

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 23, 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, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, & Hahn.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Captain Ken Anderson, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Supervisor Lisa Knight, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, 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 16, 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. 2019-55 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2019-55. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-55 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-55 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will go into effect on August 22, 2019.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I have one item tonight. It’s a resolution I guess it would be Council as a whole. A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. That’s all I have.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Paul.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. Mayor I would like to introduce a resolution adopting the 2019 consolidated plan update and one year action plan authorizing it’s submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes you’re Honor I’d like to address this to Chris. I noticed in the paper we have a lot of empty property throughout the ward that we’re trying to sell. I know a little bit about it. There’s about 40 of them in my ward. However if we do sell them which I hope we do I hope we sell them to property owners and not landlords because if they go back to the landlords all they’re going to do if refer back to the slums that we had. You notice there on North 5<sup>th</sup> Street about 15 years ago the Federal Government bought those properties and they’re still very well maintained. They could probably be out there on Braybarton so I think this is a good sign. Instead of tearing them down because if you go up on Lindon Ave. or Railroad Ave. or Summit Ave. and Maxwell Ave. all you see up there is weeds and so if there’s any good; if there’s any good homes there sell them; sell them cheap and sell them to a young couple or someone who wants them and take care of them. I’ll follow up on this. Thank you.”

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes I have a few things. Under Parks and Recreation last Thursday we had more than 20 of us that met at the marina and then went to the; to Froehlich’s to begin the conversation for the Steubenville Riverfront Development Task Force and the next meeting is August 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. opened to the public; again in the basement room of Froehlich’s and we’re gathering more information; encouraging people that if you have been vacationing and you’ve seen some riverfronts if you want to send me some photographs or suggestions of things that you’ve seen; please feel free to do that without coming to the meeting any input would be helpful. Okay on August 3<sup>rd</sup> is going to be the Friends of the Marina; which is a different group; Friends of the Marina

are meeting at noon at the Marina again that's opened to the public and we welcome anybody who wants to come and we're just going to clean up; to do some planting and get things ready. The following Saturday at 11:00 will be the battle of the bands. At this point it's Big Red versus Catholic Central and it's not a fundraiser for the marina it's a fundraiser for the bands and we're encouraging their booster clubs to come and sell items so they could make a little more money. Should be a lot of fun. The bands will be fresh out of camp and eager to share their new songs. August 11<sup>th</sup> the pool closes. We have lifeguards that need to get ready and go back to college and so August 11<sup>th</sup> will be the last day that the pool has opened. Under economic development I wanted to just mention one thing some of you may have read this article in the paper that said Study paints grim picture of Appalachia and just want to balance it because I realize that's been going off statistics that Evan Scurti was quoted very well in there saying there's a bigger picture involved. But I wanted to specifically mention at the Steubenville Revitalization Group Bryce Custer presented on the two major cracker plants going in. The one in Monaca which is fully engaged and the one down at Dilly's Bottom which hasn't had a public announcement but if you notice there are 30 million dollar grant from Jobs Ohio that's just been given to them and the kinds of work that has to be done there first; equipment that's being used will be used there is right now fully engaged of the Monaca but every indication is that it will come and the interesting thing is we are positioned 45 minutes away from both cracker plants. So if you have people you know the people in your family; people who are friends who really like this community and would like to bring jobs to this community; plastics if going to be a tremendous; tremendous opportunity and then lots of gas and oil jobs are coming; it's slow but it's coming. So anyway I just wanted to give a little valance to that under economic development. And finally I wanted to mention something Bob put this five year; I'm sorry the one year action plan forward but I wanted to mention something specific it includes \$90,000 for replacement of fire hydrants in the low and moderate income neighborhoods. So even though that's a small amount relatively speaking it's still one more piece to the puzzle being able to use the grant funding to help people on lower income neighborhoods have the upgrades to the fire hydrants that they need sooner and so that's one more piece to our puzzle that I think is so important. Thank you."

## **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – "I was contacted this week by Common Pleas Judge they're looking for parking spaces for their employees and they'd like to rent some spaces from the city. We redid the parking lot that's behind us which is basically been utilized for two hour parking. I think that's probably the best usage of that because it keeps the people central downtown to park it's a two hour limit and then they move. If we're interested in doing this my recommendation is utilizing the lot at 3<sup>rd</sup>; excuse at 4<sup>th</sup> and Adams there. That lot needs to be restriped and something that we may want to consider like a lot of cities do is you have a meter box there where you go pay for your amount of time; put your ticket there; this requires our parking enforcement person to access it and read who's paid to park and who hasn't. So this is something I'm going to need to present to you. Do we want to entertain this request?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Jim I didn't hear anything you said (all inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "It was a Common Pleas..."

Mr. Villamagna – "Oh."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Courts over there some of their employees; they asked for 10 spots; originally they asked for our spots that are directly behind us. We're starting to get some encroachment there and I'm going to put a direct about this isn't for city vehicles to park there. This is a two hour parking for businesses that's why it was created and I think it's benefited a lot of businesses being able to park there and I asked our parking enforcement code for parking enforcement person he said we're averaging probably 80 to 90 percent occupancy during the week here. No problem after hours or on the weekend for events because everything is closed and our city (inaudible) so this is something I wanted to bring up to Council. What your thoughts on this? Where you want to go with this? Scott?"

Mr. Dressel – "Well I had a couple and then I have questions about the parking lots."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Dressel – "The one is; you may want; I don't really want to be in that business but if we do; if not we can always refer them to some of the private lots around here and the Fort has one and I think there's another one that other direction (all inaudible) as well near Vukelic."

Mr. Mavromatis – "And I may not of mentioned one of the issues is security is what..."

Mr. Dressel – "Right."

Mr. Mavromatis – "They're concerned for because of where our cameras are located there's a direct shot down Court Alley here."

Mr. Dressel – "And if we are going to do that then I'm sure you've got my message about the weeds this week then we finally got to clean that lot up so it doesn't look like it does now. The (inaudible) are this tall. Okay and that was it."

Mr. DiLoreto – "How about that lot on Third Street and (inaudible) Street all the grass is high because (inaudible) parking lot the weeds are so high maybe we can make that a parking lot. It's pretty close to the city building and the Fort."

Mr. Mavromatis – "If you're talking about the property..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "(All inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "South."

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “East corner there.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s private property there.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s owned by an individual in West Virginia. The lot at Third and Adams it would be the northwest corner is a city lot there. That’s our lot and it’s governed by our parking permits there. The county or I should say the Fort has a lot that’s next to us; that’s their lot there but again I think if we’re in agreement here we should keep that lot strictly for parking for customer’s downtown directly behind the building.”

Mr. Dressel – “It fills up all the time.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “It’s always filled up.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right so I mean...”

Mr. Villamagna – “(All inaudible) Jim?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The lot directly behind us.”

Mr. Villamagna – “You think we should keep it for...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s originally what we got that for. I think the businesses that we have here they have a place to park. If you’re there you’re downtown when you walk out on 4<sup>th</sup> Street so alright I will present that to them and then we’ll see about the parking meter thing because I think that’s a revenue thing there. If we make the lot at third excuse me Fourth and Adams there; it’s like you go to cities you go over and punch in your license number or it gives you a ticket to put in your car and you’re good for the whole day. If that’s what you choose to put there and go from there. Okay?”

Mr. Timmons – “So that will be for everybody Fourth and Adams?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right; Fourth and Adams for anybody there. Our employees have our employee lot there.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That is the Third and Adams lot.”

Mr. Timmons – “Third and Adams is for employees only.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Exactly. That’s our employee lot. We give you an employee tag...”

Mr. Paul – “It’s the next one up from the old good year.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah.”

Mr. Paul – “And St. Paul’s Church.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The one across from the old...”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Labors Union.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Good Year.”

Mr. Paul – “I think it was Good Year or...”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah that’s the one (all inaudible).”

Mr. Paul – “St. Paul’s is right directly (all inaudible).”

Few unknown – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Petrella – “So Jim if that’s public parking and they want 10 spots are we; when we striped it are we going to mark 10 spots as reserved?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I don’t know if we want to block out the 10 spots there. We can do it on the other at the Third and anyone of those because our employees if that’s not completely filled and we have the spots it’s perfect there. Just issue them parking passes and they’ll take care of them.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Mavromatis we do have the lot; I think there’s 45 spaces available just on the other side of the Police building here on Third Street; it belongs to the Fort and we could entertain something of that nature with them if they would be interested.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “Just putting that out there for you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay and just take a look is that a paved lot or is that just?”

Mayor Barilla – “Paved.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s paved. Okay and what’s the Fort do with this now? They just rent the spots out?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yeah. We have two hour parking.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “Well actually all day parking for \$2.00 (all inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay. Alright.”

Mayor Barilla – “We have quite a bit of availability.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Good. I’ll bring that up. The whole idea; the main point with the County is security.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s the main point.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay. I have Mr. Dolak here. He’s going to brief all of you on the bridge at Beatty Park and I have Chris Petrossi who’s going to (all inaudible from noise) to Council who will be interested in it. Will we be going into executive? I ask to go into executive session for Mr. Petrossi for what he needs to brief Council on.”

Mr. Mastros – “And that’ll be the sale of property.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But Mike.”

Mike Dolak – “Thank you. Thanks Council. I passed out some pictures and this is a picture of and I apologize I printed these out late. These pictures aren’t the greatest. They look really good on my computer though. This is

Beatty Park Bridge; in the very last it shows the stone arch bridge; it was built in 1884; notified that there possibly was some damage maybe about 30 days ago so we went out and looked at it. Then FEMA came in I associated this damage with the storm; had to happen back in February. FEMA came in and looked at it yesterday and as we looked at it I noticed it's gotten much worse and I realize there's not a lot of traffic that goes over top of this bridge. This is the one that's furthest north up by the shelter but it's in pretty bad shape so I recommended to Jim that we close it as soon as possible which would be tomorrow morning. (Inaudible) work with Bob with the street department and then I also recommend that we get a structural evaluation of it by (all inaudible from noise) that has a history in dealing with historic structures this major. So I'll proceed with that as well and that evaluation should cost around \$4,900 and I have an individual in mind who's done some work with us before on somewhere around the Cleveland area. He actually did a lot of work. His firm (all inaudible) his firm did a lot of work when the Fort Steuben Bridge got demolished back in 2012. So is there any questions? Yes mam?"

Mrs. Hahn – “So you mentioned FEMA but because there's been more damage does that mean FEMA dollars can't apply or we don't know?"

Mike Dolak – “FEMA; right now I don't know anything. We met for a couple hours out there. We went down in the creek looking and took some pictures; measurements; I probably won't know anything and naturally you know the bridge had some age to it so everything can't be contributed to that specific event but this specific quorum has pointed out to be a while back that happen probably during that time period. So they took a look at it; about five of them; there was some environmental people out there; there was some historic people from the historic administration out there so I should hear back from them I'd said within maybe 5 to 7 days.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “In my own personal opinion I drive up there once or twice a week; I mean I hope you don't spend a lot of money on that bridge. If it's not safe to me close it down because all we got is traffic up there going up to those shelter houses and washing their cars and doing other things. Close the bridge off and make it a walking trail from the old bridge up through the cemetery and save the two bottom shelters for what they're supposed to be for picnics and (inaudible) which people have been using.”

Mike Dolak – “What the evaluation will do.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Don't spend too much money on it yeah.”

Mike Dolak – “Well it will evaluate the bridge and it'll give us different alternatives.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay.”

Mike Dolak – “On what we can and can't do and it'll be cost analysis with that then I'll bring that to you and we can make a decision together.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Will Council vote on that?"

Mike Dolak – “Most definitely.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Well do it before my times up.”

Mike Dolak – “Any other questions? Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. Thank you Mr. Dolak. Mr. Villamagna.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I know Chris wants to talk in executive session.”

Mayor Barilla – “Yeah.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I'd like to ask you a question before because I always; when I'm talking to you then I always forget. I just remembered and I'll forget again. Where are we with the Health Dept. contract?"

Mr. Mavromatis – “It is sitting over at the Commissioner's office.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That's the only signature that's missing. No I apologize. As our prosecutor (inaudible) that's been signed and it's over in the County's hands.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And they are aware of it. Which you brought up a good point. There's a vacancy that's going to be on the board and I recommended that we get somebody from Steubenville on it. So there's a couple people that have already applied from Steubenville which I think are excellent candidates. We're the largest city in this county we should have some representation there.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah and I think they're on board with that too.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “As far as I know but we'll see.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That's it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

## MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “Alright we'll move forward to miscellaneous and signing in this evening we have several. We'll start off with Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah Jim couple things. One how did the trail go on Saturday on the air market? Because I noticed we did not close the street correct?"

Mr. Mavromatis – “That is correct. That was request that they came the following day Wednesday. They said they did not want that. I would probably say we had about 5 to 6 vendors on the east side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 5 to 6 on the west side and that was extent of it. I walked up both sides; I only counted one table that had probably three pieces of squash from the produce side. The rest were all flea market things. Yes.”

Mr. Petrella – “The next thing I brought up last week about on the First Friday that when I was down there it didn’t have adequate spacing. I want you to make sure the Fire Department, the Police Department that there is a minimum of what? 13 feet required? Is that correct Chief? That is down there. Uninstructed.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’ve already met; I’ve met with them; I explained to them that they will be checked on this and the appropriate action will be taken. 13 feet is the minimum amount we need (all inaudible).”

Mr. Petrella – “And another issue that’s come up recently is what time are they supposed to close off that? Because I’ve noticed the signs and stuff have been up there earlier and earlier and earlier. Now it’s around 1:00 that the signs.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s way too early. That’s still Friday and Friday is a payday. So they should be closing off the street probably no earlier than 5:00.”

Mr. Petrella – “Well that street is closed off a lot earlier than 5:00.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “That’s a little bit difficult to set up and open up at 6:00.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah well I mean but 1:00 I think is a little ridiculous too.”

Mayor Barilla – “Yeah I think I saw signs.”

Mr. Dressel – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Petrella – “3:00”

Mr. Dressel – “No they didn’t close till like 4:15 (all inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I would say 4:00 would be the earliest.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Absolute but anything earlier than that you’re (all inaudible).”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah I wouldn’t do it. I wouldn’t close earlier than that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Craig if I can; I wanted to mention (all inaudible) since you brought that up I was thinking about it and (all inaudible). Marc Barnes called me that evening; I told Jim Marc Barnes called me to his credit and he said Mr. Villamagna you were right. I checked with some businesses and they weren’t; they didn’t want the street closed. So it was his decision. He said listen we’re not going to close the street off because there was a couple people and he tried to talk to them (all inaudible). But I gave him a lot a credit and I thanked him because he called me late that evening and he told me that he checked so.”

Mr. Petrella – “So I think; I think Council last week discussed it and there’s a lot of alternatives there and in what they’re trying to accomplish you know I give them credit for. They are looking to fill vacant buildings. We got a lot of vacant buildings on South 4<sup>th</sup> Street that can use the publicity.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “A lot of parking lots (inaudible).”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay is that it Mr. Petrella?”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you. We’ll now move onto Mr. Timmons.”

Mr. Timmons – “Yes after last year’s success I have decided I am going to do office hours again for the second year in a row. It’s going to be August 4<sup>th</sup> and I’m just going to do it all in one day starting at 12:00 and I’ll list where I’ll be but yeah I think it was good just to be out in the community and people were; make myself available to the people and the citizens of (all inaudible from noise). That’s it. Thanks.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you Mr. Timmons. We got Mrs. Hahn signing in.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah. I just wanted to highlight two things that you have done recently Mayor Barilla your letter of support having the Market Street Bridge be designated a historic structure. That was great and that actually happened with the West Virginia Legislature on March 21<sup>st</sup> and also thank you for all your efforts to getting that beautiful sign started and that’s all going to enhance the entrance to the city so thank you very much.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you. Thank you. Alright so we need to; Mr. Paul.”

Mr. Paul made a motion to go into executive session to discuss possible sale of property. Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mayor Barilla –

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