

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
February 5, 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 DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Petrella, Timmons, & Villamagna.

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to excuse Mr. Paul from tonight's meeting. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

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 Supervisor Bob Baird, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for January 29, 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.”

Mayor Barilla – “Before we begin tonight's ordinances and resolutions before City Council I would like to make brief statement saying that I exercised my veto right last week in vetoing Ordinance No. 2019-8 as amended for better clarification. I had no intention to stifle anybody from speaking to Council. It was not my intention; it was just a matter of clarification of the ordinance and its amendment. So it's my hope that City Council will introduce a new ordinance this evening. Thank you.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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.

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Mastros?”

Mr. Mastros – “Mr. Mayor yes Mr. Lewis and I did receive a word today that we're okay with the ordinance and the attachment as written. We were waiting for clarification so we're okay and we can have the first reading.”

Mayor Barilla – “So we can read it tonight then?”

Mr. Mastros – “We can read it. We'll have the first reading tonight.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mrs. Haley read Ordinance No. 2019-9.

Mayor Barilla – “You've heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-9. Its second reading will be next Tuesday February 12, 2019. Mrs. Hahn?”

Mrs. Hahn – “I do not have a copy of that.”

Mr. Mastros – “I have sent that too (inaudible).”

Mrs. Hahn – “its fine (inaudible).”

Mr. Mastros – “I can get you another one.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes if it's on the (all inaudible). Okay. (All inaudible).”

Mr. Mastros – “I can get you; I'll e-mail you (all inaudible).”

Mayor Barilla – “Nobody has it? Okay so we need to get that ordinance to the rest of Council?”

Mrs. Haley – “I need to receive it first.”

Mr. Mastros – “Actually Mayor I had e-mailed that to everybody two weeks ago. We had an issue with it last week that's why we tabled it. But I will recirculate that again and make sure everybody has that and the red line change.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you. Mr. Petrella?”

Mr. Petrella – “I'm sorry for snapping. You just can't see me. When you said you e-mailed it I don't...”

Mr. Mastros – “You didn't? I probably sent it to your wrong e-mail. I'll get it to you.”

Mr. Petrella – “Thank you.”

NO.2019-13 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

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.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-13. The second reading will be next Tuesday February 12, 2019”

NO. 2019-14 – BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. DiLoreto, Dressel, Timmons

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.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-14. The second reading will be next Tuesday February 12, 2019.”

NO. 2019-15 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING AND MAINTAINING A NEW GAS PIPELINE TO SERVICE THE RESIDENCES IN THE BUENA VISTA AREA.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-15. The second reading will be next Tuesday February 12, 2019.”

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. DiLoreto – “I have two requests. Mr. Jenkins is the Superintendent for the Water Department is asking for a meeting next Tuesday anywhere from 6:45 to 7:00. He said it would be a short meeting. I’ve asked him to send the Council anything that he is going to discuss and when he sends it to Council I’m asking Council to contact him by e-mail or phone to see what questions they had so we can get most of these questions asked or understood before they get to Council floor; make a short meeting. Same thing Mr. Dressel wants a meeting on the 19th. I don’t think there’s anything planned; he’s not here Willie Paul so we’ll schedule a (inaudible) meeting on the 19th for the sanitation department. I hope we get everything all cleared up. Make it an ordinance once and for all. Don’t change it and aby by the ordinance we have. We have enough laws on the book. We got to start enforcing the ones we have (all inaudible) and then come back and changing them again. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. DiLoreto. Mr. Dressel?”

Mr. Petrella – “Time out. Point of order.”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes?”

Mr. Petrella – “I want to comment here.”

Mayor Barilla – “I’m sorry.”

Mr. Petrella – “Do you have a time for the 19th?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “No.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay and what time for the...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Probably 6:45.”

Mr. Dressel – “For next week?”

Mr. Petrella – “6:45?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah. I’ll get with Mr. Baird and Scott and see how long we’ll need. Okay?”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes sir.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Thank you. Sorry. You know I’m sorry. I do make mistakes once in a while.”

Mr. Petrella – “We’ll all done it.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Dressel.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay I want to sunshine an ordinance and if you have this there’s a change on here and I’m going to read it to you. This is for the public forum ordinance. It says an ordinance amending section 111.25 subsection (B) of the administrative code. Because the citation on there is not accurate so that’s what it should read. Costa already has a correct version and we’ll get that to Karly. Okay so it’s an ordinance amending section 111.25 subsection (B) of the administrative code. There’s two other references in here as well that need to be modified directly to the appropriate subsection in the administrative code. Then we went over everybody’s comments and then the Charter as well to take a look at the wording there and that’s where the language in red that you see at the bottom comes from. So what it basically allows is we will then have if you want to talk about anything you got to register by 2:00 on Monday instead of 4:00 on Friday so that’s; that’s the same as before it’s just a different time and then during a meeting if something comes up that Council talks about or if a department head, administrative officer, or someone else during forum who’s registered for example to talk

about weeds or whatever and someone else wants to mention weeds as well then you will have the ability to do that during the meeting subject to the same rules as everybody else. So there will be a time limit then you know be nice to one another all that (all inaudible). So it doesn't open it up to just open; open; but it's a little bit more open so then we can at least talk about what goes on at a meeting so it gives you a chance to comment or ask a question that night. Okay? Which I think was pretty much our intent from the very beginning right Bob?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah I just have a couple comments when you're done."

Mr. Dressel – "Okay I'm done. So this is just sun shining it then it will be in the packet for the first reading next week. Okay thank you."

Mr. Villamagna – "My question would be that we're amending the administrative code; does the ordinance; we have to amend the ordinance also correct?"

Mr. Mastros – "Well apparently this; when it was codified; when our original ordinance was codified they placed it under the administrative code. That's why we're amending the administrative code."

Mr. Villamagna – "So what do we do with the ordinance thought?"

Mr. Mastros – "Since it's been codified; when Walter Drane came and took that ordinance and put it in our codified ordinances; they put it in our administrative code so we're good. As long as it's here then we're good. We don't do anything to the ordinance because it's already been codified. So it's been placed in the book; yeah we're okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay."

Mr. Mastros – "Yes sir."

Mr. Villamagna – "And my second thing is; again Mayor forgive me for not..."

Mayor Barilla – "Yes."

Mr. Villamagna – "It says here; bear with me; administrative officer, department head, or other person in attendance during public forum so when these people who come here; when I say these people; these department heads (all inaudible) sit around and understand what's going on. So when these guys come here; when they come here so; since he's the closest so Mr. Jenkins gets up and he says anything that means the citizens have the right to question these department heads?"

Mr. Dressel – "At the last meeting and I'm just putting in here what everybody else asked for. So if for example during a meeting we discuss the water tower and then during public forum if someone has a question about that water tower as long as it's in reference to specifically what was said then yes they can ask that question. But not during the meeting. It would have to be during public forum."

Mr. Villamagna – "So these department heads now will answer any question from that audience and where I'm going with this; we had; nobody in this room; there's seven of us; eight of us; have any authority to tell anybody up here what to do."

Mr. Dressel – "Let me clarify and be more clear."

Mr. Villamagna – "Let me finish; let me finish what (all inaudible from Mr. Dressel speaking)"

Mr. Dressel – "It's according to the same rules of public forum which means they would have to address the question to the Council or the Administrative officer directly. Yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "As long as that's clear."

Mr. Dressel – "Right."

Mr. Villamagna – "Because Mr. Mavromatis is in charge of everybody here and when we have a problem with somebody we go to Mr. Mavromatis and we tell Mr. Mavromatis that; I'm going to pick on Mike; that Mike didn't do something for me. So then Mr. Mavromatis corrects it. But I don't think it's proper for these department heads to sit here; they're not getting paid; they're here because; they're salary."

Mr. DiLoreto – "(Inaudible) paid."

Mr. Villamagna – "To entertain."

Mr. Dressel – "I'm sorry."

Mr. Villamagna – "I'm sorry I thought I was talking but I guess. What were you going to say so I can answer that?"

Mr. Dressel – "They are getting paid but yes go head."

Mr. Villamagna – "Is anybody up here getting paid tonight?"

Mr. Dressel – "They're all salary. They're paid."

Mr. Villamagna – "Pardon me?"

Mr. Dressel – "They're all; okay I'm sorry that's a different issue; but let me; let me just answer..."

Mr. Villamagna – "No let me say this what I'm saying (all inaudible)."

Mr. Dressel – "Your answer is right on here on the very bottom. It's the very last sentence. So..."

Mr. Villamagna – "I just want to be clear."

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah I think..."

Mr. Villamagna – "I want to be clear because we're really worried about the citizens' okay? I mean we really truthfully are. It's been working for a year and a half. We have citizens that come down here who criticize that this Council constantly don't even really know what they're talking about but yet citizens stand up and criticize that we're trying to ruin the downtown by helping the mall. We have to listen to this stuff every Tuesday and that's okay because I can listen to it. I just hope (all inaudible) situation. But I don't think it's right because we're elected; we work for them so if they want to criticize us then that's fine but these people shouldn't be here every Tuesday and they should not have to answer questions from the public."

Mr. Dressel – "Let me clarify again."

Mr. Villamagna – "My opinion."

Mr. Dressel – “Okay it’s only in there because at the last meeting that was stated by a whole bunch of different people as they wanted anything talked about at the meeting even by the department heads. So if you want to take it out; if everybody agrees we can take it out.”

Mr. Dressel and Mr. Villamagna – “(Inaudible)”

Mr. Dressel – “No that’s what I’m saying. If you want to take it out say you want to take it out. The questions have to go to Mr. Mavromatis; that’s who they report too. So they’re subject to the same rules as public forum. So if someone in public forum signs up for example to ask about; I keep using weeds but I like weeds because weeds are a huge problem in the summer. They can’t ask a question directly to Mr. Baird. They have to ask it to the administration so the rules are that you don’t target one person; you don’t you know be rude or mean to them; it’s to the administration or be Council as a whole. So this doesn’t say you can ask these people questions. What it says is you can bring up during public forum any issue under the same rules as public forum that was discussed at that meeting. It doesn’t say you can ask a Council person a question or an administrative officer a question or a department head a question or for that matter another person that’s speaking during public forum a question. What it says is you can bring up; you can stand up and ask a question or make a comment subject to the same rules as everybody else in public forum about something that was discussed by that list of people. Which is pretty much everybody in the room. So it’s subject to the same rules.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Again my opinion we had this ordinance 2017 whatever it was; it worked fine for over a year. Nobody said a word. Nobody said a word. The Mayor was handling the meeting fine and everything. Now because two or three people aren’t happy with what they’re getting from this Council and social media because that’s where we should have these Council meetings. We should have them on Facebook. So now we’re going to change this whole ordinance around. The Mayor did an excellent job controlling the meetings as a result to that I got thrown out of one. I was 100% wrong. He always laughs when I say that but it’s the truth and I bear no ill will about it. He did what he was supposed to do but then all of a sudden out of the clear blue sky this is just not working for the citizenry. I see these people come every Tuesday; they can sign up if they want too; they don’t sign up. Mark my words what I’m telling you I’m just against it. I’m clearly against it I think the other way was perfect. I think if you sign up and I think changing it to Monday at 2:00; nothing is going to come up between Monday and Tuesday and if it does; something that bad comes up the Mayor can let them talk and I don’t think there’s a Council person here that would say that but just so that; I just want to make it sure because I won’t stand here and let the department heads get degraded by any citizen and I’m just (all inaudible). That’s my opinion. I’m against it. I think it should go back to the way it was and stay at the 2:00 thing. I apologize last week because I clearly could not read the ordinance last week and I made sure that I read everything again; over again before I got here so I wouldn’t have to change my glasses back and forth. But anyway I’m against it. I think it’s ridiculous and it was working fine and I don’t know why we got to change it. We got all kinds of problems in this town that need worked on and we’re worried about that. Where citizens don’t even come down you got two or three people that come down here and repeat the same stuff over and over again. We all know it. End of the story. That’s it. I don’t have nothing else to say. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you. Mr. DiLoreto.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “On the same note; I’m tired; I think we spent too much time on this. No one else has public forum as far as I know; Congress, the State, everyone in this town has some sort of rules or regulations. I work 24/7. Anybody knows if they want to see me in my house; they’ve stopped at my house; I’ve talked to them in church; I’ve talked to them at football games; they get an answer. It might not be what they want but they get an answer. People (all inaudible) concerned with taxes, the water, who’s going to be their neighbor, and so forth. So as far as I’m concerned I’m not going to say anything more. I’m against it. You do what you want to do. I’m not going to say anything else. I think it was working and that’s how I stand and I’m not going to change my vote.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. DiLoreto.”

Mrs. Hahn – No report

Mr. Petrella – “Mayor?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “I know you can’t see me (all inaudible) monitor. Maybe we should redesign this Council because I know you can’t see Mr. Mavromatis; and Mr. Costa...”

Mayor Barilla – “I’d like to be down there.”

Mr. Petrella – “We need to make sure that we design so you can see all Council.”

Mayor Barilla – “Right”

Mr. Petrella – “On your comment Bob in January 2018 I made a motion to sunshine to do away with it completely if you remember. That ordinance passed. It was vetoed by the Mayor. This time when it came around you and I talked about it; we discussed that changing the time from 4:00 to 2:00 I was amenable to that. You were amenable to people speaking on a subject that we were discussing here and you sunshine an ordinance stating that you wanted to change the time from four to two and let the public the speak on anything that was germane to city business. That sparked a fiasco last week. Chief Capaldi I think did an excellent job on articulating what we want. That passed 7 – 0. The Mayor vetoed that. I did listen to the tape; the minutes and listening to the tape I was talking, I was stepped on, you were talking, you were stepped on, it seemed like when somebody was speaking like I am now four/five people just jumped in last week. It was a like a 3-ring circus. We say we’re going to go by Robert’s Rules of Order if we are we need to make it formalized; I’ll make a motion to formalize it to go by Robert’s Rules of Order so we don’t have the debacle that we had last week. So I think that’s the history of it. You had 2017 it was working; 2018 people changed their minds we wanted to wipe out everything and just have everybody speak; that was voted on once again it was veto came in last week; we

have a compromise ordinance; we thought we had a compromise ordinance; maybe somebody didn't like the language whatever it was veto again. Third go around with this; if we need clarity before the third reading we should get together, discuss it, have elected officials get the amendments because if we have to amend this or make sure it's rewritten correctly this time so there's no misunderstandings. I wanted to hold a lot of this off until miscellaneous but since this came up I'd figured I'd say what I wanted to say here now on this. I do have other couple issues that I'd like to bring up under miscellaneous but I'll hold those off. And one of the things is just what I said I think this needs to be redesigned so you can see everybody."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you. We'll now move onto Mr. Timmons."

Mr. Timmons – No report

Mr. Villamagna – "Yes you're Honor. (All inaudible) paperwork. Hold on one second. I need to under Planning; I need to sunshine an ordinance authorizing the demolition of 716 Adams Street and 1400 Pennsylvania Avenue pursuant to the requirements of the City Zoning Regulations should be sunshined for the above. That was sent forth from the Planning Commission to us with their 100% backing of the (inaudible). That's that building on Adams Street that looks terrible there."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Is that the one across from the church?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Across from the church yeah."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Good."

Mr. Villamagna – "No I don't know how they came to; I don't know (inaudible). Well I'm sunshining that ordinance and I also need to call for a Planning Committee meeting. Mr. Mastros needs about a half an hour so I'll call that on the; next week we have what?"

Few People – "Water; Utility"

Mr. Villamagna – "On the 12th. On the 19th?"

Mr. Mastros – "Garbage."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Sanitation."

Mr. Mastros – "Yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "What time is that?"

Mr. Mastros – "6:30"

Mr. Dressel – "6:30 probably."

Mr. DiLoreto – "(All inaudible)"

Mr. Petrella – "There's no time set for that because I asked Councilman DiLoreto..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "I have no idea. Scott how much time do you need?"

Mr. Dressel – "Can we meet at 6:30? Costa thinks; it's the ordinance we're doing right?"

Mr. Mastros – "Right we're still working on the ordinance. I'll have Mr. Battistel here obviously."

Mr. Dressel – "So 6:30?"

Mr. Villamagna – "6:30 is good for you guys? I'll have the Planning meeting at 6:00."

Mr. Dressel – "Okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "I'll call for the Planning meeting at 6:00 on the 19th. Under the planning committee also I think we need to work on getting that moose building down also. I don't know maybe that's going to be next year. (All inaudible)"

Mr. Mavromatis – "I'd love to take it down as soon as possible. The issue is litigation on it because no one can find the owners so we have to take it through Common Pleas Court."

Mr. Villamagna – "Are we on the same page as the Adams Street one too? Do we have to go through Common Pleas Court? Do you know?"

Mr. Mastros – "Do we have an owner (all inaudible)."

Mr. Villamagna – "I don't know all the details. I don't think we did. I don't think we could find the owner."

Mr. Mavromatis – "We know who the owner is."

Mr. Villamagna – "We couldn't serve him right? We couldn't find him to serve him. Okay."

Mr. Mavromatis – "So that's where we're at with that."

Mr. Villamagna – "That (inaudible) building is definitely..."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes."

Mr. Villamagna – "A deterrent to downtown."

Mayor Barilla – "That's it Mr. Villamagna?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Thank you."

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "Hopefully and again I'm for this having the department heads here. Again they work long hours and in the case of Mr. Jenkins just tonight he was out on water breaks. I have no issues if this is what Council wants. It's something I'd like you to think about; if you want a certain department head there let me know they'll be there. Based on who signs up to speak at public forum if I need a department head there so beyond that they don't need to be here."

Mr. Petrella – "I want them here."

Mrs. Hahn – "(All inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "If you're comfortable with them here then that's what it'll be."

Mrs. Hahn – "I'm very grateful."

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “If you recall the December of 2018 we discussed this; Council discussed this. The majority and correct me gentlemen and lady if I’m wrong but majority of us said that we wanted them here in 2019. I approached Jim Mavromatis and requested that the departments be here in case we had questions and some things do come up off; at spur of the moment and correct me if I’m wrong that the majority of Council wants them here. You know if you guys feel differently speak up.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Timmons.”

Mr. Timmons – “I just remember when I first started sending out an e-mail saying I didn’t think they needed to be here and then I was proved wrong so I think it is (inaudible) they be here.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Mavromatis.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s fine.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Does anybody else feel that way? I mean?”

Mrs. Hahn – “I’m very grateful.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We got seven people here.”

Mr. Dressel – “I think they should be here but if they can’t be here they should just let us know.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I don’t think they should be here. I think they should be here if we need them and everybody that’s been here has been accommodating. They’ve all been here. I just think they don’t need to be here every Tuesday.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “What has happened since they are here; emergencies do come up; family issues come up; they notify me immediately. So I have no problems; if there is a vacancy here I can tell Council when it’s my turn to talk you’ll know there was an issue that’s why he was excused or she was excused tonight. So again I appreciate the comments from Council. We have some requests coming in for our First Fridays already and I’m going to set up a meeting with a couple of my department heads. One of their requests is to do a 5K run. The only issue is this is on a Friday on payday and to close down all of downtown for a 5K is not feasible. They did them before the 5Ks up at Franciscan University but we’re going to meet with them and see exactly and if it’s a onetime thing that’s something we may be able to work out but we have to figure out what route do they want to do and this is one of the things First Fridays wanted to close down 4th Street at three o’clock in the afternoon; there’s no way we can do that with the banks being open and it’s payday on Friday. So again we worked around it. We worked together and again we’re going to look at the request has also coming up they want to close 4th and Market off; again we’re going to meet with them; discuss this. We did it one time out of all the First Fridays again there was still space available on North 4th Street at 4th and Market area and also up at 4th and Washington. There’s also another avenue if we are going to do that than one thing then open it up more than spilt up instead of having it on both sides have it all on one side and use both blocks then. You’ll have more than enough participants there but the last when we closed 4th and Market there’s just two things there. Now the only thing Mr. Dressel is they are functions at the Grand Theatre and I attended one last year; it was well worth going there. I think one of the issues were; well the concerns were the kids; well the kids should be with their parents and the parents should be watching these kids and that’s the nature of the business here but again these are all things we’ll work out. The City wants to work with them but we have to do it the right way. So that’s where we’re at with this. That’s all I have tonight Mayor right now.”

Mr. Mastros – “Just one thing Mr. Mayor. All in the end of 2018 when we passed the ordinance letting out the bid an 1999 Dodge Durango from Mr. Petrossi department; there was one bid that came in; it was \$510.00; how many miles does it have on it Chris?”

Chris Petrossi – “169,000.”

Mr. Mastros – “169,000.”

Chris Petrossi – “169 if that.”

Mr. Mastros – “It’s obviously very old. They needed to do something with it. It’s the only bid I don’t know what Council wants to do. If they want me to rebid it that’s fine or just accept the bid and authorize Mr. Mavromatis to sign any and all agreements and the title regarding the same. I put this; this was in your packet maybe three weeks ago but I forgot to just with all that we had I forgot to bring it up. Mr. Petrossi reminded me tonight so I can; we can put it back into your packets; we can get it to you next week but it’s the only bid we got so...”

Mr. Villamagna – “If it’s the one I’m thinking of its beat up pretty good.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “If you want to re-advertise it’s going to cost.”

Mr. Mastros – “We don’t have to do anything right now if you don’t want too. I’ll bring it up next week but its how many years old at this point and they need to do something with it because they got it; estimate wise it’s at the end of its useful life for us.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Costa if we advertise it; it’s going to cost us more money.”

Mr. Mastros – “Correct.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “So (all inaudible) the \$500.00 that’s it. Case closed.”

Mr. Mastros – “It’s up to you (all inaudible from Mr. DiLoreto speaking).”

Mr. DiLoreto – “That’s how I feel about it.”

Mr. Mastros – “I need a motion (all inaudible)...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “(Inaudible) done.”

Mr. Mastros – “and I’ll have Mr. Mavromatis sign the document. If that’s what you want to do.”

Mayor Barilla – “Is there a motion to accept the bid?”

Mr. Villamagna – “I’ll make that motion.”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to accept the bid of \$510.00 that was presented to Council by Mr. Mastros for the 1999 Dodge Durango. Second by Mr. Dressel. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Mastros – “That’s all I have Mr. Mayor. Thank you.”

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move onto miscellaneous reports and signing in this evening we have several; starting off with the Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “So I have some good news for Steubenville. The other day a gentleman came to visit with me who handed me a check to give to the City of Steubenville Utility office. He’s a lifelong resident of Steubenville; he’s in his early 80s; daughter passed away a couple years ago from cancer; his wife last year of cancer and he wanted to do something for his hometown that he appreciates so he gave me a check for \$6,000.00. It’s made out to the City of Steubenville Utility office. Wow what a nice gift to the City of Steubenville presented by a resident. So it was very uplifting to receive this and I’m going to pass it on to the City Manager; Mr. Mavromatis I’ll give you the check. It’s with the stipulation that his name not be mentioned.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor? He did that out of necessity? He did that because of the water problem we’re having? Is that why he?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes. He felt that he needed to do something to help our City in the best way he thought was to contribute to the water problem and that’s where that check is to go.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That is quite wonderful.”

Mayor Barilla – “It is; very; very; very; nicely done. Alright so also signing in tonight under miscellaneous we have Mr. Timmons.”

Mr. Timmons – “Right or wrong; fair or unfair; Steubenville has a bad reputation in some areas. Last week we proved all of the naysayers and negative populace right. We spent 45 minutes on an ordinance and still didn’t get anywhere and tonight I don’t think we’re much closer. We need to do much better and it starts with Council on down and I’m included in that. I should have walked out last week during the meeting and picked up litter or something in my ward, at least that would have been productive. As far as the public forum goes, I have always been an advocate for the public forum with no signups and no topic. However, as the weeks and incidents go by I don’t think we can handle a true public forum. We have had citizens making personal attacks on Council people, that was allowed to continue, we have had citizens make unfounded and untrue claims against businesses in Steubenville, that was allowed to continue, we have had citizens scold specific employees that was allowed to continue, we have had people go over the five minute time limit while some were held to the five minute time limit; you know at this point I don’t think it really matters what type of rules we institute. But all that being said, we need the rules enacted to have a basis but we also need them enforced. I’m not going to waste any more time on this subject, we have already wasted entirely too much but we, as a whole, need to conduct the meetings in a better fashion and lead by example.”

Mrs. Hahn – “One of the things that I did not intend last week was to blindside anybody and not having the good understanding of Robert’s Rules and I would say I’m included in that even though I learned a little more. I wanted to ask and I did ask yesterday our Law Director if he would be willing to do about a thirty minute tutorial. We have somethings in our Charter that give us guidelines about how the meetings are to be conducted and then there’s a catch all at the end that says and what’s not specifically designated should be followed by Robert’s Rules. Same thing is true in the codified ordinances and in the Ohio Revised Code so it’s something that as professionals we ought to know; we ought to be capable of using; it’s to be a tool not a bludgeon; it’s not to be something that blindsides anybody and I did not intend to blindside anybody. I thought there was an intent that all of a sudden I realized was not in the ordinance. So I have a copy it’s called Robert’s Rules cheat sheet. There are a number of different sources and I wanted to pass this out so that people could take a look at it and what I hand wrote was just something that’s a little different. Normally there’s some things that go by 2/3 and yet if our Charter says it takes five votes for instance to override a veto than its five votes not 2/3. So I have one for the Mayor and the City Manager and then the Law Director and all members of Council. Maybe we can get you a copy to give to Willie? That would be great. But it is worth noting again I think the purpose of it is not to make things more difficult but to make them run more smoothly and have everybody understand what the process is and we also made some clarification on who you actually talk about (all inaudible) first reading and the second reading; I heard (all inaudible) that you don’t think we should have conversation on it but then it was upsetting (inaudible) to have conversation with the third reading so I think it would take about thirty minutes for Costa to walk us through it and for us to ask some questions. The only thing scheduled for next week is Mr. Jenkins that we said 6:45.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Is that okay Jim 6:45 we set it.”

Unknown – “That’s fine.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “6:45.”

Mrs. Hahn – “But I think personally the water is more important than going through this. But I’m going; I’d like to ask if we would be willing to maybe; maybe come at 6:00 and do this for thirty minutes and do the time for the water maybe at 6:30 something like that. Is that a possibility?”

Mr. Villamagna – “I won’t attend. We got a Law Director right there that takes care of Robert’s Rules of Order. If there’s any questions he can handle them. I’m not going to go to a class for Robert’s Rules of Order and I think I got a pretty decent grip on it and Costa can make the ruling. I won’t attend. I got enough to do (inaudible) go to a class.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Is there anyone who would like to do that or would you just prefer to look this over and…”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Dressel.”

Mr. Dressel – “Well I’ve been using them for decades but I think everybody should maybe look it over first and see. There are some things that we do do incorrectly every single week. But we’ve been doing it for so long that we think it’s normal. Calling question being a biggy but it doesn’t mean what people thinks it means. But…”

Mr. Villamagna – “(Inaudible) Scott?”

Mr. Dressel – “Calling; I think everybody should read through this stuff and then there actually is a really good Robert’s Rules website by Robert’s Rules that’s very useful but it does clarify and we should do it right (inaudible) to do it. If you want to see how to do it really awfully watch (inaudible) for a couple hours. You think this is bad last week (inaudible). So they’re amazingly obnoxious and so polite at it but when we do things for example when we’re looking at an ordinance and we called a question; it doesn’t actually right lead right to a vote on the issue. That’s just not the way it works. We’ve been doing it that way for years and that’s fine I think if we agree to do it that way but we should all be clear what it means as far as when discussion does end and right now we’re not and whether we can have discussion during the first and second reading; no you can’t. So then when do you discuss it? So that’s what I think would be helpful for us to really know maybe even Costa can look through it and provide us some basics like if you want to ask a question do this. If you want to bring up an ordinance do that.”

Mr. Mastros – “That might be the better way to go first.”

Mr. Dressel – “Right and then if we have to meet we can decide.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yeah if you don’t mind.”

Mr. Dressel – “Then we won’t have a special meeting this time then. Okay.”

Mrs. Hahn – “A few other things I’d like to ask for us to go into executive session for personnel for the City Manager and it would include all of Council and the City Manager but not the Mayor or the Law Director and then after we meet with Mr. Mavromatis he would be excused and the rest of us will continue the conversation.”
Second by Mr. DiLoreto.

Mayor Barilla – “So you want to exclude that Mayor? Is that what you’re saying?”

Mrs. Hahn – “The Mayor and the Law Director would not be in the meeting.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I have a question on that. Why do we want to exclude the Mayor?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Well this is our personal hire and Yonk talked to me about it.”

Mayor Barilla – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. DiLoreto – “No problem. As an old man here; the Mayor does not vote. The last time Dom Mucci wanted to come to the meeting and the majority of Council said he could come to the meeting. I just didn’t feel that the Mayor should be there and that’s my own personal opinion but if the majority of Council wants the Mayor there that’s up to Council so you can take a vote.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We’re going to have a vote I know that.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Go ahead and vote and he’s not going to sway anybody I don’t think. He’s not going to sway me (inaudible) but that’s the way it is. Once you come in that’s up to Council as a whole. He doesn’t have a vote and he has no input.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I think he should be in there. I don’t know. It’s up to you guys.”

Mayor Barilla – “(All inaudible) Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “I’m not against the executive session but I would appreciate maybe when Willie Paul is here; when all of Council is here.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We’re short on…”

Mrs. Hahn – “We’re really short on time. So no decisions can be made in executive session but the City Manager himself approached me about this so in terms of timing I think; I think we need to have the session tonight.”

Mr. Petrella – “I’m fine.”

*Mrs. Hahn made the motion. Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll Call began; DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Petrella, and Timmons voted yes. Stopped at Mr. Villamagna for a question.”

Mr. Villamagna – “With or without the Mayor? I mean we’re all sitting here silent. Nobody said nothing besides me and Yonk I mean…”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Let’s take a vote on the executive and then take roll call if he wants the Mayor there or not. Okay?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay. Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “(Inaudible)”

Mr. DiLoreto – “(Inaudible) roll call if you want the Mayor there or not.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright so we are going into executive session after Public Forum this evening. The question on if the Mayor attends is up to Council.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Right.”

Mayor Barilla – “So you need a motion to have the Mayor attend or not attend.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Right.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well if we’re going to do it in a motion I mean we spend a lot of time doing a lot of stuff.”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion that the Mayor attend executive session.

Mayor Barilla – “Okay do we have a second to that or no? There’s no second? There’s no second so the motion fails. Okay so be it. Alright signing under miscellaneous this evening is Mr. Villamagna.”

Mr. Villamagna – “First off Mayor I know that a lot of people were unhappy that you vetoed that ordinance; I was not. I believe that; I was a little disappointed in myself because I voted for; for it but just because I had frustration and I shouldn’t of ever did that. When you did that; I appreciate that and I the second thing is what just came up just now just proves a little bit of point for me; we’re in a time constraint because Mr. Mavromatis’ contract is up and we should’ve been talking about this all along but we’re worried about the public speaking clause so we didn’t have time to discuss Mr. Mavromatis’ contract so now we’re up against the wall on that and Mr. Paul is not here so but we do got the ordinance now that everybody can speak but we might have to just not pay you Jim for a month if we don’t have time for you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you Mr. Villamagna. We’ll now move onto public forum and we do not have anyone signing in this evening under public forum.”

Mr. Petrella – “Excuse me Mayor?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes Mr. Petrella?”

Mr. Petrella – “Did you miss me on miscellaneous?”

Mayor Barilla – “I thought you said you did it under...”

Mr. Petrella – “No; no (all inaudible).”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay I’m sorry.”

Mr. Petrella – “Under miscellaneous.”

Mayor Barilla – “I’m sorry Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “I echo most of my colleagues here on the Robert’s Rules of Order and the minutes were; I felt sorry for Karly because after I listened to some of the tape and you can see how the minutes were written that everybody just collided on one thing. I am a little bit disappointed you know last time I checked we were in a democracy and that I felt over the weekend that we were going to an oligarchy. So I mean if; you know I’m elected to sit here and vote and hopefully my vote means something and I didn’t; two times the majority of Council voted and it didn’t mean anything and I’m; and on the e-mails I didn’t receive the e-mail. Probably because of the same reason I didn’t receive the e-mail from Costa because I use my work e-mail and not the City e-mail. If I start looking at four or five different e-mails I’d rather just consolidate them all in one and I would wish everybody would use my work e-mail to get ahold of me. I think that you’re right Bob we spend all this time on who can speak but on an important matters of the City Manager we’re in a rush. A lot of times; you know how I feel about emergencies; I feel about emergencies same way that Mr. Paul does; I don’t like emergencies. I don’t even know when his contract is up to be very frank with you. March is it?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “March.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “23rd.”

Mr. Petrella – “23rd of what?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “March.”

Mr. Petrella – “March? Okay. 23rd of March. We knew it was the 23rd of March and we should’ve been discussing schedules right or wrong? I agree with you. I don’t like to have my back up against the wall and somebody put a gun to my head and said we got to do this in five minutes. I don’t work that way and when I ask questions whether it’s a department head or a; the Law Director or City Manager I’d like a clear and precise answer. I don’t like the ubiquitous answers and I don’t like repeating myself week after week on the same subject. You sunshine an ordinance tonight to tear down that building on Adams Street. Chris I’ve been asking you for how many months about this building? Okay. Why didn’t you inform me before Mr. Villamagna sunshine it what was going on? Because I asked for updates constantly.”

Chris Petrossi – “(All inaudible) at the last meeting we were aware that we could not locate the owner and (all inaudible from noise) locate the owner; could not locate the owner and at last night’s planning committee meeting it was discussed that we can process demolitioning it (inaudible) not being able to locate the owner forward things to court.”

Mr. Petrella – “In that last discussion you and I had you were going to talk to the Judge about going to file criminal charges.”

Chris Petrossi – “Yes remember we cannot locate the owner therefore we cannot file those charges.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay that was not related back to me. I want to hold people responsible and accountable to make sure that I have all the information I need. Whether if it’s the City Manager, Department heads, or my colleagues I am not going to play games. We have serious problems in this City and each and every one of us should be getting serious about attacking those problems instead of playing little games on who’s jocking here and who jocking there. We have issues; I wish this whole Council would get together; let’s attack those issues and let’s move on. Thank you Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Petrella. Alright that concludes miscellaneous.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “As I said there’s no one signing in under public forum so I’m going to ask the audience to vacate the Chambers so we can move into executive session.”

Council Chambers were cleared for Executive Session.
Council Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR