

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
August 13, 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 Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, & Timmons.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Sanitation Director Bob Baird, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Parking Enforcement Officer Chuck McGinnis, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for August 6, 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. 2019-58 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1992-20, AS AMENDED, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO BY REZONING PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, LOCATED AT 237 SOUTH FOURTH STREET, STEUBENVILLE, OHIO FROM P, PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC DISTRICT TO B-1, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-58. The second reading will be next week August 20, 2019.”

NO. 2019-59 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ESTABLISH THE MENTORING GRANT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2019-59. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-59 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-59 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will go into effect upon the Mayor’s signature.

NO. 2019-60 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED BUDGET OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Resolution No. 2019-60. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Resolution No. 2019-60 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Mastros – “Mayor?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes Mr. Mastros?”

Mr. Mastros – “Just a point of clarification Mr. Dressel had asked last week actually in an e-mail to me last week what the amended budget was for? And it’s actually to purchase a new building (all inaudible) inside the industrial park (inaudible) have cash to pay for it. Again I talked to Anita Petrella no additional cost to the city for this but that’s what they’re buying.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay. Anyone else wishing to speak on this? Mr. DiLoreto.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “(All inaudible) ask them if there’s any more money for an extra tire collection. I still got a lot of tires in the first ward around the city. I’d like them picked; last time was a fiasco; there are so many tires out there; we’ve got enough tires to win World War II I think. Thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “(Inaudible) for you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Alright. Okay. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mrs. Hahn.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “(All inaudible).”

Mrs. Hahn – “Jim if I could piggy back on that we had about another 20 tires by the water tower on LaBelle. Completely stacked.”

Mr. Dressel – “Since we’re mentioning it I have about 10 that I’ve picked up near my house. I’m saving them for the next clean up (all inaudible).”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Any other questions?”

Mayor Barilla – “Any other questions from the audience?”

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-60 by roll call. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2019-60 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor a couple things. First off I’d to; I don’t know if you guys all saw the water trough coming down Market Street hill; it’s beautiful they did an outstanding job and they cleared the whole thing out all the way down to the front by hand. You can see it from Washington Street very clear; they just did a beautiful job there and I would like to recognize; I’d like these names read into the minutes and also I want to get them something; a letter or something from the City thanking them for what they did because...”

Mr. Paul – “Council.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Right. The names are Larry Gerber and Gerald Ravasio were the two main guys here. They were the ones that got the idea. They came to me and asked me to present it and they pushed it. They were the ones that were the drive and Gerald’s; city born and raised here in the south end and lives in Louisiana. He flew home...”

Mr. Paul – “His father use to be a Councilman.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And his father was a Councilman Julius probably when you were first here Yonk.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I worked for his father at the grocery store.”

Mr. Villamagna – “And from Louisiana he come in. Bill Reed; classmate of mine; he came in from Florida. Frank Nation; Patty Freeman her father was a Councilman here also; Roger and Linda Hilty. The next person did not want mentioned but I’m mentioning him anyways because he did a good job up there and he was one of the hardest workers and he just doesn’t like (inaudible) saying his name; Danny Icafone from Mingo. Scott Wells; Franco Carapelotti; Tina McCucci Chambers; Marcia Viola Sobieski from California; she came from California; Robert Donnelly; Bernardo Ravasio; Mike Ravasio; Bob Fabian and Peppy Price. Those are the guys that came and the youngest guy was 50 and the next one up was 60 and then there was guys there in their 70s. These are the people that did all the work. They made it look the way it is and they did a beautiful job up there. Second off is I’m going to call an Economic Development Committee Meeting on August the 27th at 6:00 and present will be the Port Authority; they’re going to come and they want to discuss the current appointees and restructure of the Port Authority. So they’re going to explain what their thoughts are and then we can get our thoughts together for them also. And also for that meeting since the Port Authority is going to be here if we can get; I know; I can’t think of too many off the top of my head; at that meeting that we had with the Port Authority they said well they need shovel ready property to develop anything. That’s the biggest thing that I see holding us back from any development here. So if you can think of anything in your wards that’s empty enough for development bring it to that meeting and we can give it to Evan and also I wanted to discuss with them also trying to get a package of our small parcels that we have. Like we have a parcel here, a parcel there; we don’t; I talked to Chris today about it and he said there’s really not that many that are city owned but if we can get a list of it we can give it to the realtors through the Port Authority which eliminates us from having to bid; get bids on these properties which would be good. And lastly I attended the second meeting today of the; for student housing and there’s been some laws changed that have gone to the Supreme Court and changed somethings with our student housing. So Chris is going to get with Costa and try to get this (inaudible) to where the; we’ll be complying with the law. It does not affect the conservation district in any way, shape, or form so if anybody in your ward is worried about that; the new laws that were tested have nothing to do with the conservation districts. So and when he gets that together for Costa then we’ll have another meeting and you can present it.”

Mr. Mastro – “Yes sir.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s it but 8-27; 6:00.”

Mr. Petrella – “Mayor?”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “Hey Bob; Chris while you’re looking at the city properties you know piece here; piece here; if there are adjacent properties that are privately owned that makes a decent size plot maybe you can get that so then the Port Authority can look at that acreage; they could put something there then maybe we can go talk to the private owners to make sure that you know; you can start the marketing.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yes your Honor. I’ll make it short and sweet and to the point. Over the years this Council has attacked many problems; water, sanitation, medical care, dilapidated houses, Efts Lane, First Friday, and the Marina (all inaudible) right now is the weeds around the city. It’s a disgrace. They’re some as high as a jungle. What’s amazing is a lot of them are downtown. You’ve got people coming in from Wheeling and Pittsburgh and that’s the first thing they see. Downtown off of Route 7; it’s very easy to cut the weeds all you got to do is get an old pickup truck with the spray and spray off the highway and railroad tracks. You have different kinds of weeds; the city owns some weeds and we don’t cut them; we have people that are dead and they don’t cut them; we have the State and they don’t cut them; we got the banks they own property and they don’t cut them.

They only take the title; the land; the property. The absentee landlords; I'm not going to cut my grass; well if I had it my way I'd cut the grass and that grass would be under (all inaudible) cut. This is a lot of work for Patrolman Dorsey. Also history; (inaudible) cleaned up New York City in one year. That place was filthy; got everybody working; the city workers; people work in there and paint everything. There's no graffiti in downtown New York City anymore (all inaudible) everybody pitched in. Pete Ferry Mayor of Pittsburgh for Pete's sake pick it up; he means pick the litter up off the ground and put it in a container. Andy Miller had a little pride going (all inaudible) that worked. I think if we take the lead and start cutting these weeds I have people that will cut the grass next to it and keep it cut. Right Dave? As long as we keep it cut low so they can get their tractors on them. They can't get their tractors on (all inaudible) and so let's start cleaning this town up a little bit and have a little bit of pride in it and it's our town and I've been after this for the last year or two. I think if we're going to start cleaning up a town we got to start with our own. I go to Weirton they're over there with trucks watering flowers and they got their sprays; spraying the weeds on the sidewalks downtown and the people help them. The downtown south end all the Nelsons' they keep theirs perfectly clear. They even got roses down there. I got to go knocking on doors and have the property owners cut the grass and pull the weeds. He got a good idea instead of; put some; what is it? Salt? To kill the grass."

Mr. Petrella – "(All inaudible)."

Mr. DiLoreto – "And I know like Willie says you can't put all this stuff all over the place but you can use it at Belleview Park, South Street, I know where all the places are. Where people down come and they'll cut one time. To me people cut (all inaudible) four times last year; waste of manpower. Thank you."

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – "Yes well I wanted to thank everybody who came and participated in our Battle of the Bands at the Marina. The crowd estimate was somewhere between five and six hundred people. It was an amazing day. About 77 degrees and the water was calm; it was; it was just an uplifting experience being there and people came ready to cheer on their own high school band but when we passed the buckets people put them in for both schools; many of the people. So we ended up collecting over fifteen hundred dollars at a dollar a vote. Big Red won by about \$81.00 and someone contributed a little more after words. So I have already written the checks \$784.90 to each school so that was really wonderful. It was a wonderful thing our Parks and Rec Director was there, Craig Petrella was there, and the Mayor was there absolutely. The Mayor did the coin toss at the beginning to see who would lead the star spangled banner. The kids had the greatest attitude. They were so respectful of each other. One team was done playing they were just very quiet and listened to the other and it was just a tremendous experience. Someone wrote to me that it was one of the best days they've ever had at the Marina and it showed a lot of people the possibilities there. In fact at least 20 adults; I think more than that said it was the first time they had ever been to the Steubenville Marina. We definitely drew people who have not been there for years but also some people who have never been there and then we had a handful of boats out on the water taking it in from the water. So anyway that's our third and last Meet Me at the Marina event for this summer but we've got some new ideas for next summer to build up that program. I wanted to give Patrick a chance to thank some of the people who contributed and then I'll finish my report."

Patrick McLaughlin – "It was day (inaudible) you're absolutely right. I'd like to thank the Mayor of course Jerry Barilla was there; Jim Mavromatis was there as well. Jim was there early in the morning; I know he had other things to do that day but he was there just to make sure everything was organized and he actually contacted I think it was officers one of them was from the Steubenville Police Department; there was so many cars down there and Jim knew that it was going to be an issue getting all those cars out of there with the red light and the traffic flow that comes out of the marina so Jim I want to thank you for that. Maintenance and repair they did a lot of work down there. Chief Carlo Capaldi how about the job he did on that platform? I've never seen that platform so clean."

Mrs. Hahn – "Thank you."

Patrick McLaughlin – "It was just a beautiful day. I'd like to thank WTOV9 and the Herald Star they did a great job covering everything down there. Chief McCafferty and the Police Department. There's one person that went above and beyond and Lori; Lori Fetherolf. On Friday I went down just to do an overall clean up and she was down there. Saturday I arrived down there at 6:30 in the morning just to make sure the porta johns were cleaned and everything was picked up from the night before and Lori was there. She went above and beyond to make sure it was a beautiful day down there. I'd also liked to thank some businesses that stepped up and really helped me out as long as the event. Historic Fort Steuben across the street Mayor Jerry Barilla of course he's the President over there as well they donated the PA system, the cones, and the handicap signs for parking. Vapor Jet Professional Cleaning and Restoration donated the garbage bags and cleaning supplies to keep things clean. Mark Nelson who's here tonight his company donated a nice Catholic Central and Big Red signs that were there and also the decals for the buckets. I also like to thank Jeffrey Baumgardner who's a citizen; a resident of our city; he also volunteers at the Fort and he did a great job as well. I know that you had a lot of people down there as well and I don't know who was all down there but it was just a great day for the city and I just want to thank everybody. It was nice to see you down there Mr. Petrella and it had to make you feel good when you was sitting there with Kimberly and you was counting all that money in them buckets knowing that it's going to help the booster clubs for our great high schools right here in our city."

Mrs. Hahn – "Tomorrow night is the Parks and Recreation board meeting so if you are interested and available that is at the clubhouse at Belleview Park 7:00 p.m. Last week there was a reorganizing meeting for baseball they may or may not be there tomorrow night; that there will be a presentation at some time for the city to be more aware of what they're doing. I had hoped to call for a Parks and Recreation committee meeting in two weeks but it sounds like; do you think Bob that will take the full hour and a half that night?"

Mr. Villamagna – “I would assume so.”

Mrs. Hahn – “On the 27th.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Because they have a lot to go over.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay could we; could we do Parks and Recreation the following Tuesday? There are a number of things to wrap up. We want to go over the numbers for the pool, the baseball, and also the Marina taskforce. Okay then I’m going to call for that meeting the first Tuesday of September.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Kimberly?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes?”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Why don’t you have a final determination of what parks we’re going to keep open and what parks we’re going to close.”

Mrs. Haley – “I think that’s Jim’s report.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’m going to brief Council in September on this.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “So I’ve already mentioned that so and I agree with you (all inaudible from Mr. DiLoreto speaking).”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I want to get it done.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Present it.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Yeah.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And then make the decisions on what we have to do.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “Thank you.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And the pool is officially closed so Sunday was the final day and again thank you Lori for a great summer and I just (all inaudible) for wonderful things for the people that enjoy. Thank you.”

Mrs. Haley – “What time did you want the Parks and Rec meeting?”

Mrs. Hahn – “I think we need an hour so 6:30.”

Mrs. Haley – “Okay.”

Mayor Barilla – “Mrs. Hahn I’m going to pass this flag over to Lori because there’s a flag pole there and of course without a flag so (all inaudible). Patrick had some rope there that he passed on to the Fire Department for it.”

Patrick McLaughlin – “That is correct and if we can; I stopped down at the headquarters today and dropped off (all inaudible). We just have to make sure that everything works on the pole and actually I talked to Doc Sullivan today; once we find out everything is going to work they would like to do the pole because they said you probably had time on Friday around 11:00 and it would be nice to have some City officials down there and get some news media down there because I think it would be a beautiful photo opportunity for our City.”

Mayor Barilla – “What time is that?”

Patrick McLaughlin – “I talked to Doc and he thought around 11:00 but before we set anything in stone I think we have to make sure that we have the (inaudible) for the flag; I don’t think we have those yet we have to get those. Then we have to make sure that everything on the pole is going to work correctly because there’s no sense in having everybody down there and then we don’t have what we need. So we need to go to the marina and see what all we need on that pole and try to get that accomplished before Friday that way we can have everything in stone.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Patrick McLaughlin – “Alright. Thank you.”

Mayor Barilla – “And as always Patrick you did a fine job down there. The volunteer efforts not only across the street but throughout the city and down there (all inaudible from noise). Quite impressive.”

Patrick McLaughlin – “Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Hello your Honor how are you?”

Mayor Barilla – “Good. Good.”

Mr. Paul – “I just want to thank Lori and Mrs. Hahn for the great event downtown or down at the marina. My wife attended. She said it was a great day; great evening; a great morning. And I want to thank you Lori you did a great job this season as it was said what they talked about earlier I want to echo that comment. To Mrs. Hahn I have a letter or not a letter but a; it’s an article from a newspaper and I know I talked to Mr. Nelson about this before it’s called the Browall Act or it’s the Dingle-Johnson Act. There are funds out there; I will get you this article and since we had this increase to the gas tax; also there’s additional money from Governor DeWine that we can go to maybe fix the boat ramp down there. I’ll get you this information.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “I’m not really good at computers. I always say I’m chasing my tail. I just sit there and I’m going around and around and around I wouldn’t find anything. But I think these younger people today probably Therese and some of the other young ladies and young guys they could probably hunt this down. But there are things out there that we can get from this; this grant and I will give you that (inaudible) give you that article next week. Another thing I would like to say to Ted Gorman I saw him here tonight. I didn’t know he was going to be here but I wanted to say to him; I want to thank him; he had called me several weeks ago about the park down at the Jefferson County; Pico Park and we had discussed who cuts it. We said the county. Well one day I’m coming over I went to Alexander Manor to look at some issue I had over there. I came down and I saw this person cutting the grass and I saw this guy with a hat on and the only reason why I knew it was Ted he’s got this one left bad ankle and I saw this guy walking and I went now this guy is a Principal Steubenville High School he’s got more things to do; he was down there cutting that grass at Pico Park. He was my neighbor before and this guy works endlessly; 5:00 in the morning we have snow this guy’s sidewalk would be shoveled

and mines still got a foot of snow of it so this guy works endlessly; he's a great individual for the city and I want to congratulate him; thank him for what you did down there at Pico Park. Now we wanted to start the Finance hearings okay? Dave Lewis was so kind to give me a date and he wanted to start Tuesday August 27th at 6:00. Then he wanted to go 6:00 on Tuesday September 3rd (all inaudible) September 3rd. So I know we want to start early. If you want to put it off we can. Do you want to start at 5:30-6:00; 5:00 if you want to start early we could get this thing going. But the first one Dave has in line here he wanted to start with Parks and Recreation, Mayor, City Manager, Law Director, Civil Service, Finance Department, and Utility Billing. We could go on the 27th or we can come in at five."

Mr. Villamagna – "I agree."

Mr. Paul – "And then at 6:00 if we go a little bit over. You asked me what you think about your meeting; we went 6:00 if we have to go to 6:15 or 6:30."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah we'll be alright."

Mr. Paul – "Okay that'd be good. Yes sir?"

Mr. DiLoreto – "How about taking one day that we don't need maybe 2 or 3 hours on a Wednesday or Thursday."

Mr. Paul – "Well we want to start early because we don't want to do the..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "I understand. I've been through it."

Mr. Paul – "Emergency ordinance."

Mr. DiLoreto – "(All inaudible)."

Mr. Paul – "Okay."

Mr. DiLoreto – "(All inaudible)."

Mr. Paul – "Last year we tried it and then we got into the water issue. We always got something that pushes us back so I'm going with what Dave gave me."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Okay."

Mr. Paul – "And it's a very good schedule he has here and I want to stick to it. Okay? So what I'm calling for Karly do you hear me?"

Mrs. Haley – "Yep."

Mr. Paul – "Okay we will start at 5:00 on August 27th we will start the Finance Budget committee hearings okay? Dave has a nice agenda set up here and if we can get this done without any emergency ordinances and we can be prepared going into 2020. Yes mam?"

Mrs. Haley – "Can I have that when you're done?"

Mr. Paul – "Yes you can."

Mrs. Haley – "Thank you."

Mr. Paul – "Okay? I'll give that to you. So that's what we want to do and we're going to start on the 27th moving forward is that good? Everybody fine with that? I know you're going to be out of town."

Mr. Dressel – "Not then."

Mr. Paul – "I know it's like the 7th till the 27th or something."

Mr. Dressel – "We need to do the five and the third as well."

Mr. Paul – "We're going to do the third yeah. You'll be here for that right?"

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah."

Mr. Paul – "Okay."

Unknown – "(All inaudible)."

Mr. Paul – "Yeah we'll do 5:00 because Mrs. Hahn at something at 6:00 correct?"

Mrs. Hahn – "6:30."

Mr. Paul – "6:30 well we can still go at 5:00"

Mrs. Hahn and Mr. Paul – "(All inaudible)."

Mr. Paul – "Let me see what we have that day. We have building, planning, oh yeah we need building; we got planning; Mr. Petrossi here. Municipal Court so we'll have Judge Mascio in here so we can do that. Is that good? We'll start at 5:00 that date. Your meeting will be at 6:30 so that's what I'm calling for for the first two dates in the budget hearing okay Karly?"

Mrs. Haley – "Yep."

Mr. Paul – "August 27th at 5:00. September 3rd at 5:00. Alright? And what we don't get in the first meeting we can always go into the second meeting on September 3rd. Alright? And that's moving forward."

Mrs. Hahn – "That's right."

Mayor Barilla – "Alright."

Mr. Paul – "Alright? Thank you your Honor."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. Paul."

Mr. Paul – "Always a pleasure to see you."

Mayor Barilla – "Pleasure to see you."

Mr. Petrella – "Yes your Honor. I was going to do it under miscellaneous but since we've been hitting the Battle of the Bands and Mr. Gorman is here tonight; Ted if you would like to make a couple comments. It was very nice about both principles from Big Red and Central being there as well as you know of course the band director; both bands did an excellent job they represented the city very well; both schools represented the city very well. There was as you said it was a gorgeous perfect day you couldn't ask for a better day. It wasn't too hot. It wasn't too cold. The marina looked good; everybody enjoyed themselves we had boats out on the water and it was a nice fundraiser not only did they get seven hundred and some odd dollars each but the boosters themselves had food booths there but Big Red and Central's boosters were there and they raised money so I

figured the schools ended up over a thousand dollars each that day so that was a nice fundraising event for the schools and kickoff the school year. Ted.”

Ted Gorman – “Again thank you for a wonderful event. It was a wonderful event. I just left the band booster meeting and I presented them with a check for \$784.00 so they were very appreciative of that. So we’re looking forward to again anything that we can do but it was a wonderful event; the weather everything it was a perfect storm it seemed like but it was a fantastic day. I saw people leaving you know happy and getting excited about (all inaudible) in our city. So I appreciate (all inaudible from noise). Thank you.”

Mr. Timmons – “Yes last week I had the pleasure of attending the reorganization meeting for the Steubenville Baseball Association with the new board change this league is going to be very successful. Already there are very detailed plans for the operations and it’s exciting to see where this is going to go. Now everything has to get approved by the Park and Rec Board so nothing has been approved as of yet. Lori you were at the meeting but eventually I loved to see Steubenville be able to host travel games that’ll bring people to our city to our hotels and our restaurants. I want to see total cooperation from the city and I’d like to ask for the rest of Council support and leadership in our partnership with this league. I’d like to introduce Ted Gorman President of the Steubenville Baseball Association say a few words.”

Ted Gorman – “Thank you Mr. Timmons. Thank you for Council for having me this evening. I do a lot of things and the one thing I do is I love the city where I live. This is where I raised my kids. This is where again I don’t plan on ever leaving here but again since of pride but the biggest thing is its pride in our kids that are in our community and we want them to have a positive experience and we don’t want them to leave and play baseball or anything outside of our city and we have the opportunity; my youngest son is seven years old and we were able to play about 30 baseball games this past summer and we went to a lot of different community parks and a lot of those different parks; there was not a nicer park than Belleview Park. When it is kept up where it needs to be there’s not a more beautiful place to play baseball. Of all those 30 games the best place to play a baseball game is at Belleview Park and again what our goal is we are still Steubenville Little League we just have a new name and we’re going to be organized and we’re going to be driven and we’re going to be kid driven and our goal is to get the kids that have left our community for whatever reason and we’re not here to place blame on anybody. We want it to be a positive experience and we want it to be a great environment. You know and I see kids every single day they’re products of their environment and our job as educators is to change that environment. I think that we have a chance in Steubenville under new leadership and I’ve had some informal meetings with the City Council; with Lori; with Mr. Mavromatis; Mr. Mayor about baseball. About just trying; what can we do and about solutions not problems. We’re not here to blame anybody. We want to work with the Parks and Recreation. We want to be a positive solution. We want to be part; not of the problem; we don’t want to give excuses we want to be a part of the solution and I’m encourage by our informal conversations that we’ve had and it’s been nothing but positive and I think again under my leadership but also the leadership of people. I was sitting in a meeting today someone said hey how can I sponsor Steubenville Baseball Association? People in our community they want to support something good something that they believe in and baseball is going to be one part of that. So I appreciate you having me here this evening and again I do encourage everybody here to continue to support what we’re doing. What the words we’re saying just put them into action and together we can fix this thing but thank you very much.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor I’d like to say something.”

Mayor Barilla – “Yes Mr. Villamagna.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I have to say something about Teddy Gorman. Teddy Gorman is probably one of the most positive people that I’ve ever been around in my life. I talk to him a lot on the phone back and forth and every time you talk to him; when you hang up from him you always feel better. I mean you really do. He always has positive things to say about the city and under your leadership with this baseball association I think we’ll be really great here and I appreciate you Teddy. I appreciate what you do for the city and also your support. Thank you Ted.”

Mayor Barilla – “That’s encouraging Ted when you said that you visited 30 fields and Belleview was the best of the 30. That’s really admirable for our Parks and Rec and the City of Steubenville. Thank you for bringing that to our attention.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. I wanted to report back to Council on last Saturday’s market. It was requested by Mr. Marc Barnes and the Harmonium Project to move into the grass area. At that time he had 22 people registered and what showed up that particular day was 7. I can only personally tell you I actually purchased some of the produce the tomatoes were excellent and probably the largest cantaloupe I’ve ever seen in my lifetime. It was great. They’ve asked if they could change their hours to 10 to 1. I did not see an issue with that. I can tell you there was plenty of parking on 4th Street. I was there at a quarter till ten to about twenty till eleven and there was plenty of parking all around there so they want to open at least an hour early and still open until one. There is no issue that I see. No problems from any (inaudible) I stopped by a couple of the businesses there was actually no complaints from any about the people being in that grass area. So I would recommend that we keep it there until one they outgrow it then we can look at somewhere else but there’s still plenty of room there. I did go down to the marina. I will tell you we hear a lot of things about the railroad and I can’t tell you enough how cooperative they were again they have set schedules as it was just the luck for us that the first trains would be at 2:00. They were very amenable they asked what was going on; we gave them all the

information. Naturally our Police Department is working on the weekends so I knew traffic is very congested with that many vehicles it is doable but you have to plan ahead. Not to be critical if we do another event there that attracts that many people then something we may think about is closing the marina for a certain period of time because there was several trucks parked there with their trailers which impeded free falling down there or if they wanted to leave. There's no control they come and go so again that's something to think about you always try to look at things. Has all of Council received their copies of what Wheeling has for their; what I would like for you to do is review it; send me any comments that you have and I'm still waiting to get some comments back. I want to make sure that we prepare this to apples to apples and not apples to oranges. There's a lot of things in there that they ask which is fine the more the merrier but again we look at small events like our produce market there that's a very small venue there but again we have to look what we can do to cover us as a city but also give them some freedom of what they can do because as long as they follow the set rules there are no issues. Again I will meet with the Harmonium Project prior to the next First Friday. There's a couple other things that I just want to make sure that everybody's on the same sheet of music and we'll see how that works out. Yes sir?"

Mr. Dressel – "I did speak to the Harmonium Project and they were good with the rules. So it's up to us to just edit them to fit Steubenville."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Right and that's the only thing; that's why I wanted Council's input on it. I'm going to talk with Wheeling's (inaudible) to go over a few things. The issues that we face here do they face the same things? They're set up a little bit different based on the magnitude of their events down there. I just want to make sure that again if we can keep it simple; great if we can't we take it more detail. So that's all I have Mayor for tonight."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Petrella."

Mr. Petrella – "Jim we had a business owner offer that lot for parking for the market."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes."

Mr. Petrella – "Will we be able to continue that or can you contact him to see if (inaudible)?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes I can. Again when I talked to him last week as long as it was the weekends he didn't have an issue with it. His concern was it is rented space during the week. That's it but I will double check with that."

Mr. Mastros – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – "Signing in under miscellaneous this evening we had Mr. Petrella but you already..."

Mr. Petrella – "Yeah I did but I got one more. Since Ted brought it up on the ballfields and everything; Murphy's field has the little kids going which is great for their football and that and it's heavily used. I just want to draw to everyone's attention because the parking on Plum Street and its tight so anybody that's traveling that with the little kids there and back to; well I'm going to bring my back to school speech up again. Since back to school is just a couple weeks away and there's little kids and they're all excited; they're all charged up; they're not looking out for you; you have to look out for them. They may dart out in front of you so please be a defensive driver. Be safe out there and take care of the children. School buses are going to be on the road again. Once again kids wear dark clothing and the days are getting shorter so please be careful with our youth out there. Once again they're not going to be looking out for you so you have to look out for them. That's all I have your Honor."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. Petrella. Also signing in under miscellaneous is Mr. Timmons."

Mr. Timmons – "I kind of want to piggy back off of that. Next week everybody in attendance at the Council meeting is welcomed to wear clothing in support of your local educational institution. We started doing this four years ago to show our support for the students, parents, and faculty for the upcoming school year and to raise awareness to watch for students near bus stops and walking to school. Thank you."

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – "We have no one signing in this evening under public forum."

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR