

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
June 4, 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 Paul, Petrella, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, & Hahn.

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

Also present; Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty (Acting City Manager), Fire Captain Chris Allen, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, 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 May 28, 2019. Second by Mr. Petrella. 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. 2019-44 – BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 951 AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 951 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2019-44. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-44 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “First of all I hope this takes effect and we leave it alone for a while. We put a lot into it and I want to thank Scott over there because he did most of the work. He was the quarterback, the offensive line, the defensive line so hopefully we’ll get a little chance; we put a lot of time in it so we’re going to works for at least another year till I’m gone. Thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto called question. Roll Call. Five (5) ayes; Paul, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn. One (1) no; Petrella. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-44 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will go into effect on July 4, 2019.

NO. 2019-46 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY OWNED BY LUKABA HOLDINGS LLC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2019-46. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-46 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-46 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect immediately upon the signature of the Mayor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I have a couple items. Okay for one I see Mr. Baird is not here tonight. What happened was Mr. Timmons couldn’t be here tonight; hopefully his wife; they’re going to try and induce labor or whatever so God Bless there and I hope everything goes well. Mr. Timmons asked a question tonight and it is my ward but it is something that has to do with the Pico Park. Pico Park is owned by the County and he’s asking the question can someone check into who is supposed to empty the trash cans at Pico Park. My dad says he goes by every day and they’re not empty. Okay? So we need to know who will empty the trash cans at Pico Park. Is that us or is that the county? I know it’s the county’s park. They do a lot for us and sometimes Steubenville Public School systems; Principal Teddy Gorman sends kids down there to help us but I know it’s not our park. Okay? I just need to know who would empty those trash cans. Is it us? If we have too we can do it but and I don’t want to speak for Mr. Mavromatis who’s not here. My second item is I’d like to call a safety committee meeting on June 18th and it will be I’ll say let’s go 45 minutes. We’ll go a quarter till seven or 7:45 let’s go no.”
Everyone – “6:45.”

Mr. Paul – “6:45 yes. Thank you Mayor. Thank you very much. And the issue is a gentleman; a couple people have talked to me about the speeding on Route 7 going down through Steubenville I know we have a 35 mph speed limit and the Jake brake. Back in 2008 there’s an ordinance about a Jake brake and I hear them all the time but are we going to have our officers go out and pick someone up for a Jake brake. You know what that means when they “brrrrrr” that truck gears down so they’re going at excessive speed to use that. So I’d like to talk and Chief maybe I’ll need you there; for sure I’ll need you there and that’ll be on the 18th and we’ll do it at 6:45.”
Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay? Alright I got one more item Mayor. It’s under finance and it is an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2019-13 the existing table of organization of the City of Steubenville and declaring an emergency. Okay and that’s what Mr. Jenkins referred to tonight; some items he needs to move forward and if there’s any questions on that we can ask Mr. Jenkins he’s right here. Alright now I was a little bit; I was tardy as I told (inaudible); I was tardy and if anybody has any questions for Mr. Jenkins on this ordinance speak now so we; this is going to be an emergency so; so you’re all; you good? You good? You good? You good?”

Mr. Petrella – “He already.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay. I just want to make sure because I was never good at; I was never big with emergencies and I know you’re not a favor of them so.”

Mr. Petrella – “I’m not in favor of them.”

Mr. Paul – “But you got it? Okay good. Mr. Jenkins I think we’re good to go. Okay and I think you’re Honor I’m done.”

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

Mr. Paul – “Thank you Mayor.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah one short ordinance for next meeting from the utility committee. 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. Water is an emergency. Thank you.”

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes so I wanted to mention the Paddle fest one last time. We’re going to have this on Saturday; you are welcomed to just come down to the Marina and hang out if you want too. You don’t have to bring a kayak or canoe to just be part of it. It’s from 1:00 till 3:00 in the afternoon. The Pittsburgh office of the Army Corp of Engineers is sending over one or two river rangers and they’re going to give some instruction at the beginning at 1:00 just reminding people of where to go and where not to go and they are happy to inspect anybody’s life preservers to make sure that they are regulation. They can be type 1, 2, or 3. I also have some registrations; when we bought our kayaks I didn’t know it had to be registered; it just wasn’t something that Dick’s mentioned. This; I got two or three pre-applications here if you need it. If you have the receipt for your kayak or canoe then you just take the receipt with this to the BMV and it takes about 15-20 minutes to do the registration. You do need to bring cash they don’t take checks and for a newer kayak you can do the alternative which I did the alternative registration to register for three years; it’s good for three years and then the re-registration is very easy three years later. I didn’t have a receipt because I got it for my husband a few years ago; I just never knew I needed to hang on to the receipt for the kayaks so what you do is then you go to a notary and the library has a free notary and you just say I bought those kayaks and they believe you and they notarize it and so and that only took about ten minutes and then I went on to the BMV. So it doesn’t take a really long time and I think it’s going to be a lot of fun so we’re hoping to have a good group and I can give these applications to anybody who’s interested afterwards. Alright? Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Good luck with that.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah thanks. Oh I’m sorry I should (inaudible) to Lori. Anything special about the pool opening?”

Lori Fetherolf – “Yes we had about 86 people today. Obviously we had one little glitch and that there was a low spot in the pool and the paint wasn’t dry. So the top part of the paint dried; the bottom didn’t so it’s being taken care of but that’s why I got blue all over me. I know the kids would come out the pool with blue on them and I didn’t know where it was coming from so but it’s okay. It’s okay. We had a good time.”

Mr. Paul – “What do you do with all the water on there? (All inaudible)”

Lori Fetherolf – “Yeah.”

Mr. Paul – “Very easy or very…”

Lori Fetherolf – “Very hard. It doesn’t go everywhere though which is nice. It’s not like; it’s very sticky.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay.”

Lori Fetherolf – “You have to scrap; you have to use a scrapper and scrap it off.”

Mr. Paul – “Good luck with that also as well.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And we’re going to have a booth for Parks and Recreation at the First Friday on Fourth and just a reminder that that’s this coming Friday night and at the booth we’re hoping to have signup sheets if anyone wants to volunteer to help with any of the gardening at the parks or some of the just care. We’ll also have pool passes at a discount so if anybody wants to bring their checkbook or cash they can sign up and get the pool passes. We’ve already started the swim lessons so you can find out when the next set of swim lessons is going on. Are you still hoping to do adult aerobics or?”

Lori Fetherolf – “No.”

Mrs. Hahn – “No. She’s given up on us since none of us signed up for adult aerobics. Okay maybe another summer but anyways it should be a lot of fun. I hope you stop by the booth and see some of the different things that Parks and Rec are doing. Okay that’s it.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mastros – “Thank you Mr. Mayor. One thing Mr. Mavromatis briefed you last week on the amendment to the contract of the Police prosecutor. Mr. Paul wanted everybody to see it before we did it. Smart. I e-mailed everybody that Police prosecutor contract again everything is going to be divided evenly between the county and the city. The increase obviously will be divided evenly as well. I was asked if Mr. Mavromatis would’ve done it but I was asked by the Police prosecutor to mention it today if you are all implying to do so; if you wanted too you could make a motion for the City Manager to; authorize him to sign that agreement on behalf of the City. We don’t need to amend the T.O. for that because it’s by contract so if you have any questions I can answer them the best I can. If not.”

Mr. Paul – “Craig do you want to do it?”

Mr. Mastros – “Entertain a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute that agreement.”

Mr. Petrella made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into that agreement with the Police Prosecutor. Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Mastros – “Thank you Mr. Mayor I have nothing further.”

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move onto miscellaneous reports and signing in is the Mayor here first.”

Mayor Barilla – “I want to first of all mention our City Manager Mr. Mavromatis his mother passed away this past week so our thoughts and prayer are with Jim and his family. I believe the showing for her is Thursday from three to six if I’m not mistaken.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Seven.”

Mayor Barilla – “Three to seven and also this past week we lost one of our founding; one of our fathers of our city well I look at him as that way is Geary Teramana who was a major force in our community providing assistance to many organizations. He was very heavily involved in the wellbeing of Steubenville, Ohio and he’ll be sadly missed but I do want to mention those two incidences. Also as many of you are aware that we had an issue with a waterline break on LaBelle that has contaminated the gas line; a major gas line up there and it has effected some 68 homes that are without natural gas and of course most of those homes up there are gas water heaters. So the Columbia Gas got a hold of me and Mr. Dolak actually got a hold of me to get some information and maybe some help for these people so we called Big Red High School and Teddy Gorman was gracious to allow the residents up there to use the shower facilities at the Big Red pool in the Big Red School from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. I also contacted Tom Costello at Catholic Central High School he’s allowed; he’s offered to give folks the use of their showers from 8:00 till 12:00 and also I got ahold of the YMCA Lorri Jones out there and she’s offering shower facilities from 2:00 to 4:00 for anybody in the LaBelle area that has been affected by this situation. Mr. Dave Raw actually called me a little while ago to inform me that the main gas line up there on LaBelle that was affected will be installed today and gas probably will; actually it’ll be installed tomorrow and then the next day Thursday they’ll be testing for any leaks and then they’ll start to do the service lines to the homes. He did say also that they’re some residents there that may be connected as early as today on the old service lines but those lines will be changed later on down the road. So the streets that are affected are Woodlawn Road, Pershing Ave., Columbus Circle, Kendall Ave., Roosevelt Ave. so I think that the community; these leaders of our community both the high schools and the Y and also by the way Reno Saccoccia; Coach Saccoccia from Big Red got a hold of me and he’s opening up the shower facilities at Harding Stadium and I believe he’s saying he’s there from like 7:00 a.m. till 1:00.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “The fieldhouse.”

Mayor Barilla – “At the fieldhouse. So we actually have four places where folks can get showers in this emergency situation as far as no hot water. Okay. Alright also signing in today under miscellaneous is Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes your Honor. Lori where do we sit on Devonshire?”

Lori Fetherolf – “I talked to him today because that was my question because I told him that I needed it done and it’s supposed to be delivered because he had a question about having to get the concrete is; imbedded in concrete it’s about this round how to get that out to get the new pole in. I said get it done; get the pole delivered so it’s supposed to be delivered tomorrow.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay when is the project going to be done?”

Lori Fetherolf – “When they deliver it I don’t want it sitting out there because it’s a 10 foot pole that somebody will take to the dump yard to recycle so as soon as its delivered they’re going to do it.”

Mr. Petrella – “And the swings will be installed also?”

Lori Fetherolf – “Yes. Yep we’ve got the swings. Yep.”

Mr. Petrella – “I want to be notified when it’s done.”

Lori Fetherolf – “Okay. Alright.”

Mr. Petrella – “Also we’ve brought up the grass situation last week. I notice on the weekly report that was given to Council they had completed 1309 its cut. The houses that they said were complete on Union are not complete and there are still lots on Ridge and Maryland that still are there and those are vacant lots so I really can’t give you the street number but these are chronic lots and I know Councilman DiLoreto has lots in his that are chronic also and I can’t understand why we don’t get a head start on these in March and get everything into the system. If we have to get it to court let’s get it to court. If it’s ours let’s get it cut and years ago the city use to cut these lots and lien the property. Costa why can’t we do that now?”

Mr. Mastros – “You can charge back to the property. I wrote a memo to Jim I think it was last year or 17 we can charge back and lien the property. They have to obviously keep track of our man hours; I’m sorry our labor our expenses and you can lien it. You can go the second route which is citing them into court; having to do that that way. If they don’t do it you can request the court to assess; I believe you can you can ask the court to assess them the cost if we do it but either way I believe we can.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay. The only thing is that every year we take our time up in Council and complain about weeds. Where this should be by this time you figure after all these years and all the demolitions we’ve done around here that this should be automatic and we need to have whoever is in charge of this put a mechanism together where it is automatic and get it done. And I don’t want to come down here and I’m not; I can’t go around and constantly and say; do people’s jobs and say hey you know this lot needs cut; this lot; everybody knows their job and we’re going to start; at least I am anyway is going to start holding people accountable and just like I want; I put a request in; Council has a mechanism we put a service request into Karly; Karly sends it out to the department heads; department heads are supposed to give it back to Karly and she gets in contact with us. She’s our focal point when we put our service request in and she sends it out to the departments and I don’t expect her to chase people down. I expect all the department heads to give feedback into her so she can give feedback into us as Council members. So I’m putting everybody on notice that if I put a service request in if I got to hunt you down there’s going to be a problem on Council floor with you. Thank you your Honor.”

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

Mr. DiLoreto – “I’m glad somebody’s taken up my cause. You know Craig from Lincoln Ave. to South 4th Street from the Library on down its all empty lots. The weeds are that high tires could get lost in there.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “(All inaudible). Karly checked all the meters down. There was only one local landlord. All the rest are from California, they’re dead, and they belong to the State of Ohio. Christ once they; after two or three years all that (inaudible) goes back to the State of Ohio right Costa?”

Mr. Mastros – “It all depends if they go to a Sheriff’s auction.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “So if I want to get something done I can’t go to the State of Ohio.”

Mr. Mastros – “No.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “So we got to take care of it and I know I’ve been hopping on burning; I know what Willie said was good but there are some lots that nobody is around like the ballfields at Belleview all those weeds on the top they could be killed. Beatty Park I had a crew down there last week volunteers cutting weeds and chopping down trees and all these empty lots that don’t belong to any property owners that are here. You can’t get anything out of a dead horse. I’d like to just get a torch myself and burn them. Thank you.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “That’ll miscellaneous reports this evening. We’ll now move onto public forum and signing in this evening under public forum is Mr. Patrick McLaughlin will you please step forward and state your name and address.”

Patrick McLaughlin – “Patrick McLaughlin volunteer at Historic Fort Steuben in the Steubenville Visitor Center. I just wanted to thank a bunch of people. I want to thank Council and the department heads for everything that they do for our city. Although we’re not a city park we are a park located within the beautiful City of Steubenville. We host a lot of great events across the street. First I would like to thank Steubenville High School for the flowers that they did plant around the city and the court house I do want to comment on that.”

Mayor Barilla – “I think Melinda Young planted them.”

Patrick McLaughlin – “The volunteers from Historic Fort Steuben will water these flowers to keep them beautiful. Across the street at the Fort we just had our Memorial Day concert (all inaudible from coughing) I would say 2,000 people. I mean it was nice when you came across the bridge there was actually people sitting under the trees over at the Post Office because it was so packed over there. I would also like to thank WTOV 9 Tara Jabour she spent several hours over there which you know talking to people and it’s nice to get good news coverage from your news media. As well as Linda Harris from the Herald Star. There’s also a lot of people who do things that nobody sees. Just like when you have your waterline break a lot of people stepped up to help the city and across the street during the summer concert series a lot of businesses step up and donate to help feed the performers to donate food and refreshments DiCarlo’s Pizza, Vocelli’s Pizza, Malta’s Pizza, there’s just Vocelli’s Pizza, Domino’s, Pilot down here donates ice, Ruffcreek Market, and it’s nice when you get support from your community (all inaudible). Then we just had Ohio Valley Frontier Days which I think we saw about a thousand people there. It was good to see everybody enjoying their selves and thank you to the volunteers who donated their time to help with the event and then I’d also like to thank Julianna Furfari with News 9 she spent a few days over there and I can’t say enough about Linda Harris and her work that she did helping (inaudible) Frontier days. The weekend newspapers were out of this world and I think we deserve to recognize her for the work she has

done. And during that event there was also businesses that donated food to help feed the volunteers which was Nicky from the Maryland Market, Rural King, Domino's Pizza, Rural King donated the water and Pilot donated the ice and there was also a young lady there from WTOV 9 Summer Wilkinson; would you step up here please. I don't know if you saw on live TV that morning where Summer participated against our great Mayor of our city Jerry Barilla and on live TV you saw them both throw two tomahawks but what you didn't see was during warm ups they each had three chances just to warm up Summer landed two out of three very close to the bullseye. So in warm ups she did very well because Jerry landed none."

Mayor Barilla – "It was a set up. It was a set up."

Summer Wilkinson – "He was wafting me he really was."

Mayor Barilla – "I was being set up."

Patrick McLaughlin – "But then we went live they each had two throws which of course Summer didn't land any and Jerry landed one."

Mayor Barilla – "Yes."

Patrick McLaughlin – "Total out of 5 throws Summer did land two."

Mr. Paul – "We're going to call you tomahawk from now on. Every time I come in I'm calling you tomahawk."

Mayor Barilla – "Guess it wouldn't of counted you know the Mayor was successful."

Few Unknown – "(All inaudible)."

Summer Wilkinson – "Oh no."

Mayor Barilla – "I'm going to give you this. Let me just squeeze here."

Mr. Villamagna – "Don't throw it at her Jerry."

Few Unknown – "(All inaudible)."

Mayor Barilla – "I wrote on here To: Summer From: The Champion the Mayor Jerry Barilla."

Summer Wilkinson – "Oh no you did not."

Mayor Barilla – "Advice; practice. Don't mess with the Mayor."

Summer Wilkinson – "Thank you I will cherish this forever."

Mayor Barilla – "Alright."

Patrick McLaughlin – "And in the end I would like to thank Steubenville City Mayor Jerry Barilla for your great leadership to not only our city but to the Historic Fort Steuben located across the street. The way that you delegate these meetings; the way he delegates his duties and responsibilities to make sure that things are a success across the street. There's one main reason why this city has a positive attitude and I just want to thank you for everything you do for our great city. Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you. Also I'd like to call forward Bishop Moore. Would you please come forward and tell us how you made out with your efforts to supply water to Dayton."

Bishop Moore – "I want to thank the Councilmen who played the part in that. Also the American Legion and the Church, Vodo, and also Mike Florak from Franciscan University. As always stepping up to the plate to make sure that we're successful in being impactful (all inaudible) Dayton to go to leave Wednesday night. We'll arrive in Dayton early Thursday morning about 7:50 with about four and a half pallets of water and also some toilet paper and some other items. There is still time for those of you that would still like to donate you can still donate. I spoke with our contacts in Dayton, Ohio and what she told me was that there's a lot of people that's without work because a lot of banks were destroyed; a lot of grocery stores were destroyed and so the grocery store that they are using right now in (inaudible) areas is like a Family Dollar and so they need a lot food and other things like that so if you still want to donate we'll still have you bring it to the church in fact when I leave here I'm going to the church and then also from 6:00 till about 7:30 will be at Mount Zion you can drop stuff off; canned goods stuff like that. Again I thank all of you for your support."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Bishop Moore. Thank you for your efforts and your concern for people in need. Thank you very much."

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR