

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

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Assistant Law Director Bernie Battistel, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Captain Chris Takach, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Supervisor Lisa Knight, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Sanitation Supervisor Bob Baird, 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 July 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. 2019-52 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Dressel, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE REHABILITATION AND REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF OF THE OLD FILTRATION PLANT BUILDING LOCATED AT 1575 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO SAID CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2019-52. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-52 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-52 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect on August 8, 2019.

NO. 2019-53 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER OVER \$3,000.00 PURSUANT TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.41.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-53. The third and final reading will be next week July 16, 2019.”

NO. 2019-55 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-108 AND ADOPTING THE INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION PLAN OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-55. The second reading will be next week July 16, 2019.”

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes a couple of things. The Parks and Recreation Board meeting this coming Wednesday at Belleview Park Clubhouse; it’s opened to the public anyone can come; 7:00 p.m. Again that Belleview Park at the clubhouse. The baby pool opened; first time it’s been opened in 8 years. It opened on July 4th and I had the joy of being there with three of my grandchildren and my husband and it was such fun to see people being able to have their babies in the pool and they were as you would expect more adults there because littles are there and it was just really a lot of fun being at the pool so thank you Lori for all; all the efforts for that. Finally I

wanted to mention to people that the railroad is going to close access to the marina this Sunday for the day and their going to complete all of their repairs because of the new interchange; the new intersection and the derailment so if you could help spread the word Sunday is a prime day for a lot of people to go down and put in their boats and be at the marina and it's better to think the whole day as not being available. Do you know when they're going to start that Mike?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "6:30 in the morning."

Mrs. Hahn – "6:30 in the morning and so better to think of it as the whole day then if it's a surprise it'll be opened (inaudible) but most likely it'll just be closed. Okay that's it."

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor I have one. It's a request by our Finance Director Dave Lewis. Next week July 16th at 6:45 he's asking that we would do an exit conference to be held with Julian and Grube; he'll be on site (inaudible) exit conference to discuss our clean audit that we have. Dave always has a clean audit him and his group. We know that our finance department is a great department so we're going to have an exit conference with Julian and Grube. Does that need to be; where you at Dave?"

Dave Lewis – "I'm here."

Mr. Paul – "Does it need to be executive session or..."

Dave Lewis – "They are; they're done in executive session."

Mr. Paul – "Okay."

Dave Lewis – "They're not subject with (inaudible) meeting."

Mr. Paul – "Yeah I was pretty sure we had to go into executive session and then after that it'll be; so that'll be 6:45 and we'll go to Pugliese or stay in here?"

Dave Lewis – "Your choice."

Mr. Paul and Dave Lewis – "(All inaudible)"

Mr. Paul – "What do you guys suggest?"

Mayor Barilla – "I think you have to open Council first then go into executive session."

Mrs. Haley – "Yeah."

Mr. Paul – "We can do that. We'll go into the Pugliese room and then we can let everybody stay here like we normally do."

Mrs. Haley – "You would have to have it at 7:30 then."

Dave Lewis – "No."

Mr. Paul – "No we don't have too."

Dave Lewis – "We actually (all inaudible)."

Mr. Paul – "We've never done it before. We always did a; we always; we can do it. We'll call it; we'll come in at 6:45; go into executive session I'll call for it and we'll go into that room and everybody can stay in here; we'll come back. We've done it before. Alright? Okay."

Few unknown – "(All inaudible)"

Mr. Paul – "Well..."

Few unknown – "(All inaudible)"

Mr. Paul – "Well you know what I'd rather go; I'd rather go down there because sometimes; we'll go down there."

Mayor Barilla – "Alright"

Mr. Paul – "And they can stay in here."

Mayor Barilla – "That's fine."

Mr. Paul – "The population can stay in here and we'll go down to the..."

Mayor Barilla – "Pugliese Room."

Mr. Paul – "To Pugliese yes. Okay?"

Mayor Barilla – "Okay. That's it?"

Mr. Paul – "That's it."

Mayor Barilla – "Alright I'm going to return back to Mrs. Hahn."

Mrs. Hahn – "I'm very sorry I forgot I wanted to call for a Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting next Tuesday if that's possible. There are a number of different things that have come up over the last few weeks (all inaudible) and so I thought I would have; we'd have an opportunity to address a number of other issues apart from the marina. So is that possible? Can we do that?"

Mr. Petrella – "How long will you need?"

Mrs. Hahn – "I would think if we could meet at 6:00 for 45 minutes and then we could; could do the big executive; have Council start to go into executive session."

Mr. Dressel – "Okay."

Mr. Timmons – "Yeah."

Mrs. Hahn – "And I will try to send you an agenda like in the next couple of days so you can see some of the things that have come forward and then feel free to add anything that you wanted too. Okay thank you very much."

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – "Yes I have a few things. Chris can you check on 735 Oxford I know we've talked about that property for a couple years and I believe the last time we spoke it would auction it off but that's been awhile so..."

Chris Petrossi – "Okay."

Mr. Timmons – "Alright thank you and Mayor I wanted to commend you on a great fireworks display last; on the 4th it was great."

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

Mr. Timmons – “So (all inaudible) all the departments and (all inaudible). And then Chief on Kendall Ave. I didn’t hear what happened I know that it was like somebody had set up basically an auto repair tent on the street. Did that get solved? Do you know which one I’m talking about?”

Chief McCafferty – “I think Dorsey is working on that.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay and then finally I want to call a Park and Rec well actually call an executive session very brief; five minutes for personnel of the Park and Rec department right after public forum and then Mayor you can stay, Jim, Bernie.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Tonight?”

Mr. Timmons – “Yes tonight; tonight.”

*Mr. Timmons made a motion to go into executive session after public forum to discuss Parks and Recreation personnel. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah one short one. Dave I noticed that the gas increase went into effect so I think we should have a line item of the money that comes in and all the roads that we pave from that money and make sure it doesn’t go into the general fund. I’m sure happy they passed the gas increase without any fan fair. I wish we could do that same thing with the water department but that’s all I’m going to say. Thank you.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Just to relate what Councilwoman Hahn brought up Sunday July 14th the roads will be closed at 6:00 a.m. leading into the marina at the railroad tracks. The Norfolk and Southern railroad are coming in finally to fix that crossing there. It will be closed from 6:00 a.m. in the morning until 7:00 p.m. at night unless they finish earlier then (all inaudible). This is needed so they can do the complete repair on their crossing there. Anyone that’s been down there since we had the derailment can see that it was just a partial fix to get the railcars going through there. This needs to be done. I know it’s an inconvenience it’s a beautiful day but these are the sacrifices we had to make. Why? Because we have businesses up and down that road that travel every day and they’re not opened on Sunday thank goodness for that because they would be hurt by this so this will be closed just one day. They feel they can get this all done with no traffic in there so we’re supporting this. I’m just glad they’re coming in now to get this done.”

Mr. Dressel – “Hey Jim?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes?”

Mr. Dressel – “Can someone let D.W. Dickey know because they (all inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We’ve been in contact with them; been in contact with Bowers so...”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The respective business people have been notified and I have a list here this is going out to all the news media. I’ve asked News 9 to put this more on their news every night until this comes up because (all inaudible).”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s all I have Mayor tonight.”

Mr. Battistel – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “Alright we’ll move to miscellaneous reports. We have none signing in other than myself I just want to commend...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mayor?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I apologize. Mayor I had one thing it’s a typo correction on the last ordinance that we’re dealing with. We have ordinance 2019-55 the first reading.”

Mayor Barilla – “Yeah.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But then it goes down to 2017-108 or is it 2016-114 so I just need to make sure that we have that corrected about what we’re changing it from.”

Mayor Barilla – “It’s adopting; it’s amending ordinance no. 2017-108?”

Dave Lewis – “Yes. That’s the correct ordinance. (All inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. Alright. Everything else okay? Alright I just wanted to commend the Steubenville Police Department and Fire Department for their cooperation in the 4th of July festivities this past 4th. You did an outstanding job Chief and your (inaudible) men. We appreciate all that (all inaudible) to make it a success as well as the Fire Department. I think the Fire Department was on the river. Is that right? Good.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “On water.”

Mayor Barilla – “But anyways thank you. We appreciate it very much.”

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – “This evening under public forum we have a person by the name of Kim Smith that signed in. Is Kim Smith in the audience? Ms. Smith you got to come forward to this microphone here and state your name and address.”

Kim Smith – “My name is Kim Smith I reside at 1243 Pennsylvania Ave. Steubenville, Ohio.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. So I see that you have an issue here with a citizen at TJ Max about dogs and the dog warden.”

Kim Smith – “Yeah I kind of got held by a woman; I don’t understand why this is the relevance but apparently she said (all inaudible from noise) two different stores that morning. First I went to the post office to get my stamps; stopped by the Dollar Tree downtown and then I went to TJ Max. I wasn’t in the store for longer than 5 to 10 minutes mind you my car was on, the air conditioner was on and the windows are cracked. I have Shih Tzu and a German shepherd. The windows have to be cracked a certain way because people like to touch Lola; I don’t know if she’ll bite them or not but they were protected. When I came out of the store a woman walked up to me and she said I called the Police on you because your dogs are in the car and they’ve been in there for 15 minutes and I’ve been following you. Well why are you following me? When she goes on to say about her husband is a black police officer of Steubenville and she was going to keep me there. Then she blocked my car with her body; got on the phone with I guess her husband because I called the Police they told me that someone was coming up there and then when Brian came her whole attitude changed that turned into I was just trying to be very friendly; I was trying to help this woman out and she is just kind of like attacking me. Okay? I came out the store lady and (all inaudible) and you would not move. That’s a violation of my rights and since when; I’m just; I really want to know did Steubenville Police Officers wives start enforcing the public safety? Since when? And then to make matters worse this seems to be a pattern that’s going on in America where black people are having the cops called on them for just being black. I didn’t do anything wrong. I take very good care of my pets. Extremely good care of my pets. Just like I do my home and my property. I’m responsible and it was uncalled for so if this is the pattern that’s going to happen in Steubenville something needs to be done because like I said when did a Police Officer’s civil duties get automatically transferred to his wife and what does the fact that he as a black cop and she’s a white wife have to do with her (inaudible) me and keeping me at bay until she got the authorities there?”

Mayor Barilla – “Well I understand your position.”

Kim Smith – “I thought you’d might. So is that it?”

Mayor Barilla – “That’s it.”

Kim Smith – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Mavromatis.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Ms. Smith this is what I would ask you to do. This is not the forum for this.”

Kim Smith – “I called nobody has called me back.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Did you come down and call the Chief or ask to see the Chief of Police?”

Kim Smith – “I called (all inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No I asked; the question is did you call the Chief of Police’s office?”

Kim Smith – “No I didn’t. I called the Police.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well this is the Chief of Police here. You need to meet with him. Now I don’t want to go into this here because I’ll tell you why I don’t know all the facts alright? But you are one of the participants in this incident as well as another lady as well as our Dog Warden okay? So we have three people here.”

Kim Smith – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “You, this other lady who I don’t know her name but I’m sure it’s in the report and we have our Dog Warden so the Chief needs to talk to all three of you to get all these facts out here. This is your side what you’re putting out right now and I will tell you it is not consistent with what’s in the report. (All inaudible from Kim Smith starting to speak.)”

Kim Smith – “Well it is consistent sir because it happened to me.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s fine.”

Kim Smith – “And it was wrong; why didn’t the Police come? Why didn’t the dog patrol do anything about it?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The Dog Warden; mam...”

Kim Smith – “(All inaudible) let me go.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mayor; do you want to control this because I will? I have the floor right now. You left the scene the dog warden was there. Okay?”

Kim Smith – “He said I could.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No that’s not what was in the report.”

Kim Smith – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “This is why you need to see the Chief of Police; he will talk with you; get your statement and he will talk to the dog warden. If there was a witness that was there they will be interviewed and then this will be sorted out and you could have your answers that you need. Okay Ms. Smith?”

Kim Smith – “I already got my answers thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you. Thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Good job Jim.”

Kim Smith – “(All inaudible) Steubenville.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

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

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