the inspections but now that we have our own inspections the fee that we charge will go to the City. There’s no change to the fee. They’re exactly the way they were but it has to be done in an emergency because he’s starting here (all inaudible). Thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-5 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2019-6 – BY THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE – 1st Reading

Messrs. DiLoreto, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE WATER AND WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE MOST QUALIFIED ENGINEERING CONSULTING FIRMS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE.

**NO. 2019-7 – INTRODUCED BY MRS. HAHN. SECOND BY MR. DRESSEL – 1st Reading
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-88.**

**NO. 2019-8 – INTRODUCED BY MR. VILLAMAGNA. SECOND BY MR. PAUL – 1st Reading
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION (B) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE 111.25.**

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. Two things. First off I’d like to make a motion to send a letter of support to the Chamber of Commerce for our Planning and Building Department in support of them.”

Mr. Timmons – “While we were on break. I did look up the City of Steubenville is listed as a member on the Chamber’s website. So I think you had asked about that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “If that is in fact true; this motion; I’d like to make this motion...”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “First and then.”

Mr. Timmons – “I just wanted to give you that info.”

Mr. Paul – “I second it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Motion and second by Mr. Paul.”

Mayor Barilla – “Do we need a roll call on that?”

Mr. Mastros – “Mr. Villamagna could you read the whole motion into the record. I don’t think that you read the whole motion.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay. A motion to send a letter in support of our Planning and Building Department to the Chamber of Commerce.”

Mr. Mastros – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “However...”

Mayor Barilla – “Does that take place? Do we need to vote on that this evening?”

Mr. Mastros – “Yeah if that’s a motion.”

Mr. Villamagna – “It has to be voted on.”

Mr. Mastros – “I mean you don’t have to vote on it but if you want...”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah we should vote.”

Mr. Mastros – “Action on it you got to do it tonight.”

Mr. Timmons – “Can I ask about...”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Timmons.”

Mr. Timmons – “What are we; what is; what are you concerned about with the Chamber? I don’t know what’s going on.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well what I’m concerned about is and I wish; because when I said when we were told that we weren’t a member here they; the members of the Chamber did leave. (Inaudible) contact the Chamber; if I’m clear; we contacted the Chamber and we asked for the survey and they said we couldn’t have it. Well if we’re a member; and again they left so but...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “We’re paying too into it. Aren’t we?”

Mr. Villamagna – “We’re paying.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah we’re paying yeah.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And also was said that only a select people from the City can get the survey. That’s a 100% wrong because if that’s true then I would make another motion that we withdraw from the Chamber. If we

participated in the Chamber; we'd participate. If were only participating because we pay the money then I don't think we should pay the money but unfortunately (all inaudible)."

Mr. Timmons – "Okay I just wasn't clear on what we were; okay I appreciate that."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yep."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Based on what you've said here Bob I'm assuming you're talking about the survey that the Chamber pays where people; all businesses; people they send in the responses then?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Right Jim."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Is that it? That's it?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Well let me deal with this and get an answer tomorrow."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay."

Mr. Mavromatis – "And Bob I'd figured because I do; I do get notification letters every month from them. But what I could not remember (all inaudible) because I sign off on the P.Os and I don't recall seeing any P.Os of a membership fee. But I'll verify all that."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay."

Mr. Mavromatis – "But this I can focus on if that's the survey and you did ask for a copy of it or no?"

Mr. Villamagna – "I did not ask. I'm under the impression that we did ask."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "That we did ask for a copy of the survey and we were told no that we can't get it."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "Now..."

Mr. Petrella – "I got a couple questions."

Mr. Villamagna – "If we're a member then we're a member."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Alright I'll follow up on that. Then I'll have the exact; I know what (all inaudible)."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Petrella."

Mr. Petrella – "I got a couple questions. Who from the City was denied?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Well that's why; I don't really want to; I can't tell you. This was second hand information."

Mr. Petrella – "Okay. And then if we were in Chamber or not; Mr. Lewis right? Should know that we were a member because he has to pay the bills. Correct?"

Dave Lewis – "(All inaudible) but I'll make sure I'll check for you."

Mr. Dressel – "(All inaudible) training bill."

Mr. Petrella and Mr. DiLoreto – "(Inaudible)."

Mr. Timmons – "Yeah this says that we are a member the City of Steubenville."

Mr. Villamagna – "Pardon?"

Mr. Timmons – "It says on their website we are a member the City of Steubenville."

Mr. Villamagna – "If it's updated."

Mr. Timmons – "I mean yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "I was under the impression we were but I don't want to argue (inaudible)."

Mrs. Hahn – "Let's get more facts."

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah let's get more facts."

Mr. Petrella – "Are we going to hold this then?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Well no I want the motion to send a letter of support to them regardless one way or the other so they can put that into the survey also."

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah could we include answering the survey? Because maybe we're apart (inaudible)."

Mr. Villamagna – "Well that's why I wanted it."

Mr. Dressel – "Well I would think Jim would get it. He might even have it."

Mr. Villamagna – "Well but if we're not members we're not going to get it."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Is the survey completed already?"

Mr. Dressel – "No."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Dressel – "(All inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Well let me get the answers. We'll have all the answers."

Mr. Villamagna – "But even if we did the survey I still want to send the letter."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "Of support. Yeah."

Mr. Paul – "For our building inspectors and..."

Mr. Dressel – "Right."

Mr. Villamagna – "Planning Department and they do a good job."

Mr. Paul – "Because that's what the question; that's no; what the survey was about. Are we friendly to the businesses? And that's more or less what it said in the paper."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah."

Mr. Paul – "So I want to support these..."

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah."

Mr. Paul – "These people behind me."

Mr. Villamagna – "So I have a motion and a second on the floor and then just a roll call to send the letter."

*Motion was made by Mr. Villamagna. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Villamagna – “The second thing is Jim I talked to you earlier to facilitate a meeting with the Civil Service Commission with all three members.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “They’ll get ahold of you and set it up so you guys all three will be able to attend.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Ms. Wiggins when is your next meeting?”

Dolores Wiggins – “Next Wednesday.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Next Wednesday. 10:30 to meet?”

Dolores Wiggins – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We can meet then? I’ll meet with all of you next Wednesday.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Would it be okay to meet with you next Wednesday? 10:30?”

Dolores Wiggins – “Yes. That’ll be great.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay. Thank you.”

Annie Campbell – “The 30th. Two weeks. The 30th.”

Mr. Villamagna – “The 30th.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Can that wait until then or do you want; I can make an earlier meeting which ever you’d like.”

Dolores Wiggins – “The 30th is fine.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The 30th is fine? Okay.”

Unknown – “Thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yep.”

Mr. DiLoreto – No Report

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – No Report

Mr. Paul – “I have one you’re Honor. I would like to call next Tuesday January 22nd the Finance Committee Meeting at 6:00. Okay? We’ll discuss the year-end report and I know there was discussion of maybe transferring some funds to; transferring of some money to some funds. Sewer fund, water fund; I’d like to have a discussion on that. Okay? Thank you.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay. Thank you Mayor. This weekend and again this is more for News 9; I would like for you to get out we’re expecting to get a heavy snow Saturday and Sunday. Our crews are all ready; we’re going to run two shifts; two 12 hour shifts; Mr. Baird has his men in line; our machines are ready but what I ask the citizens to do is be aware of your parking. If you can park in your driveway put the cars in there. It makes it a lot easier for cleaning our streets and getting the snow off of there. That’s what I’m asking the citizens to do that. We’re working our people Saturday and Sunday 12 hour shifts so we’re trying to get ahead of the game on this. Hopefully like anything else we may catch a breather on this but it’s like anything else we have to work together on this and again Bob with you and crews I appreciate the hours they put in and again we get everybody working together we’ll make this a lot smoother. I will tell you from the past the compliments were made by several citizens and how pleased they were with the streets but again we’re trying to get here after this heavier snow. Costa did you cover the executive?”

Mr. Mastro – “I’ll cover it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay. Costa has a request I need to brief Council on an issue in executive session. We’re getting prepared for this year. We have applications that are coming in to hire the new people we have here. Again we have to go through the normal process here.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Are we getting them (inaudible)?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We are. They’re starting to come in but again (inaudible from coughing) aware of some; these positions require a CDLs and again CDL drivers are hard to get because we’re running in competition with you know Bob especially with the oil and gas (inaudible). But there’s a lot of travel involved with that and it’s been realized by several candidates so we’re hoping (all inaudible from coughing) this to come back here. To Council there’s a medical; slight medical issue with my director; my Parks and Rec. Hopefully she’ll be here on Tuesday. Everything’s fine but again she had a tough time last night that’s why she’s not here. So again that’s all I had to report for tonight. If you have any questions our department heads are here. Please ask them. Thank you.”

Mr. Mastro – “Thank you Mr. Mayor. As Mr. Mavromatis mentioned I’m going to request that we go into executive session after public forum for pending litigation potential sale of a property.”

Mr. DiLoreto made a motion to go into executive session following public forum to discuss pending litigation. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. Six (6) ayes. Mr. Petrella stepped out of the meeting for a moment so he wasn’t able to vote. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “We had no one signing in this evening under miscellaneous.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move into Public Forum. But before we get into Public Forum I want to emphasize first of all the time limit is 5 minutes and secondly I want to make sure that when you speak here that it’s in a respectful manner and we do not address an individual personally. So if we have an issue with the Water Department we address the Water Department not the individual in the Water Department. So I want to make that very clear this evening. So signing in this evening we have two signing. First would be John Gentile. So would you please come forward Mr. Gentile if you’re here?”

Mr. Dressel – “He went out in the hall.”

Officer Scott – “John Gentile.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Redo your speech.”

Mayor Barilla – “Before you speak I want to say first while you were out in the hallway we are 5 minutes and when you address Council you address Council as a whole. You do not address names of individuals either at Council or departments so if you have an issue with the Water Department you address the Water Department as opposed to an individual in that Water Department.”

John Gentile – “Is my speech not covered under the Constitution at this point?”

Mayor Barilla – “I’m just telling you the rules that I’m laying down this evening. If that doesn’t satisfy you; you won’t speak. If you have an issue with that that’s fine with me.”

John Gentile – “So what you’re telling me is.”

Mayor Barilla – “I just told you what I told you; 5 minutes; you address Council as a whole; you do not address individuals here, department heads, or anybody that’s working for the City individually. When you did that last week I let that slide but not this week. It’s in your hands.”

John Gentile – “Well let me just say then I’m going to address the City. How about that? I find it very ironic that you guys all sit up here and you pledge allegiance to the flag but then you want to stomp on the first amendment.”

Mrs. Haley – “That’s not what he signed up for.”

John Gentile – “I’m sorry. Did I hear something?”

Mayor Barilla – “You’re supposed to be talking here about; whatever it is you’re here; your signup sheet says registration with the clerk of council prior to speaking during public forum. That’s what you signed up to speak about.”

John Gentile – “Mr. Mastros is my speech....”

Mr. Mastros – “John I don’t represent you.”

John Gentile – “Under the first amendment.”

Mr. Mastros – “I’m not going to answer your question.”

John Gentile – “I believe it is. So I think I’m just going to go ahead and speak until you guys drag me out of here and I’m going to start recording right now. I think that they’re recording right now so if you want to go ahead and do that; you go ahead and do that. But like I said I find it ironic.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Point of order Mayor. He’s out of line.”

Mayor Barilla – “The reason you signed up was to talk about registration with the clerk of council prior to speaking public forum. Is that what you wish to address this evening?”

John Gentile – “Public forum held by City officials is covered under the constitutional rights of the United States; the first amendment. I can speak and talk about whatever I want. You cannot make laws to prevent me from speaking.”

Mayor Barilla – “You’re supposed to be speaking about what you signed up for.”

John Gentile – “I’m supposed to be speaking about whatever I want because this is America.”

Mayor Barilla – “Well that’s it then. We’re not going to have you speak. Simple as that.”

John Gentile – “So I can’t exercise my rights?”

Mayor Barilla – “Not what you signed up for. It’s not what we’re talking about.”

John Gentile – “Well I didn’t sign up for the constitution. I was born into that.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay well Mr. Gentile I appreciate you coming down. I’m going to have you removed from Council.”

John Gentile – “Like I said I find it very ironic that....”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.”

John Gentile – “Like I said I find it very ironic because you’re...”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

John Gentile – “That you will.”

Mayor Barilla – “You’re welcome.”

John Gentile – “That you will.”

Mayor Barilla – “You’re welcome.”

John Gentile – “Pledge allegiance to the flag and stomp on the first amendment at the same time. I hope the news got all of that.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Have a good day.”

Mayor Barilla – “Also this evening signing in is Ms. Wiggins.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor that was resolved between...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “You’re Honor that’s been taken care of.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. Thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “You’re welcome.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright that concludes public forum. I will ask the audience to please vacate the room so we can go into executive session.”

Council Chambers were cleared for Executive Session.

Council Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

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