

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 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 Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, & Dressel.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Captain David Sullivan, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Supervisor Lisa Knight, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Sanitation Supervisor Bob Baird, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for April 2, 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. 2019-29 – 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 No. 2019-29. If anyone wishes to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-29 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-29 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on May 9, 2019.

NO. 2019-37 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OHIO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE 2019 CHIP PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A 2019 CHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Resolution No. 2019-37. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Resolution No. 2019-37 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul – “I have a question.”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes Mr. Paul.”

Mr. Paul – “Before we vote. Is this matching funds? There’s \$250,000 do we have matching funds with this? Do we; say there’s 10% do we have to match that? I don’t know it’s; I was reading through the ordinance.”

Chris Petrossi – “No sir there is no matching funds. There is what’s called program income that’s when we; as part of the grant we replace the mortgage on properties because when people sell their properties a portion is required being captured...”

Mr. Paul – “Back to us.”

Chris Petrossi – “It comes back to us and then we use that funds.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay.”

Chris Petrossi – “To continue into that program.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay. Okay. I’m good. Thank you.”

Mr. Paul made a motion that Resolution No. 2019-37 be adopted by Roll Call. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2019-37 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect once signed by the Mayor.

NO. 2019-38 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF 115 WELDAY AVE.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-38. The second reading will be next week April 16, 2019.”

NO. 2019-39 – BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. DiLoreto, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A UTILITY EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN JOSEPH T. LUCKINO AND TIFFANY LUCKINO AND THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE FOR THE EFTS LANE DRAINAGE PROJECT.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-39. The second reading will be next week April 16, 2019.”

NO. 2019-40 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR THE UTILITY DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-40 by roll call. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2019-40 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will go into effect once signed by the Mayor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes. First I wanted to mention that our Parks and Recreation meeting for the month is this Wednesday; tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. If you’re interested in having a rental you need to come to the meeting and make your presentation there so I recommend that you do that. Is there anything else that you wanted to mention for Parks and Recreation? Okay and there is a newsletter if you are not getting it currently there’s a Facebook page you can go to for Steubenville Parks and Recreation and it’s just helpful and informative information; pass it on to other people; like the page and it’ll spread. So that’s very helpful. Also I wanted to mention Thursday morning under Economic Development anybody interested in walking through some of the downtown buildings we are meeting Chris Petrossi and members of the Historic Commission outside the Dollar Tree at 9:00 a.m. and I was told to wear junkie clothes, good shoes and anything else that you would want to say about that? It’s opened to the public.”

Chris Petrossi – “It’ll be; it’s in front of the former Rite-Aid building at the corner of 4th and Market at nine and everyone will need to bring a flashlight.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And bring a flashlight. Thank you very much.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I have one. On the 23rd of April at 6:30 I’d like to call a Finance Committee Meeting.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Paul – “23rd of April 6:30. Thank you you’re Honor.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. Couple things. I moved to table an ordinance two weeks ago and I contacted Chuck Murphy and the three questions that I had for him were does the TIP program save the City money? What surrounding communities are involved? Was the second question and third does it eliminate contractors? And he answered every one of them. It could save the City money through the bidding process. Second question was what communities and there were several communities that were also involved. And the third question was it does not eliminate local contractors they will be able to also bid on it. So I would move to take it off the table and put it on the agenda next Tuesday to vote on.” Second by Mr. Paul.

Mayor Barilla – “Do you have the ordinance number?”

Mr. Villamagna – “I do not. The Law Director said we can call it the TIP ordinance.”

Mrs. Haley – “Resolution No. 2019-28.”

Mr. Mastros – “Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright so we’re going to bring back on the table next week Resolution No. 2019-28.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And the other thing I had was for Chris. Chris what’s the purpose of the tour Thursday? Do you have any idea what it’s about?”

Chris Petrossi – “It’s the Historic Landmark Commission members would like to get an idea of what some of the conditions are inside the vacant buildings. Some of the buildings have been vacant for quite some time and well they can see the outside from the public way. They would like with the cooperation of the owners to be able to see what the inside is and then talk to the owners to see what their issues and concerns are.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Chris Petrossi – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you very much. That’s all I have tonight.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes (all inaudible). I spent some time this week; been down to the new deli and I was amazed I couldn’t get out. There was so many compliments from that owner of what the city did for him. Mr. Bodo come down on Sundays on his own time; Mr. Pasquella; the Fire Chief (all inaudible) and people have to realize that was an old music store hadn’t been used for 30-40 years and a lot of work has to go into that thing. It’s not like buying a brand new building and just walk in so he’s very pleased. I hope everybody’s goes down there and

patronizes him. You should go down (all inaudible) store she's happy with the business people are coming in; of course you've got to worry about shoplifting things of that particular nature. So I think we have some good people he also might open up another store so this great news to hear; it's something (inaudible) talk positive. We're not anti-business you just got to do things the right way and follow the rules. The other thing I wanted to bring up I noticed in the paper that (inaudible) was having problems with their water. Like my good friend Dave Maple said come and see us and we might give you some help. So I think Steubenville is a member of Jefferson County probably the biggest city should get some help someplace from the County so I think we're a part of the family; we (inaudible) budget every year so I'm asking Mr. Mavromatis, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Paul to go over there and meet with the Commissioners; go over their budget and see what comes in and see what we get. On a personal notice no good (all inaudible) our budgets; transparency because I think there's a (inaudible). There's a lot of money coming in and I think we should get our fair share; we're family give us a little bit of the good news and finally (inaudible) help them again Therese for the downtown Fridays that's all I heard was the fish fry so they're doing very good business; everybody was happy and I know sometimes not everybody gets their own way. I've been wrong sometimes but I think it's a good thing around (all inaudible). Job well done. Hope it'll continue. Thank you."

Mr. Dressel – "I just have one and that's to call a Utility meeting to discuss sanitation commercial service next step; Tuesday the 16th at 6:00 for further discussion."

Mr. Petrella – "Let's do it for 5:30."

Mr. Paul – "6 remember you said you might not be able to be there."

Mr. Dressel – "I was joking about 5:30. Unless you want to change it now. I can be funny too. Anyway so 6:00 and then if we can get any information on volume and then we need to have a; because I don't think this is going to resolve it but we need to make a decision and maybe Jim if you have time maybe you can call the City Manager in Wheeling and Weirton and Toronto and ask them why they don't do it in case they have any insight. They may not because it's probably been so long maybe they've never done it and it would be just sort of nice to have a feel."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Dressel – "Thank you."

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you Mayor. We have two contracts that; bids that we have (inaudible from coughing). The first one has been awarded to Shelly & Sands. This has to; they were sealed bids that came in and the total amount that Shelly & Sands was \$326,110. This funding will be later on in the year but they were awarded the contract for the Efts Lane Drainage improvement project. Number two was the contract for the roof repair at the MLK Building which has been long overdue. This contract was awarded to Ramp Construction. They were the lowest bidder."

Mr. Villamagna – "What was the name Jim?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Ramp. R, A, M, P construction they're out of Eighty Four, PA. There were only two bids that came in and they were the lowest bid and Mayor that's all I had right now. Yes?"

Mr. DiLoreto – "In the near future you said you were going to put a roof on Beatty Park but you also said you're going to close the bridge down maybe. So you thought it be worthwhile to put a new roof on (inaudible)?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "There's two things there and this one is the bearing of the Parks and Rec board and if you have input on that I would ask that you'd be there tomorrow night at the Parks and Rec meeting because they're looking at; it's the amount of money to put into that but based on the insurance that we have on; the City insurance it would cost us; is that correct? If I remember 10,000 would come out of us? The rest is all insurance."

Dave Lewis – "Yeah."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That's to repair that roof."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Right."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Now we have another issue; is the bridge. Which..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "If we close the bridge down we don't need the shelter house."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That is correct but you could still; you may be able to walk up there."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Yeah."

Mr. Mavromatis – "But we'd have to get an estimate. What it's going to cost to fix that bridge and that's something that it's going to be heavy duty."

Mr. DiLoreto – "(All inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mrs. Hahn – "Jim?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes mam."

Mrs. Hahn – "Can I ask you one quick question? So on the bid about the MLK roof?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes?"

Mrs. Hahn – "How are you just going to decide about the various alternates? Because it says the base bid and then there are four different alternates. Are you approving the 12 month bid or is that still something you're in conversation?"

Mr. Mavromatis – “No. This is final but I’m going to let Mr. Petrossi answer because he was there when he opened up the bids. I was not.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I was not.”

Chris Petrossi – “There were four alternates and I discussed with the architect and Lori the (inaudible from noise) to do everything at this time while we have the contractor there for the total base bid plus the alternates.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And did all that fit in what we budgeted for the MLK building?”

Chris Petrossi – “Yeah there’s; the budget is; we had a \$177,059.09 in CBDG funds allocated. After we did our plan review, advertising cost, (all inaudible), architect fees, that was a \$160,401.59 available and the recreation department through their capital fund improving \$21,098.85.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you very much.”

Chris Petrossi – “(All inaudible) total of the cost.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move onto miscellaneous reports and signing in this evening is Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes you’re Honor. I see Teresa DiCarlantonio in the audience; just a reminder that this weekend is the Hilltop Clean Up. You want to speak a little on that?”

Teresa DiCarlantonio – “Sure. We’re going to begin at 10:00; we got the Franciscan University students as volunteers. We got various athletic departments involved here so we got a good number and we’re hoping to put in about three hours of litter pick up on both hilltops LaBelle and Pleasant Heights and afterwards we have a little luncheon for our volunteers. But we’ve got; you know our neighbors are really participating and that was the change; the main difference that we wanted to introduce to the residents and it seems like they’re stepping forward and taking charge of their blocks and their area so it’s all working and thank you for your donations what have you. Thank you very much.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you for what you do.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you. Okay.”

Mr. Petrella – “That’s it.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move onto Public Forum and signing in this evening we have a Mark Socha.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mayor I had talked to Mr. Socha and he’s going to try and come tomorrow at the Parks and Rec meeting.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I felt it was more appropriate for him but I also advised him he could come tonight but he works nine at night till 7:30 in the morning so he said he’ll try to be there tomorrow.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Alright sir.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you. Alright also signing in this evening under public forum is Patrick McLaughlin. So if you’ll step forward and state your name and address.”

Patrick McLaughlin – “Good evening. Patrick McLaughlin 407 Colonial Drive Apt. 38 Steubenville, Ohio. Also I volunteer across the street at the Historic Fort Steuben. First I’d like to thank all the residents of our city who volunteer their time in our city parks. They help keep them beautiful. As a volunteer across the street at Historic Fort Steuben; the current Mayor Jerry Barilla is the Fort Steuben President; we tried to give back to our community as much as we can we take care of quite a few things in this city and one of those is a little park on Market Street it’s called Pocket Park. This park is used quite often. Now that there’s a new office in the Bank One building people go in there for therapy and treatment and they use this beautiful little park. In the mornings they could be 20, 30, 40, 50 people in there smoking cigarette, drinking a coffee, just getting ready for their journey throughout whatever (inaudible) be in that day. I’m having issues in that park but there’s been a lot of investment in that park. Several years ago the Kiwanis Club puts a shrubbery in there and spent a couple thousand dollars. Last year Apollo’s Professional Cleaning and Restoration put all new mulch in there; containers for cigarette butts. I don’t mind picking up the cigarette butt; I don’t mind picking up a coffee cup but there’s a resident in this town who’s letting their dog crap all through this park and not cleaning it up and I’m tired of it. These people should have to sit in there; get ready for their therapy treatments; enjoy lunch or just sit and enjoy it and have a conversation without smelling crap. So I’m hoping I can set up some kind of meeting with the City Manager, the Mayor, Code Enforcement, and Animal Control so we can get this problem addressed. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you Mr. McLaughlin. Thank you. Yes Mr. Mavromatis.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Patrick I’ll give you a call tomorrow and we’ll pick a date and time to set you’re meeting up.”

Patrick McLaughlin – “Thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Did you know there’s an ordinance that you have to have a scooper or pooper whatever you call it to pick it up; might files charges against them. Very simple. There’s an ordinance of that effect; got to have a pooper; pick it up (all inaudible from noise).”

Mr. Petrella – “Pooper scooper.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Pooper scooper. Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “I think we do have something in an ordinance you’re Honor and what I would like to suggest maybe; this could be part of your meeting Patrick; you, the City Manager, and the Mayor; if we have; at our parks at Belleview, I know we have out at Jim Woods Park we have the bags you can sit there you can put your hand in the bag and sit there and pick up the dog litter; turn it around, reverse it. So we do have; I forget what they’re called there’s poochie; poochie pouches I think they might be called. Poochie pouches yes. Maybe we can put one of those at the entrance and maybe that person would get the hint. I don’t know if you need to hit him a crossed the head with a 2x4 but you know if your dog is doing it you should; they should clean it up. Okay? That’s all I got to say about the matter.”

Mayor Barilla – “Patrick is there a waste container in that park?”

Patrick McLaughlin – “There is a garbage can and (all inaudible from noise) actually donates the garbage bags for that. I mean there’s not even enough grass in there. It’s just mulch there’s benches for people to sit and enjoy their day and it just bothers me that somebody would let their animal do that and not clean it up.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. To Mr. DiLoreto there you would also like to congratulate Terese Nelson and her Harmonium Group for a job well done on the First Friday. It was quite successful. Another positive thing happening in Steubenville and of course I think it’s called the Deli on 4th that you spoke of.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Right.”

Mayor Barilla – “With Mr. Riley there which has been an attraction at First Fridays as well. So it’s moving along and we appreciate it.”

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR