

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 11, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Barilla presiding. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call.

Present were Councilmen Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Hahn, & Paul.

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

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Assistant Law Director Bernie Battistel, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Financial Accountant Dave Babela, Utility Supervisor Lisa Knight, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for June 4, 2019. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. Five (5) ayes. One (1) abstain. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

**PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Barilla – “Petitions and Communications Madame Clerk?”

Mrs. Haley – “I have one; it's a notice of legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control; a transfer of existing license to Route 22 Pizza LLC. DBA Vocelli Pizza 2600 Sunset Blvd. in Steubenville, Ohio from MF Sikora Restaurants LLC. DBA Route 40 Roadhouse & Deck 5800 National Rd. in Zanesville, Ohio. It says please complete and return this form to the Division of Liquor Control whether or not there is a request for a hearing refer to this number in all inquiries B TREX 7542836; please sign below and mark the appropriate box indicating your title.”

Mr. Paul made a motion that we make the letter a part of the record and a copy of the letter be given to the City Manager, Mayor, Law Director, the Police Chief, and Council.” Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**NO. 2019-47 – BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE LOCAL OFFICIAL WITH THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH JAMES WHITE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE PHASE II – WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Barilla – “You've heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2019-47. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-47 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Do you know how long this is going to take Jim? How long it's going to take?”

Jim Jenkins – “Stage 2 it's (inaudible) to be complete September of 2020.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Well you're doing a good job because all I see is white trucks out there and big holes. Thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-47 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect immediately upon the Mayor's signature.

**NO. 2019-48 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-13, THE EXISTING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Barilla – “You've heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2019-48. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-48 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Petrella – “Mayor?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes. I'm not opposed to this change but I; last week I made a comment about when it was brought that there was a cost savings here; it sort of; the more I thought about it over the last week it started (all inaudible from coughing) people think; basically I thought it was creative financing last week in saying that because if we did what we were supposed to do and filled those vacancies it wouldn't be any savings. It's an additional cost of \$2,100 a year that's all well and good. Please do not try to insult my intelligence; the creative financing and blowing smoke; smoke screens. If you want something ask for it; tell me what the cost is and I will vote on it. Thank you your Honor.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-48 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect immediately upon the Mayor’s signature.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. Mayor I’d like to make a motion that we authorize Mr. Mavromatis to assign the proper department head with the city to redirect the \$100,000 grant to recreation for a park with the understanding that if it cannot be done; Mr. Hoagland said that he feels that it can; if it can’t be done then it will be readdressed again.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I have a question of order. Since I am chair of Parks and Recreation I believe that; I think that that is only supposed to come out of either my mouth or jointly the other two members of recreation because this is specifically for the marina.”

Mr. Villamagna – “No that would be wrong.”

Mrs. Hahn – “That’s what it says.”

Mr. Villamagna – “This is not an ordinance this is a motion. If it was an ordinance it would come out of the committee or two members of Council but since it’s a motion; I can bring up a motion and I need a second and then...”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay this has a major impact on all of our thinking. Scott Dressel is in the hospital.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I know.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Recovering from surgery and he’s already expressed strong feelings about it. I have deep reservations and just because Senator Hoagland says he might be able to turn it around; we haven’t even had conversation about this.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Correct.”

Mrs. Hahn – “So I would strongly.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I have a motion on the floor.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Encourage against this motion.”

Mr. Timmons – “Can I ask a question?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Sure.”

Mr. Timmons – “So you said we would go; we would decide what to do with it if that can’t be re-appropriated?”

Mr. Villamagna – “If it can’t be re-appropriated to recreation for the park system then we can readdress it with other grants.”

Mr. Timmons – “So I mean just; I’m afraid that we can lose it all together if we find out beyond a certain date that we can’t get it re-appropriated.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well if we act now instead of dragging our feet I think we’ll have the answer before that. They said it’s not due until August so there should be time to talk with Senator Hoagland but we can’t talk to the State unless we have the motion and direct the City Manager to go forward and do it so.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Paul.”

Mr. Paul – “Let her; let her do her meeting next week.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay? Because we could always; she could always table it if she wanted too. Okay? Your motion so what we’ll do is we’ll wait. You come up with your committee meeting next week before 6:00. Right? And then we’ll get 6:45 safety and we’ll go from there.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay? And then that way Mr. Dressel might be back.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay good.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay. Alright.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. Thank you.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you Mr. Paul.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. DiLoreto.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah. Am I okay?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yeah.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Will Scott be back next week?”

Mrs. Hahn – “He believes so.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I think he should be here to have a vote on it.”

Mr. Paul – “Right.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “One way or another. At least pay him that consideration. Okay I’m done.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. DiLoreto. We’ll now move onto; the motion has failed.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes we’ll continue.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright we’ll move onto Mr. DiLoreto.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I have an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement (a copy of which is attached and marked as Exhibit “A”) with the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District and a consortium of affected Jefferson County Political Jurisdictions to provide assistance with the implementation of

the Phase II Storm Water Management Plan as mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. DiLoreto.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “You’re welcome.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay a couple of different things. Under Parks and Recreation is there anything that you wanted to share (inaudible).”

Lori Fetherolf – “Just an update real quick on the pool our attendance has been very well. We’re probably averaging 40 to 45 people a day which is; which is really good of course we’ve added another dollar day. So those dollar days have been in the high 70s to low 80s every day; that’s Tuesday and Sunday so.”

Mr. Villamagna – “70 to 80 people you said?”

Lori Fetherolf – “Yeah. We had 86 the first dollar day and then 71 this past Sunday. Usually Sundays we have nobody so it’s going very well; going very well so far. Keep our fingers crossed.”

Mrs. Hahn – “So in the middle (all inaudible).”

Lori Fetherolf – “Our (inaudible) zip is up and is a big hit with the kids. Just; I went off it too but the kids love it so it’s going well.”

Mr. Villamagna – “(All inaudible).”

Mrs. Hahn – “The baby pool you’ve treated the water.”

Lori Fetherolf – “I’ve treated the water. I have to get the pumps in and get the pumps all hooked up; the chemical feed pumps. I did ask the question whether we could do those tablets and I was given a no. It has to be mechanical so as soon as that’s done I’ll give her a call. So almost there.”

Mrs. Hahn – “The baby pool has not been opened in eight years. So we’re going to do a little bit of a grand opening of the baby pool when that’s all ready but thank you so much for all your work on that. One of the things that Andrea Irland had recommended to us is that we engage people in the parks and we’ve gone through the process now where Mr. Mavromatis met with the unions and help them appreciate where we are financially as a city. We’re not taking jobs away by having people come and do help you know assisting the parks; volunteer work and there are all kinds of organizations. There are kids that need service hours. There are community service people who are working on hours so we need some coordination with that. So I’m putting an idea out there that I would really appreciate feedback and you can go on my city website or city e-mail [khahn@cityofsteubenville.us](mailto:khahn@cityofsteubenville.us) and tell me what you think if you would be interested. When she; when she put that idea forward most of the people sitting around the table and I included; I felt like I don’t care about every individual park in the city so I wouldn’t want to be a part of that organization but there are people that are passionate about the North End Park; passionate about Beatty Park; passionate about the Marina; passionate about Belleview Park and Jim Wood Park and we had a booth at First Friday which First Friday was just outstanding and we had a booth for Parks and Recreation and we just asked people what is your favorite park in the city and why? And it was amazing to hear all of the different responses and people didn’t just like oh well I guess I like this one. They had strong feelings. So there are; there are people in our city who genuinely care about these individual parks and I would like to hear from you and then we may be able to coordinate something between Lori and myself to get people to gather that would form a kind of committee that would report back to her but with ideas of volunteering; with ideas for event planning where you could draw people. We already had someone volunteer to do a movie night at Jim Wood Park and there’s someone; a woman is organizing something at Beatty Park; a pot luck if you want to come she’s got it on Facebook. If you want to come just let her know and it’s going to be a pot luck. We can help ourselves. Everything doesn’t have to be double in dollars so putting that idea out there is a slight difference in how Andrea Irland presented it but I really believe that; that we have the volunteer help that we could assist Lori and have our parks be even stronger. I do want to submit having a Parks and Recreation meeting next Tuesday evening at 6:00. Do I need to say anything else about that? Okay and then under service we had; need a resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to make application for a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission to be used towards funding the City of Steubenville 7<sup>th</sup> street Roadway Resurfacing Improvements, City Project 2019-122 and to execute contracts as required. Thank you so much.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright thank you Mrs. Hahn. Mr. Paul.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes your Honor. I really have nothing. I just had two questions and a reminder. One Jim I’d like to say my sympathies to you again on the loss of your mother. You weren’t here last week; I asked a question in Mr. Timmons; it was Mr. Timmons question and I don’t know is Mr. Baird here? No he’s not. He wasn’t here last week neither. Mr. Timmons had asked about the garbage cans at Pico Park from our understanding being that Pico Park is the County’s. Do we dump those trash cans or is that County is...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “If those are our cans we’ll pick them up and I brought that up to Mr. Baird about if they’re our cans they would pick them up but they went up there that day to see. I actually went up there and I didn’t...”

Mr. Timmons – “Well I was told they took the cans entirely. There (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “(All inaudible) no cans there when I drove by.”

Mr. Timmons – “They’re gone.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “They (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “(Inaudible).”

Mr. Timmons – “They’re gone. We must of taken them.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Or somebody stole them.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We need them I mean...”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah they were full. They’re overflowing; not my area but...”

Mr. Paul – “Were they blue? Were (all inaudible).”

Mr. Timmons – “They were just drums; they looked similar to the Hilltop groups (all inaudible from Mr. DiLoreto speaking) those buckets. So they were completely gone so I would think that we need something there for sure.”

Mr. Paul – “Or we can put our (all inaudible) on it because what we tried to do when we did this was to take the hard work off the shoulders of the men picking these garbage or bags up every day.”

Mr. Timmons – “Right.”

Mr. Paul – “(All inaudible not sure what’s being said) okay? So that’s why we wanted to go to the dump.”

Few unknown – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Paul – “Okay and I asked several weeks ago I know we replaced a lot of fire hydrants and as Mr. DiLoreto has said Mr. Jenkins you are doing a great job. I did ask you about the one fire hydrant on St. Charles; I didn’t get a chance to go by; did; who was our contractor? Who do we have? Fort Steuben? Fort Steuben yeah. Did they; are they working on these voids that are left? I mean it looks like a (inaudible).”

Jim Jenkins – “Yeah I was told that they went back and adjusted the (all inaudible from Mr. Paul and Mr. Jenkins talking at the same time.”

Mr. Paul – “Calling you back but.”

Jim Jenkins – “Yeah I brought that up after I looked I brought that up a couple meetings ago.”

Mr. Paul – “I went by two weeks after that and nothing; nothing was done there.”

Jim Jenkins – “Yeah I talked to our inspector from Arcadis saying Fort Steuben did agree that they have gone back and addressed the hydrants themselves.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay. Thank you.”

Jim Jenkins – “Yep.”

Mr. Paul – “And just a reminder next week; Chief 6:45 we’re going to have that Safety Committee meeting. It was on speeding on Route 7 and the use of a Jake brake which I know we have somewhere in our ordinances; I mean what are you going to do arrest someone for using a Jake brake. I mean the other day I was following a truck and he was doing 20 mph and I heard it “aarrrrgggghhh” so I mean how can we stop that? But that’s it I just wanted to remind everyone about next week. Thank you your Honor. It’s always a pleasure to see you.”

## **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. First I’d like to thank Council, my city employees; very difficult week this past week and the condolences that all of you shared. It’s important to my family and all of the brothers that came in and relatives. Two things Mayor because I was not here last week but I was able to get; it was important to me because this was something that has plague the city for several years; it’s our two issues with the Ohio EPA. The first the findings and order that was sent based on our water outage in January of 18; we’ve sent our revision back to our attorney and it’s being forwarded over to their attorney. Number two our consent decree which has lied dormant for several years. We’re just about there to a finished product. I had a meeting with Dave Babela, Chuck Murphy and myself financially if they approve what we’re submitting to them (inaudible) any other emergencies then we will be able to accomplish what they are requesting and again God watching over us and we have no other major issues here again the increases that we had are supporting the infrastructure funds that we’re going to be able to meet with they’re requiring us to do. So again that is down with our attorney in Cincinnati to examine both of these and it’s going through their attorneys in Columbus and the EPA representatives there. So I’m staying on top of that I had talked to Eric Shere this is in relation to our consent decree. I’ve personally met with her a few weeks ago; I talked to her this week by phone and she’s appreciative that we’re staying on top of this and I told her once this has been released to their attorneys I will see that you would get a copy for her review. We have asked the length of some of the times in that space on financial issues but also God watches us for any other major catastrophe we could have. There was no surprises here with our valve replacement program that we’re going to have busted valves that’s going to happen. A lot of these valves have not been adjusted for years and let alone trying to find where some are. So our people are working diligently with locks, Fort Steuben and Arcadis to focus on these issues here so we’re moving in the right direction. We get these two things from the Ohio EPA blessed off on that’ll take a lot of pressure and we’ll try to focus and stay on line of where we need to go and Mayor that’s all I had to report this evening.”

Mr. Battistel – No Report

## **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move onto miscellaneous reports and tonight we have signing in Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes your Honor. A couple things I wanted to just remind everybody the Greek Fest is going on for the next four days; trying to patronize it support community service there and Lori is the swings up on Devonshire? What about the swing up on Jim Wood?”

Lori Fetherolf – “I didn’t really know; I didn’t even know; yeah there’s swings at Jim Woods.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah there was a couple swings that were missing especially the baby swing.”

Lori Fetherolf – “Okay. (All inaudible). I will put one up.”

Mr. Petrella – “And also last week Bernie I brought up to Costa about the weeds again and what we can do so on and so forth. Did he have any discussion with you or I’ll wait until next week on that. Chris are you working on any type of weeds thing?”

Chris Petrossi – “Weeds are handled through the weed, litter control officer.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay then Chief if you; there’s a lot of lots; maybe you and I can get together later.”

Chief McCafferty – “Yeah I did go through the Police Reports that Dorsey cites there’s like this morning there was ten; several reports on weeds; it has to go through the process.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay.”

Chief McCafferty – “I was going to address it last week but the way the ordinances are I don’t think we can set up at the beginning of the year just to cut some of these lots just because it has not been done in the past. It has to go through the whole process because years ago I asked that question and I was told you still had to go through the law process is trying to serve them; give them X number of days and then if they don’t do it then they go before the Judge and he gets them. I mean it’s frustrating I can understand your frustration but I mean maybe the attorneys know more than I do but that’s the way it’s written.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay.”

Chief McCafferty – “I can’t really (inaudible) I don’t know if Council can change it but I mean I always thought it was you know (all inaudible) I always thought (inaudible) about weeds would be that big of an issue but I always thought that you could say like you said we know this lot, this lot, and this lot hasn’t been cut for 10 years.”

Mr. Petrella – “Right.”

Chief McCafferty – “So let’s just go cut it but I guess you can’t do that unless I’m wrong. That’s what I’ve been told over the years that it has to go through the process.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay then Bernie on some of these lots that we’ve torn down houses on and lien the properties and everything else; Jim maybe you and Costa can get together and see about maybe getting them up for Sheriff’s sale; see if the neighbor wants them just get rid of them and get them out of our name and get it to maybe somebody who does want and will take care of the lots and be a little bit more productive on it. Okay? That’s it.”

Mayor Barilla – “Alright. Also signing in this evening is Mr. Villamagna under miscellaneous.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah thank you Mayor. Jim also because I see in the audience that we; there’s a; were you contacted about a problem on 4<sup>th</sup> Street with a vendor being blocked from having a band outside there?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well the Mayor briefed me on it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay. So somebody has talked to you about it?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes he has.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah because he was supposed to come and meet with you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That I have not had.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But I would be more than happy to meet with him.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Get all the details then go from there.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay thank you Jim.”

## PUBLIC FORUM

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