

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
January 29, 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 Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, & Timmons.

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, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for January 22, 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 – 3rd 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.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-1. Is there anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-1 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-1 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will take effect on February 28, 2019.

NO. 2019-2 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd 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.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-2. Is there anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-2 please come forward and state your name and address.”

John Mascio – “Question. Do we know what streets that are contemplated to be done?”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Mavromatis would know that. Mr. Dolak.”

Mike Dolak – “Yes this is the community development block grant project. It is Slack Street from State Route 7 up to Hill. Then right at the bottom of Slack there’s an entrance ramp on State Route 7 that’s called Wells and as well as Fifth Street from Market to Washington.”

John Mascio – “Thank you.”

Mrs. Hahn called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-2 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will take effect on February 28, 2019.

NO. 2019-3 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd 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.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-3. Is there anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-3 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-3 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will take effect on February 28, 2019.

NO. 2019-4 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd 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.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-4. Is there anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-4 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-4 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will take effect on February 28, 2019.

NO. 2019-6 – BY THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE – 3rd 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.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-6. Is there anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-6 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. DiLoreto called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-6 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will take effect on February 28, 2019.

**NO. 2019-7 – INTRODUCED BY MRS. HAHN. SECOND BY MR. DRESSEL – 3rd Reading
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-88.**

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-7. Is there anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-7 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I’d like to say something that I want to make sure everyone understands what this one is because just the reading of the ordinance doesn’t make it clear. I value public forum and a year ago Council decided; well it was put to a vote that we would go through a number of restrictions. It didn’t end public comment but it did restrict it and I know for some people coming to the meetings and hearing certain comments they did not have an opportunity to respond because they hadn’t gone ahead and signed up ahead of time. I think it’s really important that we welcome your comments. Privately I hope you’ll approach any one of us because we’re eager to talk to you but I want you to know that I believe we also want to hear from you. We know we aren’t the only people who have good ideas about the city; how we could move it forward. You have concerns that we need to hear. You have suggestions; ideas; things that you are doing in your community; establishing businesses and we want to hear from you and so this is a proposal to repeal the law that was put in place a year ago in December. This would; this would stop the signing up ahead of time and we would go back to public forum as it was at one time. I would state the outset one of the things that’s discouraging to most of us is we watch television is the lack of stability that we see in public discourse and this is not an (inaudible from coughing) to go back to a time where people came forward and accused maybe city workers or Councilmen of various things. This is not a time to just air your dirty laundry. We want constructive conversation. So the Mayor will use his gavel and he will stop the conversation if someone is out of line and he’s more than willing to do that. It is very important that we speak respectfully to each other and so I’m pleased to put this forward and I do want us; I want you to know if you want to comment publicly on this; this is the time to do it. Thank you.”

Ed Palombizio – “My name is Ed Palombizio. I live at 113 South Bend Blvd. and I wasn’t prepared to come comment on this but since I’m probably one of the biggest critics about it I got to get up. So (inaudible) I just want to take a little bit of history; from my understanding this was put in because the County Commissioners have a similar requirement. This is in your requirement because it’s in your City Charter. It is not what; it doesn’t control the County Commissioners. It controls how this body is supposed to function. Now there’s another provision in that Charter that says that Council can set forth how you conduct your meetings and that’s true. You decide where it’s going to be; when it’s going to be; who’s going to speak when but you cannot; that does not give you the authority to eliminate a provision expressly permitted in the Charter to allow people to approach you and speak. And the problem even with the proposed amendment is I should be able to speak at anything that’s being said at the meeting. Even if you amend this if something comes up at a meeting; I hadn’t planned on speaking and I think that what you said is wrong or offensive or whatever I should have an opportunity at that meeting during that public forum process to; are you asking?”

Mr. Dressel – “Well this isn’t an amendment. This is a repeal.”

Ed Palombizio – “So what you’re repealing is the prohibition...”

Mr. Dressel – “Assuming this passes yes.”

Ed Palombizio – “Okay well I sort of want to encourage people to vote. I guess. Like I said I wasn’t prepared to discuss this. I think you get the just of what I was saying and I just feel that even though it’s a restriction it’s a

form of censorship and a restriction is silencing. Censorship is silencing. You can't just silence 90% and not be silencing somebody. Thank you."

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. Three (3) ayes; Hahn, Dressel, Timmons. Four (4) no; Paul, Petrella, Villamagna, DiLoreto. Ordinance No. 2019-7 is defeated declared Mayor Barilla.

**NO. 2019-8 – INTRODUCED BY MR. VILLAMAGNA. SECOND BY MR. PAUL – 3rd Reading
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION (B) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE 111.25.**

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Villamagna will you wish to explain that?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Yes I would. To answer Mr. Palombizio; first of all I want to apologize for these sunglasses but I; they're on my face for a medical reason today. That being said what you said this covers; we changed it to say if you are at this meeting and there's something that's brought up in a meeting you'll be able to comment on it in the new way that we amended this."

Ed Palombizio – "(All inaudible) is it written in here like that?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Well I can't."

Ed Palombizio – "I didn't read that (all inaudible) at the time."

Mr. Villamagna – "So because it was our intention and if you were here for the last three meetings you've understand what was going on here and the Mayor does a good job of trying to get it under control but the last three meetings it was just nonsense. That's all the way around so anyway. This new amendment you don't have to register on Friday you can register on Monday up until 2:00 and you know I can't read it so that's why; and you'll be able to speak on Tuesday night if we talk about something that's here. We're talking about and Mr. Paul and you know we talked about this before and some people said we didn't let anybody do this. Well when we were going through the water problems Mr. Paul stood up and he said anybody that had any; that's at these meetings and has any questions about the water department to please feel free to come forward and talk. So our intent is not to quiet you our intent is to make the meetings orderly and conduct business and with that being said that's why the amendment. Thank you."

Mrs. Hahn – "Can I say something? Bob I know you said that was your intent so I think there's something missing in the italicized portion; what would be substituted so I wonder if you want to amend it? What it says is citizens desiring to speak at the "Public Forum" portion of the agenda must call the Clerk of Council's office by 2:00 p.m. Monday prior to the Council meeting. The individual must give the Clerk of Council his or her name, home address, and the specific subject matter on which he or she intends to speak. This rule shall not apply to any government agency nor shall it apply to the vote by Council prior to the adoption of any Ordinance or Resolution after a third reading of said Ordinance or Resolution. But to be able to address a topic in the meeting I think we might have to add that as an amendment."

Mr. Villamagna – "Well."

Mr. Paul – "You know what? I'm going to justify."

Mrs. Hahn – "It isn't how it says right now."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Paul."

Mr. Paul – "Right now we just had three readings on every one of these ordinances. You could speak at any time you want after one of these ordinances. You've had three weeks to go through these ordinances."

Unknown – "Right."

Mr. Paul – "We had an ordinance; the very first one you asked about the CDBG fund; you'd asked about that; you could speak right there. You could speak right before we voted. Okay? For three weeks we went through this. Mr. Petrella and I have always; Mr. Petrella is on board with me now and everybody else that's on Council here; we don't like emergency ordinances. Okay? For one I think emergency as Mr. Petrella alluded too last week; what's an emergency? An emergency is the health and welfare of the citizens of Steubenville. We voted on Walter Drane; we're going to do it tonight on Walter Drane's ordinances to go in our codified ordinances. That's not an emergency but we have three readings every week. You can speak anytime you want. You can sign up for public forum at 2:00. I don't see what the deal is; it's there."

Mr. Villamagna – "The way the ordinance; the amendment is written; I want it to stand the way it is and unless somebody from Council has any more questions I'll call for..."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Petrella."

Mr. Petrella – "Yeah. If you review the minutes of when you made the motion; you made the motion that you changed the time and anything germane to city business. Am I correct?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Right."

Mr. Petrella – "Why wasn't that portion in it? Because I went back and looked at the minutes."

Mr. Mastro – "Well I don't think you need to say that. I mean if they're here to speak on; if they're here to speak; here to speak on city business."

Mr. Petrella – "Okay."

Mr. Mastro – "And they can do that. They can sign up for any topic they wish."

Mr. Petrella – "I want to make sure the public has aware of it. If Bob and I are discussing a subject that's not in the ordinances in there but him and I are discussing subject and they pick up on it and there's something said that could enlighten us they should have the right to speak on it. Correct? That's germane to city business because we are now talking about it at Council."

Mr. Mastro – "I think; I think what we're doing though is talking about two different things in the sense of if you're here talking about just an ongoing project and you are just talking back and forth and someone has something that they might want to add or correct I think the chair always has the option of allowing that to occur but this is actually public forum. This is something that is not; that's not necessarily talked about that

evening but a member of the public wants to come and state; speak their mind about an issue they have with the city that's what that is for. That's what that's always been for."

Mr. Petrella – "Okay. That I understand. As long as; I want to make it perfectly clear that there's no misunderstanding. If I'm giving a report or another Council member is giving a report or the administration is giving a report or one of our department heads is giving a report and they say something and the audience picks up on it I want them to have the right to comment on what was said whether correct or need of clarification or something like that."

Mayor Barilla – "I think that's at the discretion of the chair."

Mr. Mastros – "I think that is a discretion of the chair."

Mr. Petrella – "Okay."

Mr. Mastros – "This is something..."

Mr. Petrella – "Okay."

Mr. Mastros and Mr. Petrella – (Inaudible)

Mr. Petrella – "I just want to make it perfectly clear."

Mayor Barilla – "Yes sir."

Mr. Petrella – "That he has the right."

Mr. Mastros – "I think he does."

Mr. Petrella – "To allow people to speak."

Mr. Mastros – "And he has the right not to allow people to speak."

Mr. Petrella – "Absolutely."

Mr. Mastros – "Because you go to maintain order."

Mr. Petrella – "Absolutely."

Mr. Villamagna – "And also Mr. Petrella we've had done that several times here. We've; even Mr. Mavromatis has called somebody from the audience and asked if they had a question when we were talking about something here. We've done that."

Mr. Mastros – "And remember this is their time if they want to speak on something that is before Council they get five minutes uninterrupted and the chair has a little bit of discretion if they want to go a little bit longer. So a question from the audience it can be just a quick ten second correction or questions and it's done."

Mr. Petrella – "For clarification."

Mr. Mastros – "For clarification correct. I think they're two different things I guess is what I'm trying to say.

Not one is nonexclusive of the other or one is exclusive of the other."

Mr. Petrella – "Okay I just want to make sure."

Mr. Villamagna – "Craig are you okay now?"

Mr. Petrella – "Yes sir."

Mr. Villamagna – "I call for question then."

*Mr. Villamagna called question.

Mayor Barilla – "Yes Mr. Mascio please step forward and state your name (inaudible from Mr. Mascio speaking)."

John Mascio – "567 Braybarton. I think there's a couple different things here. The way the ordinance is written it moved; it changed the time to register from 4:00 Friday to 2:00 Monday. That's all it does. So it's basically the same as it has been with the change in time in signing up to speak. The Charter gives everybody during public forum part of the Council meeting to speak about any subject pertaining to city matters with no problem. That's at the end of the meeting after all the business has been transpired and taken care of. Maybe I'm misunderstanding what Craig said or whatever but I think one of the issues that a lot of people have a problem with is; for example if Mike Dolak gives a report or Chief Capaldi or whoever (all inaudible) gives a report in (inaudible) we can't question them about their reports and this is something that we have no idea that they're going to be bringing up until they do it and now they have it and they give the report; if I want to ask a question about it; time out you didn't sign up to speak about it. They might not be here next week so that doesn't do any good to anybody here who wants to do it and I think that's the (inaudible) in what people are looking for the ability to ask questions from any department head who gives a report. Now Mayor may say go ahead and ask your question maybe he'll say no you can't ask a question. He may not be presiding it might be somebody else in there. Who knows but my feeling is that if somebody gives a report on city business we should have the right to ask some questions about it and we might have some very valid questions to ask that no one else has thought of? I think that's where the problem might be coming in here and I think that's something that you might want to consider putting into this ordinance."

Mr. Villamagna – "Well I think the Mayor just explained it that if you have that question; anything that we're talking about unless I'm misunderstanding it because we've been talking about it now for a year and we're still arguing about this. If he addresses the Mayor and says Mayor I'd like to ask a question of Mr. Jenkins; the chair is the one who is responsible for that and if you ask to address one of the Councilmen of anything we talked too and that's what Craig was alluding to unless I'm misunderstanding the whole thing is you want that to be able to have it."

Mr. Petrella – "Yes. I want dialogue between citizenry and this body and this administration."

Mr. Villamagna – "And we're all in agreement with that? So I mean..."

Mr. Paul – "Put it in the ordinance."

Mr. Villamagna – "There's a question on the floor."

Mayor Barilla – "Wait, wait, wait."

Mrs. Hahn – “Is there a reason we’re not considering amendment to this? That’s my point just to clarify or any matter that comes up in the meeting because with it not being in here; I thought that was your description. I thought that was why Craig decided...”

Mr. Villamagna – “The ordinance was written; we’ve all had the opportunity to speak; I called for a question; we either vote for it or we don’t vote for it. If we don’t then we’ll be back.”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes Mr. Mavromatis.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I think there’s clearly two things here and hopefully I can get some clarification on it. What Judge Mascio brought up is exactly correct. If you Mayor as the controller of Council allows somebody who does it properly to be recognized to comment on something that you have that ability to give it. I think what Mr. Villamagna did when he introduced this was one trying to give more time to the sign up process to go from not Friday at 4:00; from Monday at 2:00. Now what that does is that still gives us as a city administration and even Council whatever the issue is we may be able to find the answers to that person and I can clearly tell you it wasn’t stopping them. I was able to answer their questions and it saved them a trip to come down but the (inaudible) when I finish talking to them you’re more than welcomed to come down (all inaudible from coughing) time that you’ve had allotted here and the answers have been from several; he answered my question I don’t need to come down. Now that to me is clear on what was being done with this. If and Mayor I’ll defer to you on this if you have the freedom to do this as what to Mr. Mascio brought up can anybody speak on Council business here if they asked to be recognized and speak on it. If the answer is yes I think you answered your questions here but the whole issue with Mr. Villamagna; his ordinance here was extending the time and again giving us a chance as administration; if there’s nothing worse than someone coming up to stand up to ask questions and you’re not prepared for it because you could very easily get the documents that you need or the information they need to answer them properly or; or it is that’s nice that you made all these statements but we’re going to have to get back to you which this could be avoided. So I think with giving the extra amount of time because there are people that says listen this happened over the weekend or I saw something and it’s too late now they have to wait another week. But I think going to Monday at 2:00 is ample time on something that can be looked up or answered for them or it may not be but we’ll have to have an open dialogue and go from there. So that’s my only comments on them I think that’s the two issues and Judge Mascio I think you brought it up fine and again if the answer could be answered by the Mayor here then I think you’ve answered your questions.”

Mayor Barilla – “I think that we had an example that Mr. Villamagna alluded too when we had the water crisis back last year there were people who signed in to speak about the water issue but I did ask anyone in the audience that did not sign up that had an issue or comment to make concerning the water issue that they we’re welcomed to stand up and speak at that time and that’s basically how I look at it. If we’re talking about weeds or grass or whatever it is and you didn’t sign up about it and you have a concern with it you should be allowed to speak on it at the time that issue was brought up here. Wait a minute.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I don’t know what all the big (inaudible) is. We’re all City Council and we all have telephones. All these people work daylight. All you got to do is walk down to the office like I do every other day and ask a question and get an answer. Sometimes I get an answer. Sometimes I don’t. I don’t bother nobody else. I got questions I go right to them or Mavromatis. That’s it. (All inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor. I’d like to call for a point of order.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “She’s had two times to comment. The rule has; if I’m wrong; the rules are that everybody gets to comment on it two times. I called for a question on the floor.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Well I have a point of order as well and that is Costa according to Robert’s Rules of Order if an amendment is proposed is that not supposed to be discussed and whether or not it’s seconded and whether or not it’s; the legislation is amended before the vote.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I did that.”

Mrs. Hahn – “No.”

Mr. Mastros – “So your question is? I’m sorry. One more time.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “(All inaudible).”

Mrs. Hahn – “I want to amend; I want to offer an amendment to this that because this was based on what Bob had said that they; citizens can speak in public forum to an issue that was raised at that meeting.”

Mr. Mastros – “Okay?”

Mrs. Hahn – “I’m just asking for that point of clarification in here so that we have the rule clear.”

Mr. Mastros – “So you want to; what do you want to amend it to; you have to; you can propose an amendment but you have to say what that amendment is. So what would that (all inaudible from Mrs. Hahn talking).”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay so the amendment would be the individual must give the Clerk of Council his or her name, home address and the specific subject matter on which (inaudible) he or she intends to speak and then insert this at public forum someone can address an issue raised at that meeting. That’s different then speaking after the third reading and I thought that’s what you implied. It’s; I’m hearing people say yes they can do that. Craig went back and read the minutes and it’s not the way it’s written.”

Mr. Paul – “We’re talking about public forum. We’re not talking about anything that goes on anywhere like when we bring miscellaneous reports or the City Manager brings his report up or Costa brings his report. They’re asking about if you could ask questions then. Okay? Now after public forum (all inaudible from commotion). Well if you don’t know what you want to talk about when you get down here; first of all; never mind I got to watch what I got to say here because I’m going to tell you what.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Let me ask you a question. I’m confused myself. First off; Costa let me ask you a question.”

Mr. Mastros – “So to; to answer your question just process wise; you want to offer an amendment; you have to offer it; specificity what you want to amend; it has to be seconded and then it’ll have to be voted on. That’s the process.”

Mrs. Hahn – “(All inaudible) legislation.”

Mr. Mastros – “If that motion was made. Correct. That’s the process.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I mean I am moving that we add that (inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “Now I have a question Costa.”

Mr. Mastros – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay. We had public forum on this. I called for question on the motion; on the ordinance.”

Mr. Mastros – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Now did the vote go forward where we; it stalls now for this.”

Mr. Mastros – “No. I think the Mayor; once you call a question then the Mayor has to call the roll.”

Unknown – “That’s right.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yeah.”

Mrs. Hahn – “But I had already proposed.”

Mayor Barilla – “Can you; you can amend the ordinance if the ordinance is passed then you can amend the ordinance at another time. Is that correct?”

Mr. Mastros – “(All inaudible) ordinance but; but that’s not what she’s saying.”

Mayor Barilla – “I know that’s not...”

Mr. Mastros – “Right.”

Mayor Barilla – “What she’s saying but I’m just saying.”

Mr. Paul – “Why don’t we just table it?”

Mrs. Hahn – “(All inaudible) rules which is (all inaudible).”

Mr. DiLoreto – “No we’re not going to table it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Here’s the thing that interest me and I got to say it. We had; we; this is the third reading on this and everybody sat here quietly and said nothing. Now the night we’re going to vote we got this. This Council meeting; people come here; it’s not just like I’m riding around let me stop down and see what they’re doing so I can talk. Nobody has ever stifled anybody to talk. Nobody has ever stopped anybody from talking here. With that being said we had three readings; three weeks everybody say quiet and said nothing. Everybody was okay with it. Now the night of the vote we got 40 questions on what we’re going to do. If we have to table this but I don’t see; I was always under the impression and I might be wrong; I might be wrong; I brought it up we had a question on it; we had conversation/dialogue on it; I made the question.”

Mayor Barilla – “Do we have a second on this ordinance?”

Mr. Paul – “Second.”

Mrs. Hahn – “No second on it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We had second on it. Willie already second it.”

Mrs. Hahn – “(All inaudible) the amendment.”

Mayor and Mrs. Hahn – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Paul – “(Inaudible) second the amendment.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So.”

Mayor Barilla – “So I would suggest that if there’s a second on the ordinance that we go ahead and vote on it. So you want to bring up (all inaudible from Mrs. Hahn speaking).”

Mrs. Hahn – “That’s not following; unless someone understands Robert’s Rules better than I do. We have to talk about the amendment if it’s second.”

Mr. Mastros – “You don’t have to...”

Dom Mucci – “No.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Mucci could...”

Mayor and Mr. Mastros – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Mastros – “Your motion has not been; your amendment has not been seconded by anyone.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay. Is anyone going to second the amendment?”

Mr. Dressel – “And the amendment is to clarify that people can speak (all inaudible from Mrs. Hahn speaking).”

Mrs. Hahn – “About a topic that was brought up during the meeting.”

Mr. Dressel – “Well I’ll second it.”

*Mr. Dressel second Mrs. Hahn motion for the amendment.

Mr. Villamagna – “So now we got three readings on this too now?”

Few people all talking at once – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Mastros – “Vote on that amendment.”

Mrs. Hahn – “If it’s not in; if it’s not in there (all inaudible)”

Mr. Dressel – “(Inaudible)”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well let’s vote on the amendment. Let vote on it then.”

Mr. Paul – “(All inaudible).”

Few people – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Paul – “Vote on the amendment.”

Mayor Barilla – “It’s been moved and second that the amendment to Ordinance No. 2019-8 be approved by roll call.” Roll Call. Four (4) ayes; Dressel, Hahn, Petrella, Timmons. Three (3) no; Villamagna, DiLoreto, Paul. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – “Now we move onto voting on the ordinance.”

Mr. Petrella – “Correct.”

Mayor Barilla – “That has already been second.”

Mr. Timmons – “As amended.”

Mr. Petrella – “As amended.”

Mayor Barilla – “As amended. Thank you.”

Dom Mucci – “Can you have the clerk read the amendment so we know what’s going to be in the ordinance? I don’t know either.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I don’t know either.”

Mr. Dressel – “(All inaudible)”

Dom Mucci – “Just one point of order Mayor. When question is called that is for immediate vote and we know let it go on. Now there is an amendment to amend the ordinance. It did finally receive the second but the time lapse it should’ve died for a lack of a second if you go by Robert’s Rules of Order. However you are now in this position where you voted on an amendment and it’s not clear what the amendment is for the ordinance. The clerk should be reading the amendment now. So the language should be incorporated into the ordinance.”

Mayor Barilla – “So Mrs. Hahn do you have the…”

Mrs. Hahn – “Did you write it down Costa?”

Mr. Mastros – “No I did not.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Could you read it back to me? Do you have the ability to go back?”

Mrs. Haley – “Not without messing with the recording no.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay. I believe it was an individual can address any topic raised in that meeting.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah.”

Mr. Mastros – “Is that assuming that they have signed up?”

Mr. Dressel – “No.”

Mrs. Hahn – “No.”

Mr. Mastros – “So now it’s just.”

Mr. Paul – “(Inaudible) anytime they want.”

Mr. Mastros and Mrs. Hahn – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Paul – “Anytime they want.”

Unknown – “(Inaudible)”

Mrs. Hahn – “No not anytime.”

Mr. Paul – “Why don’t you run for Council?”

Mrs. Hahn – “(All inaudible) public forum.”

Mr. Paul – “There I said it.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I would just like to know what I’m voting for.”

Mr. Mastros – “So wait you’re saying that anybody can; there’s no sign up anymore. If you just want to stand up…”

Mr. Petrella – “No that’s not what she’s saying.”

Mrs. Hahn – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Mastros – “But if you can speak at a meeting…”

Mayor Barilla – “On anything.”

Mr. Mastros – “On anything.”

Mr. Petrella – “No.”

Mr. Mastros – “That night.”

Mrs. Hahn – “No.”

Mr. Petrella – “No.”

Mr. Mastros – “That’s what I don’t understand.”

Mr. Petrella – “It’s speaking on something germane that’s said at City Council.”

Mr. Dressel – “That evening.”

Mr. Petrella – “If we’re talking about the water that night they have a right to comment on that and that if we talked about the Fire Department they have a right to talk about the Fire Department. If we’re talking about streets they have a right to talk about streets.”

Mr. Paul – “At public forum? (Inaudible) public forum they can talk about it now?”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah.”

Mr. Paul – “No.”

Mr. Petrella – “If it’s discussed here. If we bring it up and we discuss it and they have questions…”

Mr. Paul – “Later on in public forum they can bring it up? They can’t bring it up at that time? Like right now? No that’s what we’re saying. That’s what they’re saying.”

Mrs. Hahn – “The Mayor would call (inaudible).”

Mayor Barilla – “So.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “The blind leading the blind.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Let me say it again.”

Mrs. Haley – “Mayor Barilla may I say something?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes.”

Mrs. Haley – “The way that it is its two separate things. That ordinance has to do with public forum like they said. Now if you; like how we were talking about this or say how we were talking about Canary Street the one

time and that gentleman came down and said his peace about what he thought and you allowed a couple of the neighbors that you knew lived by Canary Street.”

Mayor Barilla – “Correct.”

Mrs. Haley – “You called on them to speak and they didn’t sing up; nothing.”

Mayor Barilla – “Right.”

Mrs. Haley – “That’s what you’re saying correct?”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes.”

Mrs. Haley – “So that has nothing to do with that public forum part; the signing up. It’s basically saying that they were talking about Canary Street; you saw somebody in the audience that lived by Canary Street and it was your call. So I don’t think you need to add something like that to it because it has nothing to do with public forum. It’s basically your call.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay.”

Mrs. Haley – “Like that person speak on it.”

Mr. Mastros – “Why are we putting that language in the public forum when we just went over that the Mayor has the digression to allow anybody.”

Mrs. Haley – “Exactly.”

Mr. Mastros – “To do that (inaudible).”

Mrs. Hahn – “Because I want it clarified. So that someone doesn’t say point of order and have people sit down because they did not sign up for that topic so that’s why we inserted this sentence.”

Unknown – “Right.”

Mrs. Hahn – “An individual can address any topic brought up at that meeting. That’s what Craig had been told. That’s what he had read in the minutes. That was the description and that’s what we voted on.”

Mrs. Haley – “We didn’t get to vote on the other one first. We voted on the amendment first.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Right.”

Mrs. Haley – “So that’s what was unfair for Mr. Villamagna because we didn’t even get to do his vote.”

Mrs. Hahn – “No we’re doing that now.”

Mrs. Haley – “But we did the amendment first.”

Mr. Dressel – “We have to do the amendment first.”

Mrs. Hahn – “We have to do the amendment first.”

Mrs. Haley – “Mucci just said it.”

Mayor Barilla – “He just did.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah.”

Mrs. Haley – “Mucci just said it.”

Mrs. Hahn – “We’re ready to vote on the entire thing.”

Dr. Dressel – “Now we’re ready to vote on it as amended. So call it. I’ll call a question.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Wait we got a Law Director Costa.”

Mr. Mastros – “I’m not understanding.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I’m confused.”

Mr. Mastros – “I’m really confused.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “If you’re confused I’m confused.”

Mr. Timmons – “This is embarrassing.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Embarrassing.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Very embarrassing.”

Mr. Mastros – “At what point is this; they get to speak on any topic if; if at the digression of the Chairman? The meeting or is it they can’t; if there’s something they hear at the meeting whether if they signed up or not they can come up at the end of the meeting during public forum and say what they want? I’m not understanding what the amendment is.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And if anybody thinks I’m wrong saying this just tell me because if I understand it; which the Mayor addressed and said that he would let anybody talk that addressed the Mayor and had a question about anything that we talked too.”

Mayor Barilla – “That’s correct. Anything that portent to this.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So they want that in writing because we don’t trust Jerry. Brings (all inaudible) to it. That’s what we want. We want it in writing that; unless am I wrong at this because I don’t know three weeks wasn’t a whole lot of time to prepare for this ordinance.”

Mayor Barilla – “I’m going to ask Chief Capaldi. Chief?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “He put his hand up. He probably got more knowledge than anyone.”

Carlo Capaldi – “Just sitting here listening basically what the amendment is; is the ordinance is public forum the time to sign up goes to Monday at two.”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes.”

Carlo Capaldi – “You want to sign up to talk about something you have until Monday at two. The amendment is that night is something comes up at the Council Meeting I’m allowed to speak on it at public forum even though I didn’t sign up. That’s what the amendment is. That’s how I understand it.”

Few people – “(All inaudible)”

Carlo Capaldi – “So that’s the amendment.”

Mr. Mastros – “So then there’s no…”

Mr. Petrella – “Thank you Chief,”
Mr. Mastros – “There’s no sign up requirement then.”
Carlo Capaldi – “No. No. No there’s still a sign up.”
Few people – “(All inaudible).”
Mr. Mastros – “I don’t see that. I don’t see that.”
Carlo Capaldi – “The sign up is...”
Mr. DiLoreto – “If anyone can talk why have an ordinance?”
Mr. Mastros – “(Inaudible)”
Few people – “(All inaudible).”
Mayor Barilla – “Wait. Wait. Wait.”
Carlo Capaldi – “The amendment is for; you guys were talking about something; I want to make a comment but since I didn’t sign up I can’t talk about it in public forum. Now what you guys said earlier I could raise my hand and say Mayor I want to make a comment.”
Mayor Barilla – “Yes.”
Carlo Capaldi – “This; the amendment says during public forum I can ask a question about something you were talking about tonight even though I didn’t sign up. Other than that I have to sign up to talk about anything else.”
Mr. Mastros – “Right. I get it.”
Mayor Barilla – “But she’s saying I need a topic.”
Carlo Capaldi – “Any topic that was brought up at that meeting.”
Few people – “(All inaudible)”
Mrs. Hahn and Capaldi – “(All inaudible)”
Mrs. Hahn – “At that meeting (all inaudible from Mr. Dressel speaking).”
Mr. Dressel – “It is. That is the amendment.”
Mrs. Hahn – “(All inaudible) at that meeting.”
Carlo Capaldi – “So sorry to butt in but that’s what I heard.”
Mr. Mastros – “I get it.”
Mrs. Hahn – “(All inaudible)”
Mr. Petrella – “Thank you Chief.”
Mr. DiLoreto – “Thank you Chief.”
Mr. Villamagna – “Read the amendment. I mean read the ordinance that we’re going to vote on then I guess.”
Mr. Mastros – “We have to hear it.”

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

Mrs. Haley – “Well I’m going to say as amended. Ordinance No. 2019-8 as amended – Ordinance amending section (B) of the codified ordinance 111.25.”
Mrs. Hahn – “As amended.”
Mrs. Haley – “I said that. In the beginning. 2019-8 as amended – An ordinance amending section (B) of codified ordinance 111.25.”
Mayor Barilla – “Is there a second to that?”
Mr. Dressel – “It wouldn’t be on the list if (all inaudible from someone else talking).”
Mr. Petrella – “(All inaudible).”
Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-8 – as amended is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will go into effect February 28, 2019.

NO. 2019-9 –BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 191 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY
OF STEUBENVILLE REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX.**

Mr. Mastros – “Mr. Mayor?”
Mayor Barilla – “Yes?”
Mr. Mastros – “Before you read 2019-9 I’m going to ask Council to table it at least one week. We had asked for clarification after I sent out the e-mail last weekend from RITA regarding some language that RITA gave us. We reached out to them; I had my assistant reach out to them; prepare the ordinance; they have not gotten back to me, Mr. Lewis, anybody. I don’t want to go forward until we have the language correct. So I’m asking that we table this just one week.”
Mr. Petrella made a motion to table Ordinance No. 2019-9 for one week. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2019-10 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 27TH – FEBRUARY 2, 2019 AS
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK.**

Mr. Paul made motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-10 by roll call. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2019-10 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2019-11 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

Mrs. Haley – “Resolution No. 2019-11. A Resolution proclaiming the month of February 2019 as Black History Month. Whereas, each year beginning on February 1, an entire month of events are planned nationwide honoring the history and contributions of African Americans; and whereas, the theme for Black History Month in 2019 is “BLACK MIGRATIONS” honoring African Americans in motion – as they moved from the farm to the cities, and from poverty to the national stage in business, politics, literature and the arts; and whereas, BLACK MIGRATIONS emphasizes the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities; and whereas, while inclusive of earlier centuries, this theme focuses especially on the twentieth century through today; and whereas, beginning in the early decades of the twentieth century, African American migration patterns included relocation from southern farms to southern cities; from the South to the Northeast, Midwest, and West; from the Caribbean to US cities as well as to migrant labor farms; and the emigration of noted African Americans to Africa and to European cities, such as Paris and London, after the end of World War I and World War II; and whereas, such migrations resulted in a more diverse and stratified interracial and intra-racial urban population amid a changing social milieu, such as the rise of the Garvey movement in New York, Detroit, and New Orleans; the emergence of both black industrial workers and black entrepreneurs; the growing number and variety of urban churches and new religions; new music forms like ragtime, blues and jazz; white backlash as in the Red Summer of 1919; the blossoming of visual and literary arts, as in New York, Washington, D.C., Chicago and Paris in the 1920s; and whereas, the theme BLACK MIGRATIONS equally lends itself to the exploration of the century’s later decades from spatial and social perspectives, with attention to “new” African Americans because of the burgeoning African and Caribbean population in the US; Northern African Americans’ return to the South; racial suburbanization; inner-city hyper ghettoization; health and environment; civil rights and protest activism; electoral politics; mass incarceration and dynamic cultural production. 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 the month of February 2019 as Black History Month throughout the City of Steubenville. Section 2: That this Council does hereby call upon all the citizens of the City of Steubenville to observe Black History Month and to participate in appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities. 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. 2019-11 by roll call. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2019-11 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Villamagna; Ms. Wiggins would you like to come forward and accept this? Mr. Villamagna do you want to present this to her?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Dolores it’s an honor to present this to you again. Almost all my adult life; a person who has fought more for civil rights for all people; I don’t know anybody who has fought harder than you. I’ve been involved with; I was on the Police Department (inaudible) couple cases and I saw you actually defend people and also I saw you put people who were wrong in their place and you never once were bias with white; black. So you always stuck up for the right and I know in the future you will and I’m proud and honored to call you my friend and (all inaudible).”

Dolores Wiggins – “Thank you so much Mr. Villamagna. Craig I thought you was going to be up here.”

Mr. Petrella – “(Inaudible)”

Dolores Wiggins – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Oh you didn’t want me?”

Dolores Wiggins – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Petrella – “That’s because I’m her council person.”

Dolores Wiggins – “There’s a lot to say; to our City Manager; to Costa; I’ve known them a long time and (inaudible) Honorable Mayor; (inaudible) and to everyone here; first I would like to say Civil Rights belong to all people. Everyone before us (all inaudible). It doesn’t matter what color you are. Where you come from or if you are African American or Caucasian. The fact that you live down in the projects; it doesn’t matter. Everyone here (inaudible) civil rights. I’d like to say that on some count that you do honor African Americans. (All inaudible) observing American History and Black History is a part of it. It’s very important to know where we come from. Very important and I know exactly where we come from. Slavery ended in 1619. Then came the proclamation was signed 1865. The Civil Rights bill was passed in 1964 by President Johnson. I’m proud of that. Although it seems like he wasn’t never here and I thank god for Martin Luther King Jr. He came alive at the modern day of Civil Rights. He fought the good fight and we’re still fighting. We’re still fighting. I thank god every day that (all inaudible) Renee, Trey, all of us especially the children. Teach our children where we come from. Thank you so much.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Ms. Wiggins.”

NO. 2019-12 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2019-12. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-12 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-12 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. It will take effect immediately.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor thank you. One thing I’d like to address; you were also there; the Americans for Prosperity that we attended on Saturday.”

Mayor Barilla – “Yeah.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And several of the Council were there and it was a nice; beautiful; young people that got together and they had some interesting thoughts on how to move forward not just in the city but the county and also in their personal lives. It was an interesting discussion and it was nice to see some young people involved and Ron Ferguson who was the coordinator of it he did an excellent job. (All inaudible) he was a fine young man was trying to make a difference. So that’s all on that Mayor. The second thing Judge Mascio brought up that he wanted to maybe have us go into executive session to discuss that new employee but unless Council has a reason to go into executive session. All it is; is a replace the person who; who he already has on the books the job is already there. So I don’t see; if anybody has any objections Mr. Mavromatis just tell him to hire; hire the person. Unless someone wants to go into executive session to talk about it but I don’t see any need. Everybody in agreement with that? Okay then the building he also requested the building; (all inaudible) since he was a little kid right? So he called me the first time; I said don’t take this the right way but you’re like a little mouse I said you’re trying to build a little nest in there and then we can’t get you out of there and he laughed. He said well you’re right that’s what I tried to do but I explained to him that the building is not even empty yet so let’s just get it emptied and we’re going to have to; Dave Lewis alluded to it last week we’re going to have to do some work to the building before we even consider anything else. So let’s get it empty and then we’ll weigh what we want to do with the building but when I brought up about the economic development part of that building and I gave; I envisioned something like Centre Market down Wheeling. When I said that I got a call from a guy who wants to put a little fish thing in there like Centre Market has so it’s just something to look at and it’s going to be down the road and there’s going to be some money involved so like Dave alluded too; I’ll beat the dead horse we’re going to have to put some money into the building. Then the last thing is I attended the Port Authority meeting which I thought was great then I thought there was some dialogue. There was some mention of our membership there and I think the time has come for the City of Steubenville to do away with the four members of the Port Authority. I think it’s fair to the whole area and at one time Steubenville was in control of everything and we had that smug attitude that we was the boss and we were the big shot and maybe we were. We had the steel mills booming that had the tax base and we had 38,000 people here and it’s just not the case now and for us to survive at the metropolitan area not just the Steubenville area but as a Jefferson County area I think it needs to be; everybody has to be on the same team. We have to be on the same team to make this work not just Steubenville, not just Wintersville, not just Toronto, and not just Mingo, and not just Jefferson County. So I contacted the Mayor of Toronto and he seems on board with it. He’d like to maybe address having a seat on the board and I contacted some Council; I tried to contact the Mayor of Wintersville and I tried to contact the Mayor of Mingo but I have not got calls back from them but I did address it to a few Councilmen and their also of the same mind. They think that’s a good idea (all inaudible from sneezing). Together; put the past behind us because we’ve had arguments with them. They’ve had arguments with us and put the past behind us and try to move forward so. I just wanted to let you know that I did initiate those calls to see and then it’s up to the Port Authority and; to determine whether they want to have these people and then determine the fair amount to pay for each person but I think it’s a good idea if Wintersville, Toronto, and Mingo and Steubenville we’re all represented equally. So that’s basically all I had.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah I got one ordinance and then I’ll follow up on Bob Villamagna. An ordinance granting an easement to Columbia Gas of Ohio for the purpose of installing and maintain a new gas pipeline to service the residences in the Buena Vista area. So we can get some new gas lines back there and I’ll make mine short. I also attended that meeting with Mr. Villamagna with the Authority I had no problems either of getting rid of some of our people and we also talked about the money that each committee gives. We give \$25,000 a year; some of us want to give \$50,000; some of the other committees I’m not going to mention any names; don’t give anything or \$1,000 so I think all the money should be allocated according to population. And I would also like to thank Congressman Brown for giving us money for our water department. I wish we could get some money from our Congressman.”

Mr. Petrella – “Senator.

Mr. DiLoreto – “The Senator I’m sorry.”

Mr. Petrella – “Senator Brown.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “(All inaudible) and I think the rules that we established down there at the Authority; we’re going to try to help that Steubenville Trucking Co. expand. They need more space down there and there’s a lot of empty lots down there. They’re going to try to get that property down there and also find someone who would go in that bus station. It’s been a white elephant for the past ten years. I’ve went all the way from the Congressman all the way down to the City but no cooperation so hopefully we can get those two establishments under control. Maybe (all inaudible) maybe we’ll hopefully save the new cathedral but don’t hold your breath. Thank you.”

Mr. Dressel – No report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah I have a couple things. First of all I want to (all inaudible) to the department heads. You know we spent so many hours and so many meetings working with you know the water and sewer and then

working on the budget and we just sort of passed all budget and went right into more things and then the first meetings of the year you've done the same thing; I just want to press the pause button for a moment and say thank you. Dave told us last week every department came in under budget. I know for years you've had to work with fewer people. We were able to restore some of those positions and I'm just really grateful and I really have that (inaudible from coughing) that it's real team work. We aren't the only ones watching the budget and trying to see how we can make this work. You're real partners with us in it and I'm deeply; deeply grateful and I hope that the people in the city will realize this you've done more with us and so when we see that surplus we do want to have ideas of how we can be real live (inaudible) about that. I'm glad we have until April to think about it but I'm very; very grateful to feel like we're not just the brakes and you're pushing on the gas pedal. We're really trying to do this together and so I appreciate it. And along those lines Lori has been applying for many grants and just got word that Dick's Sporting Goods is going to give us \$300.00 toward our fishing day; our first meet me at the marina event this summer. They're also going to give us a banner we can display to advertise for them and they'll give us coupons that are 20% off their products so we really appreciate their partnership in being able to purchase fishing poles and it's the one weekend Ohio doesn't require a fishing license so it'll be May 4th down at the marina and we really hope that you'll come and you know bring people. If you've never fished; come and we'll have poles there. If you're an accomplished fisherman maybe you can come down and help instruct and so anyway I'm really; really pleased and I think that we need some more good announcements because of how many grants that she's applied for. And under economic development I just want to mention the Chamber of Commerce is doing their investor event out at St. Florian Hall on February 6 from 5:00 to 7:00. If you have a business and you haven't signed up you have until Friday to sign up and then if you just want to attend its \$15.00 but it might be very interesting to see what the businesses that are coming here. Some (inaudible) well established and we know and others are less (inaudible) or just moving into our area. And finally tomorrow is the Faith in the Future luncheon; County Commissioner Tom Gentile is going to share and it will be at the St. Joseph Center at Franciscan University. So it's not too late even though it might give him a little bit of a panic if there are a lot of people that sign up tomorrow but it's \$5.00 it's just a donation for a good lunch and a nice time together. We really start in (all inaudible). Thank you very much."

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor I have two under Finance. First one is an ordinance authorizing and directing the city manager to advertise for professional engineering and/or design services for the City of Steubenville security cameras and wireless backhaul project, subject to the right to reject any and all proposals, authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with the most qualified engineering or design consulting firms and authorizing payment of the same. That's in our Police security cameras the contract will be up in; with Southeast security corporation will be up in May. So we need to start getting bids out for a new provider. Okay? The second one is under finance also is an ordinance repealing the existing Table of Organization of the City of Steubenville, Ohio and now enacting a Table of Organization for all employees of the city. That's the 2.2%. Alright thank you."

Mr. Petrella – No report

Mr. Timmons – No report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you Mayor. Start off with a very good news thing; as I mentioned last week I signed the documents today for the ARC grant of \$250,000.00 so right now it's in its process (all inaudible from coughing). The other news it just came in and this involves a \$925,000.00 grant; back in last October; city people went up for the meeting; it was a small community environmental infrastructure group SCEIG meeting in October. Based on that and the request that we had made the United States Army Core of Engineers gave us a grant for \$925,000 that we can apply towards our wastewater issues here. This is quite significant when one we have approximately a 7.6 million dollars and Ohio EPA is giving us a loan for 3.5 million and then again along with this other million so this is all being added here. So what you clearly see here that not only the Ohio EPA but OMEGA, HDR, are all instrumental in getting this for us. So there is a lot of people out there and again these are things that are done behind the scenes that the public wouldn't have any knowledge of so I try to bring these things out to show one Ohio EPA is working with us. They know the dilemma that we face here in this Ohio Valley; what Steubenville faces here. HDR has done a remarkable job for us and naturally OMEGA has always looked out for us as long as other cities in this area here. So again I wanted Council to know this. Things are progressing to the positive it isn't always negative but again having this dialogue. Also this week we had an hour and a half phone conversation with our attorney in Cincinnati this has to deal with the consent decree. We sent a second amendment to that consent decree; they sent back what they would like to do so we're working on trying to iron this out; time is the biggest thing. If I had a magic button I could press to give us all the money then we could start working on this. It's going to take time and it's going to take money but again as long as we can show the Ohio EPA that we are trying to meet these deficiency that we have here but we need the time thing that we can work with here. So this is all progressing then. I gave each and every one of you a copy of our bulk pickup. Last year for 18 504 tons were picked up and this is between the spring and fall so you have that. I also gave you an interesting article that was brought to my attention from the Franciscan. This is a magazine and they did an interview and an article on our First Fridays and it clearly shows the positive impact that these First Fridays (inaudible) so I gave a copy to all of you to look at that. We received a letter; myself and the Mayor and this is from the Harmonium Project and this has to deal with First Fridays and these are the schedules and we're

going to set up a meeting with them. It's again more energetic this coming year because it was a success and we're getting the answers we need and they'll be briefed on what they need to do for the city but the bottom line is the city will be working with them to make this another successful year. Next week I'm going to brief Council on our 2018 performance of our departments so you'll have an idea of what were the conflicts last year and I'll have a copy for all of you to look at and this will be a good idea of what was accomplished then in 2018 and Mayor that's all I have for this evening."

Mr. Mastros – No report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – "Next on the agenda is miscellaneous reports and signing in this evening we have two Mr. Paul and Mr. Petrella. Mr. Paul."

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor. I received a phone call the past two weekends; is Chris here? We have a conserved neighborhood up on Whitehaven; a house and this is in that conserved neighborhood 2901 Whitehaven. The lady lives in Madison, Virginia what I think is she has bought this home; if you know where I'm talking about it has the big stones in front of the house; I mean big stones in front of the house. I think it use to be the carpet guy; we all know who that is and I think this lady bought it off of him and I think she's letting her son live there and I think his friends from Franciscan are staying there. For one the street that comes down over the hill is Wilma; it's a steep hill and it's a one way street; it's a one way street downward. Alright? Numerous times people are coming up the one way that's not your fault and that's not your concern. I want to know if this 2901 Whitehaven has applied for a \$25.00 rental property fee. Can you check that for me?"

Chris Petrossi – "Yes I will."

Mr. Paul – "Okay. The concern is the gentleman on top on Braybarton who lives up; the house I'm talking in question is down on the right; the hill goes down and the question is the guy; the gentleman that lives on top of the hill on the left he has an area where you can park some cars. He has a tandem garage; a tandem garage is where you can park two cars together; I have the same thing it's a pain. He clears out that area by his house and then these students are parking their car there; it's different cars from Ohio, there's a car from Illinois so I know it's not all of the same resident and a couple times he has a hard time backing out of his driveway to let his wife get her car out and on numerous occasions where I'm getting back to the one way people are coming up the hill one way and almost hit this gentleman as he's backing out then they give him the dirty look. He said I'm backing out of my driveway and he's coming up over the hill. So but that would be something the Chief would have to watch there but I mean can you check on his house for me to see if she issues a rental registration. And also the question was brought up by this gentleman who lives on Braybarton; is there any way we can put some kind of no parking like we have on Wilma? There's no signs and I can't remember what the sign states; no parking pass this plane; something similar to that. I'll go check what the sign says on Wilma. Is there some way we could put a sign here because he shoveled this out the other day; he took his snow blower out; went in; took a shower and came back and these cars are parked here and he became very angry and it was a very angry text messages I got from the gentleman and he apologized to me two times but I understand his point. If he's going to clean this out you know he is retired; I know he worked hard to get this area cleaned out and someone comes up and parks there. It was a Saturday night so they're probably having a little get together and I can understand I mean I'm not condemning what goes on. I just; I have a compassion for the man but I know he's having some problems there and he's; two weeks in a row now he's texted me. So if you can check it for me please. Thank you. Thank you I appreciate that. Thank you you're Honor I'm done."

Mr. Petrella – "Yes you're Honor. I don't actually know which committee this is going to fall under but last year we was talking about the garbage dump; the dumpsters; the cans; whoever's committee that is I don't know."

Mr. Dressel – "Utility."

Mr. Petrella – "Utility? Yonk utilities."

Mr. DiLoreto – "I got you. Okay when do you want to have it?"

Mr. Petrella – "We need a committee but I think we need..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Some facts."

Mr. Petrella – "Some information on what we'll like to do with that ordinance. Getting some information Jim on dumpsters; who has dumpsters? How many is there? What's the revenue that possibly generate? What is the cost? So on so forth. We talked about various topics on the second can for people that purchase second can as a rental so on and so forth. I think there has to be discussion among all members of Council on what direction we're going with that also."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Get all the facts."

Mr. Petrella – "All the facts. You get the facts. You get the facts and we'll do the discussion. How's that?"

Mr. DiLoreto – "(Inaudible)"

Mr. Petrella – "That's all you're Honor."

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move onto Public Forum but before we begin Public Forum I have a few recommendations. I was guilty of one of these or several of these. From now on you have to have public forum conduct ourselves as Mrs. Hahn said earlier in a respectful and civil manner. The time alluded to speaking is five minutes and we ask that you address the Chair and Council as a whole. Also we would ask that you refrain from referring to individuals by name instead address Council as a whole or may be the various departments such as the Recreation Department, the Building department, the Water department. We’re here to conduct city business not to address personal issues or attack some personal members of Council or City Employees. If we have an issue with the person associated with the City please contact the City Manager to arrange a meeting with him to discuss the matter. So as I said I violated some of these and I also hope from now on that when we have public forum its handle in a proper civil manner. So having said that I’m going to ask Mr. Palombizio who signed up to step forward and state your name and address. But before he speaks I want to; I’ve mentioned him before Council he’s been here several times and I have to commend him that he’s handled himself quite well here at Council. I respect how you handle yourself here and how you respect us.”

Ed Palombizio – “Thank you. Ed Palombizio 113 South Bend Blvd. It has been three months since water bills have been increased – to pay for repairs to the water/sewer system; a little history. Rates had to be increased because the current sewer and water systems have a number of major deficiencies that adversely affect both the residents and the environment and if unaddressed will lead to adverse health concerns in the future. The city developed a comprehensive multiyear plan to correct all known deficiencies in a timely manner. In order to pay for the repair work the city developed a multiyear financing plan. The financing plan is based on a series of water/sewer rate increases and surcharges over the next several years. The first increase was effective last November just as heating bills were increasing and before Christmas. The second is to be effective April 2019. The third is to be effective November 2019 and subsequent increases effective November of each following year. The amount of each rate increase was the subject of considerable debate because it has to be affordable to current residents and businesses in order to prevent a reduction in the customer base. If customers leave, financing the repair work as well as the future of the city is jeopardized. The median household income for Steubenville residents is approximately \$33,400. To put this in context in a 2016 listing to median household income for 247 cities in Ohio, Steubenville ranks 225. There was also the concern that these rate increases would trigger delinquencies for elderly with limited incomes and who had always been current in the past. As previously stated the first increase was implemented three months ago and the next increase is due to be implemented in three months. The residents have received three bills. Now would be a good time to determine the effect that the first increase has had on delinquencies in general, causing first time delinquencies especially among the elderly, and a reduction in the customer base. It would be good to know this information now before any problems or potential problems would be exacerbated by the April rate increase. So I have three questions and if you can’t answer them now maybe I’m not supposed to get the answer but I think Council should have the answers to these questions. Since the implementation of the rate increase what has the effect been on the total number of delinquent accounts? Since the implementation of the rate increase what is the number of new delinquent accounts? That is accounts not previously delinquent. Since the implementation of the rate increase what has the effect been on the total number of customers? That is has any customers gone; terminate their account so that you have a smaller base. Last week it was mentioned the city has unexpectedly found uncommitted additional funds while reconciling the final budget. If the review requested above the reveals the City is encountering initial temporary difficulty collecting the rate increase, and since these newly discovered funds are uncommitted these additional funds could be available to support the adverse effects of collecting water rate increase until the difficulty can be corrected. The surplus funds may be in a different account but didn’t they come from the same pockets? These funds are not a windfall but since they are available setting them aside as a contingency water/sewer account will give more assurances to the EPA, lenders and citizens that the repairs are adequately funded. During a discussion of proposed rate increases at a November or October utility committee meeting there was a concern that the proposed lower rate increase would not be sufficient if there were a lot of unforeseen sewer line breaks this winter. These surplus funds could be used to address that concern. If during the first year the city is able to negotiate repair contracts with lower than expected repair costs, if unforeseen problems are avoided, if the water department is efficient in its operations and if the city is effective collecting the increased water and sewer bills, these surplus fund contingency would not be needed to fund water/sewer repairs. That’s for the sewer and water bills.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Palombizio your time is up.”

Ed Palombizio – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Lewis do you want to address that?”

Dave Lewis – “Yeah. I heard three questions. You’re right we are monitoring the change in the rates and the effects of those changes very closely. So one of your questions you asked was with the rate increase has there been a decrease in accounts going into delinquents or an increase in accounts going into delinquent status; has actually been a decrease. We looked at the last three months year over year so the last three months are that same time frame a year ago. We’re actually seeing a decrease with about 25 accounts going into (all inaudible from coughing). So that 75 is (inaudible) decrease 75 less delinquents going out over that three month period. So I know it’s early but so far we’re not seeing anything negative affecting the city. As for the question on accounts that has never been delinquent before that are showing up as delinquent; we looked back and we see 46 but we go into that a little further most of that how to deal with new accounts that started in 2018. So when you back out the accounts that started in 2018 that hit a delinquency status within the last three months that brought the number down to 28 so we were down to 18 and there’s probably multiple reasons why it may not (all inaudible) but nothing too shocking. And then the other question that you had since the rates went into effect; (inaudible)

decrease the number and we looked year over year at December; we were down one customer so nothing too alarming. You're right that (all inaudible) the way we have been; throughout the whole; the last few months."

Ed Palombizio – "Thanks."

Dave Lewis – "And then you did mention too; we had a lot of discussion on when rates would take effect. There is no increase right now scheduled to take effect in April. When everything was settled towards the end; all the discussion; the first increase took effect in the month of November and then the following increases would take effect in October so there wouldn't be (inaudible) taking effect until the month of October of 2019."

Ed Palombizio – "Thank you. I misunderstood that."

Dave Lewis – "I appreciate your interest."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. Palombizio. Mr. Mavromatis?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Mr. Palombizio this isn't the first time we've had request by; but this is a clear example how this does work. Again this had nothing to do with you; you had your request in at 3:45 Friday by the time we got on this was late Monday but again it gave time to look the things up to give you a proper answer. So again I appreciate the opportunity to address the time frame to work on this."

Ed Palombizio – "And I appreciate the time and response (all inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes sir."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Dressel?"

Mr. Dressel – "I may as well mention (all inaudible) the surplus you're talking about; we did discuss that for about a half hour last week at the finance meeting. You probably should make sure (inaudible) those finance meetings are because we also cover delinquency there every single month in detail. But we're going to wait until April before we determine what to do and just in case something happens in the next three months with the water system that we have to have cash for it like last year and then we can decide if we can attribute that to one of those (all inaudible) so (all inaudible)."

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

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR