

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 30, 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, Dressel, & Hahn.

Mr. Timmons made a motion to excuse Mr. Paul from tonight's meeting. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion granted declared Mayor Barilla.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Supervisor Lisa Knight, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Sanitation Director Bob Baird, 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 23, 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. 2019-56 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE F.Y 2019 CONSOLIDATION PLAN/ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION THEREOF TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND URBAN PROJECTS DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR F.Y 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AS INCORPORATED IN THE ACTION PLAN.**

Mayor Barilla – "You've heard reading of Resolution No. 2019-56. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Resolution No. 2019-56 please come forward and state your name and address."

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2019-56 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

**NO. 2019-57 – BY 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.**

Mayor Barilla – "You've heard reading of Resolution No. 2019-57. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Resolution No. 2019-57 please come forward and state your name and address."

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2019-57 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – "Yes sir. Mayor first off I would like a couple thank you that I want to; as you know May of 2018 I brought up the water trough with Mr. Gerber here and we kind of got delayed there a little bit and then winter was there and then it never took off so then in July I brought it up again and Mr. Gerber was in an accident and he hurt himself. So it took a while to recover so to make a long story short if finally came to fruition last week we were up there and these people; Gerald Ravisio lives in Baton Rouge, LA; I grew up with Gerald from the south end and Larry Gerber I grew up with Larry also; both of these guys took it on their own to do whatever is necessary up there and pay for it out of their own pocket so there will be no cost to the city what so ever but part of the problem after I talked to Jim was there's guidelines for this so and I want to thank

Chris Petrossi for researching everything and getting me all the information that was necessary what you can do; what you can't do and that was all forward to Gerald and Larry Gerber. So they educated their selves on it and they're prepared to start and they're going to do it here in a couple of weeks. Matter of fact next week and also to the citizens of Steubenville there was countless people who called to get Gerald's number because like I said he lives in Baton Rouge, LA so they got Larry's number and Gerald's number and everything's going to come to a; it looks like it's going to come pretty good and I'd like to thank Jim for having the city go up there."

Mr. DiLoreto – "It looks nice."

Mr. Villamagna – "That weed; I don't know its Japanese something I forget the name of it."

Chuck Murphy – "Japanese knotweed."

Mr. Villamagna – "Japanese knotweed. It's like bamboo. It's like it was really like being in a jungle someplace. It was unbelievable. They cut it out of there pretty good; the best they could do. So it's a go. It should look nice here. He's only going to be here for a week so they said they'll work day and night until they get it done."

Mayor Barilla – "Good."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay?"

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you."

Mr. Villamagna – "Thank you."

Mr. Mastros – "Excuse me Mr. Mayor?"

Mayor Barilla – "Yes?"

Mr. Mastros – "Point of order I have to make. The clerk brought this to my attention. When we just passed Resolution No. 2019-57 there wasn't a motion to adopt and a second. The rules kind of require it. The auditors require it. I'm going to ask that the resolution be read again; we call for the adoption of it and then it be second and then vote again please."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay. Alright so Karly do you want to read that again?"

\*Mrs. Haley read Resolution No. 2019-57 again. Mr. Dressel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-57 by roll call. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2019-57 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. DiLoreto – No Report

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – "Yes couple of things. Just a reminder we've had lots of people at the pool but the last day will be August 11<sup>th</sup> so it's a limited time offer. I wanted to make sure people take advantage of that. Also they'll be a movie shown at Belleview Park on August 3<sup>rd</sup> which is this coming Saturday so we hope for a good crowd and it's a very kid friendly film. We're having two more times at the Marina this weekend in preparation for the last big event we're trying out on August 10<sup>th</sup> so this Friday if any of you are free and want to join us from 1:30 to 3:00 and on Saturday from noon to 2:00. If you own a weed whacker and want to bring it that'll be great and I just recommend that you bring gloves. We are still having vehicles pulling in and parking in the shelters and I don't know how to block that but can we get a sign in there or something saying that this is not acceptable. The grass is actually in nice shape except where there are tire tracks going through. So is there anything we can do about that Jim?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "We can we can get one ordered but what I would ask if this is noticed by anybody to please call the Police and report it."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay."

Mr. Mavromatis – So we can get our men down there to deal with it."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Kimberly is there any benches down there? Is there any benches down there?"

Mrs. Hahn – "There are picnic tables. There are a handful of benches."

Mr. DiLoreto – "I had the same problem down Beatty Park. People were parking in the shelters I called Lori up they moved the benches inside the shelter and that stopped it to an extent."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Free of charge."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay. Good and then the event itself is the battle of the bands; the high school bands it's going to be Catholic Central versus Big Red and it will be at 11:00 at the Marina. If you've never been to the Marina you could see the signs they're about this big and they're brown and it's on Route 7 it's the new light crossing the railroad tracks and there's a sign going on either; going either direction and then we're hoping to have people help with parking so we can get as much parking as we can get in the area that's available. Yeah; so anyway more details next week and the last thing I just wanted to mention this First Fridays on 4<sup>th</sup>; I'm sorry First Friday on 4<sup>th</sup> is this Friday and they're almost completely full with all the vendors that they have so it'll be a lot of fun and the theme is 80s so if you have anything you haven't donated away; those 80s clothes go ahead and feel free to put them on and come down and have a good time. Alright thank you."

## **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you Mayor. I mentioned before to Council in regards to our parking lot that's behind our City Building; there's been encroachment on this over the last several months by many entities. Once starting with our own people we have a lot that is for city employees; they know where it's at they've been so advised. I have advised my parking enforcement person to enforce the lot there; it's not a 2-hour parking it will get ticketed and they will pay for the tickets whether if it's a city vehicle or not whoever put the vehicle there

eats the ticket. We have violations from the county which is going to be notified. I talked with the judge that had requested parking spots there; wanted to rent spots and I directed her over to Mayor Barilla's at the fort. They have several spots there more than enough. I have the parking enforcement guy monitoring the lot; write the plates every day on 2 hour parking just to see what our occupancy is. What we need to find out is what we have left based on his watching the lot. Do we have any spots available? If we do that my recommendation is we're going to rent these out; to rent them at \$50.00 a month. There's no where you can go and park at \$2.50 a day. That's more than reasonable or we make the decision to have our vehicles park there. Right now our Police vehicles are parked where they normally park because of where our cameras are. If we get additional cameras we may take the spots against the south wall there but again he's working on that now. Once I get the figures and everything I'll present it to Council; let me know what you want to do. Saturday we had our second Saturday produce and flea market. This is what I've had observed in the last two weeks and I have calls and I have Mrs. Barnes here tonight that she'd like to speak on her behalf and what she knows but the facts that I'm seeing right now because her husband stood up here in front of us he expected to have 20 people on the first Saturday. There were only 10. The second Saturday it was 15. I've walked it; I've drove it; I took a picture of the one produce stand on the second Saturday it was a full table. The only issue I had to correct was there was one vendor there that had his table completely blocking the sidewalk so I had him move it out parallel with the curb which opened up the sidewalk no further issue here. Other issues that came up it was opened later than it was supposed to be again based on what was told to us from 9 to 12 and there were people out there as late as 3:30; barriers were out there so these are issues here. So these are things that need to be corrected but what I would like to do at this time Mrs. Barnes is here. I would like her to speak and I have one other gentleman that has some input to put on this issue here. So if Ms. Barnes if you'd like to step up here please."

Maura Barnes – "Thanks. I hope you guys don't mind that I read off my phone. My printer was (all inaudible from noise) so sorry about that. Good evening my name is Maura Barnes and I'm a member of the Harmonium Project along with my husband Marc (all inaudible) as the manager for the Open Air Market for the last two weeks and first we wanted to express gratitude that we're allowed to pursue this idea and try to create another exciting and also family friendly event for the downtown area. So as it's typical of a new event; Jim had already mentioned these but there have been a couple things to work out regarding the logistics of the market so after weighing concerns and having in person conversations with several businesses on North 4<sup>th</sup> St. we came to the decision to make it a sidewalk market instead of closing the street. The great thing about that is it not only allows normal access to the street parking and the business entrances but it enables those that do pickups and deliveries on Saturday mornings to continue their routine as normal so that was one thing that we decided before starting and it seemed to work very well in that regard. So despite there being a heat advisory for the first week we did have 10 plus vendors there was only one produce guy. It was a little bit early in the season to have too many out there. But we actually many of them sold out of their products especially the produce guy and anybody who had like home bake goods things well before noon which was; they were all very happy about that and we also; as of last week it was 16 to 18 vendors some of them had a couple tables each so it's kind of you know they took up what two vendors spots would've taken up. It was one person doing two different things so there's a little wiggle room on the numbers there. Then we also had the Sullivan family band were out there playing blue grass on the sidewalk which was really fun for everybody. And so after last week's market though we had to discuss the second major concern that was brought up by one of the restaurant owners on the street which was; it's whether or not major food vendors so like food trucks should be included in the type of event moving forward because as we discussed we went in a talked with both of the restaurant owners that had concerns about this; even if they're selling a different type of food as the business owner explained you know somebody is going to one of those and buying something even if it's not the same thing that they're probably not going to go into one of the restaurants and get their lunch there and the whole point of doing it on the street is to support all the businesses including the opened restaurants. So after discussing with both of them we decided its best not to invite any new food vendors moving forward. Basically stick with the idea of doing (inaudible). Overall the response to the event has been I'd say overwhelming and positive. If it's approved to continue as planned I have 20 plus vendors signed up to participate in the coming weeks including more produce vendors, bakers, local hunting stand, a new local flower co-op, and many others. We also plan to make a kid's zone in the empty green space that's by (inaudible) so that there would be a place for games and activities that's away from the road since we're going to keep the road open. So just the last thing I want to say is somebody who grew up in Steubenville and is hoping to stay and raise my family here I really ask for your continued support of this event. I think we really need events like this for encouraging local business and also you know our kids and our families need events like this to have a reason to come downtown and spend time there. So yeah my phone is about to die but that's about all I have so thank you for your time."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay thank you."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you. I have one other person that is here. I was unaware that he was coming but the fact is it pertains to what we're discussing here. I'd like for him to step forward and make any comments as it pertains to this function on Saturday. Is there a Mr. Riley?"

Mike Riley – "I totally agree with what they're doing to the aspect of when they bring vendors that is my competition it makes it tough when I have an electric bill, a water bill, taxes and so on. We spoke about it that the vendors park in front of our stores that put up the booths and then there's no parking. You know on Thursday's over here at the Fort maybe we all benefit from it so we have all that property over there we can bring a band over there with it and continue to grow with it if it was over at the Fort and then all the vendors and then you know and the other people that's on 4<sup>th</sup> Street; George you know; then the flow over can come to our establishments and eat as well. That would be my suggestion. I mean I called our Councilman; Attorney

Dressel he got upset with me when I tried to explain to him you know my concern with a hot dog trailer right in front of the store. If I was in Columbus and you know they call me and was like wow why would they do that? You know? We got to figure out some kind of happy medium just like the Fridays on 4<sup>th</sup>. Is that an open event for the community or is it just a private event? Attorney Dressel told me you know it's their event. So is it for the community or is it for us? Or is it for everybody? That's all I got to say."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay thank you Mr. Riley."

Mike Riley – "Thanks."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Couple of the issues which came up is factual. I talked to several of the business people again vendors come down and set up I understand that but they shouldn't park their vehicles there because that takes away from customers coming; whether if they're coming there for the actual vendors or coming in to another business and these are things that could be corrected if they follow what the rules are and again it's like anything else it's trial and error. If you have a vendor selling hot dogs across the street from your business and you sell hot dogs it's defeating your purpose where you have fixed costs every day; your electric, your water, and your gas whatever you're doing there. It's like everything else its trial and error. There were more people this time; there was more produce this time. I'm not sure Mr. Villamagna did you bring up about Grant School parking lot."

Mr. Villamagna – "Well again when you're done I got something."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Oh okay."

Mr. DiLoreto – "I want to say something too."

Mr. Mavromatis – "But again you work through these things to get the best thing but in fairness because I drove it; I walked it; I knew exactly where everything was and when you have certain business people that have clientele that come down on Saturday mornings and have no place to park whether it's right or wrong they don't come down. So that permanent business person there based on; the town is structured in certain ways if you walk around you'll see what group goes here. You can go to Leonardo's at a certain time it's packed because it's a group of people that go there. Leonardo's has complained at times that there's not enough parking because people are parking too long. So these are things as a city we have to control whether we like it or not. So that's why I wanted these things brought out to Council. They need to look at this; make a decision what you want to do. There's different recommendations that would make this work. Try; try maybe going to the Grant lot; try going down to the Fort if the Fort will allow it; it's a whole thing is you can be anywhere in this town in 5 minutes walking. You can be up to the 100 block North and 100 block South of 4<sup>th</sup> Street. So it's about getting people in the downtown area. That's the crux of this so again that's what I have to present to you. Before we get carried off I want two other things then Mr. Villamagna go back to this. Efts Lane they're going to begin phase two portion of the valve replacement and pipe replacement project. They'll begin with a water line replacement on Efts Lane. This is going out tomorrow to let the neighbors know there of this work and then they begin on Monday August the 5<sup>th</sup>. I appreciate your comment Mr. Villamagna; Bob Baird and his crew for two days; 5 to 6 man crews; two days; 8 hours to clean that whole strip which means they weren't at other parts of the city but it had to be done and it's done. There were some issues that came up; very simple the key that goes in to that lock is a master key that opens up many things. There's no issues what so ever if I know when your people are going to be there that gate will be open so there's no issues there but that key cannot be passed out. But again Bob thanks to you and your crew they stepped up and did a remarkable job there."

Mr. Villamagna – "Jim can I? I want to add something to what..."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes sir."

Mr. Villamagna – "to what you just said."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Villamagna – "I forgot to mention this. I went up there; the first day I went up there I seen a bunch of guys working there so I thought maybe they were up there so the gate was locked and these guys were working so I wasn't going to bother any of them. One; well he ain't a kid but to me he's a kid but he come over to me; he stopped the tractor; got off the tractor he come over and he said Mr. Villamagna is there anything I can do to help you? I said no sir; I said no I'm just trying; I tried to get in he told me well I would let you in but I don't have a key. Get ahold of Joe; he was on vacation and I said okay and then a couple of the other guys I ended up talking to them; they were perfect gentlemen they were working their tail off up there. It was hot because I was just standing there waiting for Joe to come up there and I was soaking wet and I meant to say that when I was; they did an outstanding job. They were very courteous and helpful. Offer; I didn't go to them they came to me. So and I appreciated that because..."

Bob Baird – "I'll let them know that you said that."

Mr. Villamagna – "You know when you see a Councilmen and a city employee they'd rather just stay away. So thank you Bob and thank the guys for me too."

Bob Baird – "I will do that. Thank you."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay. Is that all Mr. Mavromatis?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "That's all I have as far as the Saturday event. I think Council if they have comments and where they want to go from here. I'd like to hear it."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay Mr. Timmons."

Mr. Timmons – "My comment is I drove through at 12:30 p.m. just to see what was going on. I noticed these orange dividers in the middle of the street. I noticed it was tight because of the parking and the dividers. So it was a little bit tight and I made it through and then I wondered I talked to you Jim the city did not put those dividers up."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That's correct."

Mr. Timmons – “And I know there’s an ordinance about putting that kind of barrier or whatever it was in the street like that. Then I received a call from a gentleman who because of the barriers he said he got into an accident. So I’ve been dealing with that; I let you know about that but you know I think it’s tough to say who is responsible for that since whoever puts the barriers up but you know I know he has to contact his insurance company and everything but still you know I just; we said it was going to go on until 12 and he said the barriers were still up at 3:30 in the afternoon which was you know I don’t think that’s right so that’s all I really have to say about that.”

Mayor Barilla – “Who else Yonk?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yonk yes sir.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. DiLoreto.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Make it short and sweet. You know up in the south end I’d like to see like Jimmy said with the whole downtown; well we got the south end; we got the Grant School parking lot which is empty; you got the whole Greek Church parking lot which is across the street that’s empty; I’m sure if we talk to Mosti’s Funeral Home we can park there; got the parking lot at the Health Center; we got a few empty lots down there that I’d like to be cut and I know they gave (all inaudible) and Judge Mascio’s and I would like to see them take one shot down at the south end to see if it pans out and then with all these alternatives we have just pick the best one and everybody wants to make a buck. So let’s fix it that’s (all inaudible) enough to make a dollar. The business people who plan on making a dollar and we wanted business downtown and we don’t want to chase them away. We want to cooperate. I just like to see put that as an alternative for one week or two weeks and then make the final decision of what’s best. Go from there. Thank you.”

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

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah Mayor couple things. I tried to research this a little bit I can’t find one city that blocks their downtown for 17 Saturdays in a row. I think it’s detrimental to the downtown no matter whether what’s going on down there even for other businesses for walk and trade. But that being said I think the Open Air Market or whatever we’re calling it is a great idea. I think it’s a wonderful idea. I think it should; I don’t; to block a street off for 17 Saturdays; I couldn’t find one city that blocks off a downtown street for 17. If there is then somebody can show me because I’m not a computer wizard but I talked to several business owners up there. Mr. Riley he called me he was highly upset and another one was highly upset and you know who he is. You know who he; he talked to you and I don’t want to say his name because he’s not here but he said it was the two worst Saturdays that he had. I sent Karly up there to check with these business people because I figured they might tell me what I want to hear or what I don’t want to hear so she went up in partial and the statements were made to her. But I don’t know Mayor if the Fort is acceptable to it; blocking off 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.”

Mayor Barilla – “We can entertain that sure.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Because to me 3<sup>rd</sup> Street will be the less impact on any business; well it won’t an impact on any business and it would be an impact on the Fort because if I came down here to the Open Air Market and I wanted to go to the Fort; I wanted to go to the Open Air Market and the Fort was there I’d probably go into the Fort. I don’t know if yins are open on Saturday. I’m think you charge; you charge admission right to get in there to look around?”

Mayor Barilla – “To get into the Fort but not into the visitor center that’s free.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay and so that’s a recommendation of mine or like Mr. DiLoreto said the Grant School on Saturday wouldn’t impact anybody because this Thursday market up at Grant School is complete different than what they’re doing. That’s been an established market for years. They’re there every Thursday. There’s also one out Eastern Gateway which is funny because I live by Eastern Gateway but I come to the one downtown. So anyway the food vendors she said there won’t be any new food vendors. I don’t know if that means the old ones stay but there should be not one food vendor and the purpose whether if he sells hot dogs or whatever he doesn’t sell or the other restaurant up there sells them. If I come downtown and I want to go to his restaurant to get a sandwich and I walk and I see this guy who’s selling hot dogs which everybody says they’re great I’m not a real big hot dog guy. So I’m going to get two hot dogs and I’m not going to go there I’m going to cancel (all inaudible). It’s not fair. These guys pay taxes. They have people employed. They’re earning money and these people that are down here at the; I’m kind of curious to see how many were actually city residents which that’s beautiful anybody that wants to come down there to set up a shop is good. That’s how Roger’s works they come from all over Ohio to set it up and I participate at Roger’s a lot. I love flea markets. I love the open air concept; beautiful in the summer but I can’t see us justifying 17 weekends up there with; on the street up there. I just can’t when we have other places. If we had no other place you’d get an argument out of me because I think it’s a good thing and I appreciate it Mr. Barnes contacted me when…”

Mr. DiLoreto – “(Inaudible)”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah you know and I really appreciated that so the purpose is not; the purpose is that I don’t think it should be on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Now the barriers that were put up; there’s ordinances there’s Ohio Revised Codes and there’s also a city ordinance that says that it can’t be done. The only person that can order it is you, the Police Chief, or Mr. Baird for a reason to conduct that; probably any department head I would figure that has; you have to close the street off if there’s a water break so. So and clearly I don’t know who’s responsible if something happens when there is a barrier is up and we don’t put it up and it’s on a city street. Well clearly that’s probably not even the point the point is there’s a law that says it’s not to be done and I know everybody gets a little bit excited and everybody wants to try and make it nicer and nicer but there’s rules; they need to be followed and I’m not for leaving that on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. I’m for having that downtown if the Mayor would entertain that through the Fort. I think that’s the greatest place for it right there. There’s parking; there’s parking at 4<sup>th</sup> and Adams; you’re in the downtown area; put a sign up that says go uptown go to the restaurants; what’s

available up there and but the 17 week; the 17 Saturdays I don't know of any place else that has 17 markets in the downtown business. That's all I have to say about it."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay. Mr. Petrella. "

Mr. Petrella – "Bob touched upon a few things I wanted to touch upon. I was going to do this under miscellaneous but since it's been brought up already. I've had several calls on Saturday. I went down there Saturday; I took a picture at 2:30 with the barriers still up; sent it to Mr. Mavromatis and I noticed it wasn't our barriers to start with; there's a city ordinance against it. Like you Bob I'm in favor of the market just not there. I've talked to several business owners up there. They're very upset. One told me this was the worst Saturday he had in 28 years and we've brought this business from the mall to downtown and he loved us for it when we found a place down here when he couldn't survive at the mall. For 28 years he survived and thrived in downtown Steubenville. The barriers was a problem with me because one it's not ours; we can't control it; other things that occurred when this first came up last week I woke Mr. Mavromatis up at 4:30 in the morning because I had people hounding on me they seen on Facebook so on and so forth and I was a little bit embarrassed because I didn't know anything about it but once we got into it that night so on and so forth went through there we made the suggestion South 4<sup>th</sup>; the green strip right out here; the Fort so on so forth. I am not in favor of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street. We had several successful events in Steubenville; the Greek Festival for one they do everything in accordance to city ordinances; they work with department heads so on and so forth no problems. Second Baptist Church blocked off South 8<sup>th</sup> Street for their event in accordance to city ordinances. No problems. The Agape Church on 6<sup>th</sup> and Slack blocked off 6<sup>th</sup> Street last year in accordance with city ordinances. No problem. All of our departments works with these various groups to make sure that safety, the public was protected, and everything was in accordance. I feel as an elected official and for a city that we've been disrespected. We were told something and it was not adhered too. At 2:30 in the afternoon; I don't know about 3:30 Eric but at 2:30 in the afternoon I went down and took pictures of barriers and sent them."

Mr. Timmons – "I have pictures."

Mr. Petrella – "So I know from 9 to 12 wasn't adhere too. Okay? Businesses were upset which I agree with and we make an active time; your husband said last week that what his plan was to draw in; draw people to the downtown Steubenville if they see what's thriving down here maybe look at some buildings maybe open a business so on and so forth and I suggested South 4<sup>th</sup> Street he said it would be more (inaudible) to go the North then have; talked about vendors they took applications and so forth. I know a couple vendors put their applications in and never contacted. The perception of the selection of vendors seems to be arbitrary and capricious in nature and with all I said I am not in favor of 17 weeks either. Especially when it's at the detriment of permanent establishments in the downtown area. And if you don't mind Mayor I want to bring up one more thing that is in conjunction but not necessarily on the same topic."

Mayor Barilla – "Go ahead."

Mr. Petrella – "That would be under miscellaneous and that's on the First Friday. You're not putting the safety lane down and Councilmen Dressel made an excellent suggestion that we chalk it they have to be behind that line. They're in front of that line they're in violation. Boom take care of it. Nobody here in the city wants to be the bad guy. We want to work with every group to make it better. Whether if it's Second Baptist, the Agape Church, the Greek Fest, the Harmonium Group, no problem as long as everybody complies with the rules and regulations set forth by the city. If they're in violation it's a law problem; Police Chief takes care of it; if it's a fire problem let the Fire Chief handle it; if it's a barrier problem let Bob take care of it. We've (all inaudible from coughing) well competent department heads let them execute their authority and take care of these problems. I'd like to see First Friday grow; be better but I also want to make sure it's safe for the citizens and visitors to the City of Steubenville. Once again I am not in favor of the 17 weeks down there. If they want to pick a site; this green strip that Mr. Paul said last week. Councilmen DiLoreto said down there at the old site of Grant School; the Fort. I'm willing to try anything and work with people but not at the expense of valuable businesses in the downtown area. That's it."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Dressel."

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah I would like to make a recommendation that I think we can considered based on everybody's input. A couple things that we're talking about a whole bunch of people; one is I would say that we should move it to the green strip or over to the Fort if it's okay with the Fort. The nice thing about the Fort area is that there's electricity for the Nutcracker Village so it has outlets available to vendors if they need them and then we don't have to worry about 17 weeks or whatever because that's really whether Jerry can handle the headache for 17 weeks or if we want it on the green strip out here. That would also solve the orange cone issue because there wouldn't be any need for them and also I and you're going to not like this I'm sorry but I would say no food vendors period because we have food vendors down here and if someone wants to open a business that's the whole idea so let's have them do that. I forgot one thing."

Mr. DiLoreto – "That's rare."

Mr. Dressel – "I know but I'm tired."

Mr. Timmons – "No more orange barriers."

Mr. Dressel – "Yes well there wouldn't be any because they won't be on the street so they be..."

Mr. Timmons – "I wanted to emphasize that point."

Mr. Dressel – "They'll be on green grass somewhere. There was something else I'm trying to think. Start and stop times; if it's going to be 9 to 12 it's 9 to 12. It's not 9 to 3; well I think it's too early too but I mean I'm up at 5 but I can't get down there. So yeah you know so I'm kind of not telling you what to do as far as that and if you don't want to move it you just want to not to do it that's your decision too. So you have to think about it if it's going to work there but you might want to look at doing it like 10:30 to 1:30 because I work all Saturday

morning at my B and B and I actually do like to come down and walk around so I got there at 11:30; I hurried because I thought it was going to end but it didn't which created a whole different issue for everybody else so. The music was very nice by the way that was a nice surprise. I don't think that bothered anybody but I do think that the people that have restaurants down here the deli for one and George and Hu Nans opens at 11:30ish I noticed that this weekend they weren't open at 10:30. They weren't opened Saturday morning but their sign said opened but there was nobody in there. They're the ones that are here so they're the ones that we need to support so but I do think moving it and having it adjacent to downtown. The Grant School lot is just too distant from everything in my opinion to make it work yet but if you get to the point where you have a thousand vendors that or somewhere else like that might be appropriate. You never know twenty years from now that may be where it is but that's what I would like to propose. Do we need to make a motion or anything or we just going to?"

Mr. Villamagna – "And I agree with you with the green space and the Fort but after you said that then I got to thinking because you're going to have a bad day there. You're going to have a wet day. The grass..."

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah."

Mr. Villamagna – "If the Fort is (inaudible from coughing) I think the Fort is the greatest place."

Mr. Dressel – "Because they could always put it on the sidewalk if it was a bad day."

Mr. Villamagna – "You could even block 3<sup>rd</sup> Street off I mean you're not going to affect anybody."

Mr. Dressel – "And around the fountain for that matter. Yeah we could block the street but for now let's maybe not try to block the street till we get up to the point..."

Mike Riley – "Would that be for the First Fridays as well?"

Unknown – "No."

Mrs. Hahn – "No."

Unknown – "No."

Mr. Petrella – "No."

Mr. Dressel – "No the First Fridays is a street event on 4<sup>th</sup> Street but I'm not discussing that at this point. I just want to get the..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Saturday."

Mr. Dressel – "Saturday Open Air Market so should I make a motion? Because I can make a motion that the Open Air Market be moved to either the green space or the Fort and that they need to discuss with Jim Mavromatis and/or Jerry to determine which is effective."

Mr. Petrella – "I don't think we need a motion because one it's not our event."

Mr. Dressel – "He wants us to have a motion."

Mr. Mastros – "Well."

Mr. Dressel – "Council has to decide."

Mr. Mastros – "Well that's a fair point."

Mr. Dressel – "We don't really because it's not our; its not our event. (All inaudible)."

Mr. Mastros – "Do anything with the city street."

Mr. Dressel – "Right."

Mr. Mastros – "Then that's a fair point."

Mr. Dressel – "So we don't need one? So if that's okay with everybody why don't we try that for a couple weeks and see (all inaudible)."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Let them pick the spot."

Mr. Petrella – "Let them yes."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Let them pick the spot."

Mr. Dressel – "Then they can talk with Jim and Jerry about where. Is that okay?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yeah."

Mayor Barilla – "So to be clear this Saturday then is it still going to be on 4<sup>th</sup> Street or no?"

Mr. Dressel – "No. No."

Mr. Petrella – "Nope."

Mr. Dressel – "It's too many issues. The last; I'm sorry; but the last thing we need quite honestly the last thing I need is to be yelled at all day long so you know it just isn't something that I need to put up with for this. So and it is new so why don't we do it before it gets settled in. So I'm sorry talk to Marc and then decide if you still want to do it in there and then you can talk to Jerry and Jim and work out where specifically. Okay? Is that good?"

Mrs. Hahn – "I would like to add one thing and that is because Mr. Petrella made the comment that vendors were refused or just ignored. I want to give you a chance to respond to that. Is that the case?"

Maura Barnes – "No I personally handle the vendor applications and I responded by phone or e-mail to every single person that sent in a form. So if you heard that I apologize and maybe somebody didn't do the form correctly and it didn't come through on our end but I had 27 responses I can show them to anybody who would like to see them. I've called all of them myself and spoke with them."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay I just didn't want that accusation (all inaudible)."

Mr. Dressel – "Right"

Mr. DiLoreto – "Right."

Mrs. Hahn – "You heard that so you would be able to say but I wanted you to be able to respond."

Maura Barnes – "Thank you."

Mrs. Hahn – "And yeah. I think what Council is saying I think is a good idea. We're not trying to shut down the idea but I think there are enough concerns that have been raised. It seems like it could be wise (all inaudible). So we hope you will continue (all inaudible from Mr. DiLoreto talking)."

Mr. DiLoreto – “Continue. Some place somewhere.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Mastros.”

Mr. Mastros – “So Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes?”

Mr. Mastros – “If we don’t need a motion I guess currently because I think the Harmonium Group is going to get with you and Mr. Mavromatis about maybe the best place to do it whether if it’s at the Fort or at the green space but if it is the green space Council should be notified because I think you got to at least consent the green space because that’s our property. I don’t think that’s for today. I think if they decide that’s where they like to give it a go I think we got to come back to make sure Council has at least the consensus of that. Mr. Villamagna came up with a good point but that’s for another (all inaudible) Tuesday another Council meeting.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mrs. Barnes?”

Maura Barnes – “I think at this point just because we’re getting closer to Saturday and I need to tell the vendor something and I think it’ll be better if we take the week off and then it gives us more time (inaudible from Yonk).”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Planning.”

Maura Barnes – “Just to continue our (inaudible) forward to come up with an area that’s going to be (inaudible) for everybody so…”

Mayor Barilla – “That’s good.”

Maura Barnes – “I’ll just contact the vendors and let them know we’re going to take the week off to…”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “If Council is fine with this I can meet with Ms. Barnes Monday and the Chief and we’ll go over this and see what is the best feasible here. We have several options there. We have the Fort; we have the sidewalks on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street here there’s plenty of parking on a Saturday there. So my only caution about the green space is the traffic on the grass…”

Few Unknown – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “If it’s; the sidewalks are wide enough and you can set the tables up and the only people that are on the green space is the vendor that’s a possibility but not traffic; foot traffic (all inaudible from noise) because now you have a perfectly good green space destroyed.”

Mr. Dressel – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But again it’ll give the chance for the Mayor to check with the Fort. I have no issues I think we can get this worked out but I think that’s an excellent idea that you brought up because there’s too many things up here and you are correct Saturday is right around the corner. So I think taking a break it gives a chance for everybody to sit and look how do we clean up the areas we need to clean up and then you have a successful program there. Okay. Thank you mam for coming.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim. Scott and Craig both brought up something really that I think should be done marking the (all inaudible from noise) but who is responsible? The Fire chief or?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The Fire Chief on that the whole thing is can we get an emergency vehicles within out 13 feet. They know that. I’ve advised Terese Nelson. She told me that there will be a 13 foot clearance and we’ll have our inspector down there to take a look at it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So but he’ll mark it then?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No. No. It’s not his job to mark it. It’s the job of the vendor; whoever is hosting this the First Friday it’s their job to advise the vendors and make sure; she said she would make sure that there was a 13 foot clearance.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Oh okay. As long as it’s done yeah.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And it will be checked.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Dressel.”

Mr. Dressel – “I think they’re actually going to mark it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s what she explained to me. So we’ll see.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “One thing on the green space we don’t have electricity there.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah.”

Mayor Barilla – “At the Fort we have (inaudible) electricity and we also have water since we have our festivals there and what not. We have water plus electricity. If that’s needed I don’t know if that’s needed or not. Maura?”

Maura Barnes – “Yeah I was just about to say we don’t have any food trucks. None of the other vendors at this point need electricity or water which is a great thing about the nature of the market. It’s very low key as far as set up. Everybody is just tables, tents and then whatever there folds up.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “Just one last comment and I’m very serious about this and Jim knows in regards if it’s in the middle of the night I’ll wake him up. All these other groups that I mentioned earlier tonight adhere to our rules and regulations and it seems that whether if it was intentional or unintentional it still happened that you violated our rules and regulations and I expect us to enforce our rules and regulations across the board. I don’t want to see anybody have any favoritism. You know I like all the groups; I like your group as well as all the church groups and I attend all these functions. I thought it was a very nice First Friday. Saturday I walked through I’m a little upset because of the blockings and so on so forth. I was upset whenever you turned to downtown to see

the illegal barriers up and if you know if something is going to be put up in the middle of the street it's going to be ours and we are going to control it. I want to make that perfectly clear. Thank you.

Mr. Mastros – No Report

### **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

Mayor Barilla – “Alright since we already spoken under miscellaneous we'll move onto public forum. We have no one signing in under public forum.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR