

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
August 6, 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 Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, & Petrella.

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, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, 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 July 30, 2019. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. Six (6) ayes; One (1) abstain. 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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. I’d like to sunshine 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. And also some good news Kay’s Jewelers is under construction right now in the Rural King parking lot which is good news. Thorn’s Restaurant and Catering is opened at Fort Steuben Mall; they just opened up and Touch of Elegance is set to open up at any time now in the mall so there are a couple brand new stores going in there. So that’s good news and that’s all I have this evening.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Villamagna.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – No Report

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes couple of things. So one other thing under economic development they already were there but Planet Fitness was able to really expand their business and tonight the Mayor and I and Yonk were able to participate in the ribbon cutting so it’s really amazing and it’s 24 hours a day; it’s always staffed so it really can help people throughout the day and night depending what schedule you are. So you may want to check that out. It’s very encouraging to hear we have updates from Bob and to also share that with you. Under the Parks and Recreation a couple of different things. So Thursday will be the second meeting Marina Riverfront Development Task Force it’ll take place at Froehlich’s from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. that’s open to the public and then we have our last meet me at the marina event this coming Saturday and I have fliers up here if you’re interested to take one. If you know anybody coming you might want to carpool because it’s going to be interesting getting everybody parked but we will have some designated handicap parking right up by the pavilions and it’ll be a couple spots for (all inaudible from noise) be a little easier to get in and out (inaudible) to do that quickly. Also the business that is renting from Mr. Bower which is the one closest to the marina said he was fine with additional parking there he has workers who will come park around 6:00 so there will be other spots and anyone who parks there has to be able to stay; which I imagine you would; to stay there so if they had to move their car they could but he really said the people will be working until three in the afternoon and the event begins at 11:00 a.m. and concludes by I think 12:30 at the latest maybe 12:15 but it’s an opportunity Big Red and Catholic Central will compete; they’ll be down on the apron. We had a number of people help out with the clean up on Friday and on Saturday and the Fire Department has done some spraying they’re going to go back (all inaudible) thank you for (inaudible) some of the mud and I think you’re going back to do some more. So we got some flowers planted today and yeah it’s (all inaudible) good so anyway we’re very excited. We hope you consider coming. It’s a dollar a vote but there’s no limit to how much you can vote so come support your bands and we’ll pass the bucket and then we’ll put all the funds together and divide it evenly between the two bands.

This is not a fundraiser for the marina all the money is going to go to the two bands so I hope you'll think about coming down and joining us. That's it."

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor. I have two items tonight that I'd like to bring to Council. One is under the finance committee and it's an ordinance authorizing and directing the Finance Director to establish the mentoring grant fund and declaring an emergency. The reason why we have to have this as an emergency I think; we'll let Dave Lewis; Dave's here; I'll let Dave speak on this."

Dave Lewis – "I've talked with Lori and got the paperwork about a week or so on this grant so we need to set the funds aside separately. Lori advised me within the next week we should be receiving the first installment \$10,000 of the first drop from Federal Government. So we'd like to get the ordinance to pass to get the fund set up as soon as we can of course we have to get Auditor of State approval. If we get it through as an emergency it'll help us get all the funding in order and recorded properly."

Mr. Paul – "Okay. Alright thank you Dave."

Dave Lewis – "You're welcome."

Mr. Paul – "That was under finance and then I have another one that's by Council as a whole and it's a resolution approving the amended budget of solid waste management plan of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority. Which is the JB Green Team. Does; Costa do you want to speak on this?"

Mr. Mastros – "Sure. So over the weekend you all received and e-mail from me regarding a request by JB Green Team to pass a resolution authorizing their amended budget. I did reach out to their Executive Director Anita Petrella she assured me that there were no additional costs to the City. Mr. Dressel did pose a good question. What exactly are they buying with the 1.9 million? I will nail that down for you and have that for you next week. I want to think its equipment but I'm not 100% sure but I'll nail that down and get that back to you all this weekend."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay. Is that it?"

Mr. Paul – "And I'm done you're Honor thank you."

Mr. Petrella – No Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you Mayor. I have three things this evening. The first one I already briefed Council a little bit on our parking lot behind us between the Grande Theatre and the City Building here. When this was set up it was set up for a 2-hour parking. There are 45 total spaces there; one for the Mayor for a total of 45 minus one for the Mayor which the Mayor has graciously said he doesn't need to use it so we will use that as a parking spot. So that will give us a total of 45 but we need to subtract 4 because 4 of them are handicap. You must have a handicap placard to park in that spot; that brings us down to 41 spaces that are left. I've had our parking enforcement Mr. McGinnis pay attention to the parking lot. We've had several abuses over the time. We've had city vehicles in there, county employees parking there, Huntington Bank employees parking there, and business owners parking there. It's not a problem if it's only for 2 hours but it's more than that so with the enforcement on that and he's paid attention to this we're averaging around 10 vehicles that are in there a day. I recommendation to Council is we could start with 10 or 20 whichever you decide to rent these spaces out at \$50.00 a spot. That averages out to \$2.50 a day which is very cheap by any standards today. So this is what I want Council to think about for a week. I've had my parking enforcement he is here today Mr. McGinnis; Chuck. Is there any questions from any of Council that maybe you want to ask him? Go ahead sir."

Mr. Petrella – "How many spots are being abused right now?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "As of today and yesterday..."

Mr. Paul – "35."

Mr. Petrella – "No. no. When the survey was taken you said how (all inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Do you understand the question? How many spaces were being utilized by the..."

Chuck McGinnis – "Before we started..."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Right."

Chuck McGinnis – "Really cracking down. Out of 46-45 spaces probably 35."

Mr. Dressel – "They're there all day?"

Chuck McGinnis – "All day."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Now the other thing that has come up when they have a jury trial at the County."

Chuck McGinnis – "Yes."

Mr. Mavromatis – "A lot of the jury people park there. This is something that I need to let them know. There's not an issue once they select a jury because we have the spaces and we can get a pass for that but the initial selection of them again they have parking spots over there that they should be able to use also but this is something (all inaudible) to see what you have available or is that parking over there just for their employees. So but again I wanted Council; yes sir?"

Mr. Paul – "And we are opening up another lot. Aren't we doing the corner of 4th and Adams?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "We have 4th and Adams which is something that I want to look at how many spaces we can get there. We have a lot that city employees can park in that would be at 3rd and Adams for all of our employees there. They also have space where the Police Department we have police vehicles there but there's also room for employee parking so these are things; that really should be cleaned up. We did some (inaudible) cost estimates on that with everything for the drainage and everything we're looking at 100 to \$150,000. So but again they park there all year anyway so again there's other areas; the County has a spot there; a lot they have vacant spots and I've brought that up to the Mayor (inaudible) because of the Fort. They may entertain some of

the additional spots that have been counted. I've already been approached by business that would be interested; I don't think we'll have any issue on renting the spaces the question is how many do we want to rent out. So that's what I want Council to think about and Chuck is there anything else you want to add?"

Chuck McGinnis – "No I don't think there's anything else. The problem I think; we'll be able to do 10 to 20 spaces easy; easy."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Alright."

Chuck McGinnis – "And that will still leave 2-hour parking for people."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay but again monitor this week to just see what the maximum is; of usage of it then we have a pretty good idea and again we could always back off it's just a matter which; do you want to start slow or do you want to go with 20. We have 4 handicap so we have handicap parking available too. Number 2 I met with Maura and Marc Barnes this has to do with the Saturday produce and Knick knock sales. The locate with it was the Mayor, the Chief and myself met with them and one of the areas that they asked about was the green space over off of 4th Street. That is a valuable place. This particular Saturday they have 22 vendors that have signed up. One of the things that they've brought up there is a business owner that has a parking lot there that they have asked him and I have verified that with that business owner. He has no objection to the vendors and/or customer parking in that lot. So that relieves any issues on 4th Street about parking the area there is large enough to accommodate if they have 22 vendors there. So that is where we're at right now I have Mr. Barnes here and his wife. Mr. Barnes is there anything else you want to add? Or I left out?"

Marc Barnes – "No I don't think so. I mean that's..."

Mr. Mavromatis – "The other thing was 9 to 12 those are the hours and those are the hours that they will stay with. Any questions from Council at all? Okay thank you. Mr. Barnes you're good to go. I verified with the owner of the parking lot. He's fine with that and that is for Saturday okay? Through the week that parking lot is rented out. Okay? Number 3 this has to go back with First Friday. I had several e-mails; several calls on issues; I met today the Chief of Police, myself; we met with Therese Nelson and Daniel; Daniel is here is Therese here? Okay I'm sorry and this has to go with First Friday. Both the wine and the beer had permits. I couldn't physically see them I wasn't there but they have stated that they have permits to sell them. Other issues that came up I discussed with them about the bands; the wristbands; issues were about the trailer; based on what is utilized for the trailer that is brought in because that is the sound stage and that has to be set up and that takes a little bit more time out of all the vendors there. So 3:00 the Chief and myself agreed that they can park that trailer not before but at 3:00. They need to put a sign out there stating that no vehicles can be parked after 3:00 so that trailer can be put in there and the sound vehicle; only those two; 4:00 would be for the vendors to start coming in because it takes; you can't just through these things up in 20 minutes. You got bringing equipment in whatever trailers or the trailers for the food vendors. I also recommended giving a little bit of time but to go back and contact one of the store owners and see if that particular person is interested in participating. What they clearly stated and again I've talked with my legal counsel; I've talked with my Chief; the city owns the street; 4th Street belongs to the City they have requested to utilize that street and that now falls under them and their guidance for the vendors that come in there. The store owners own the sidewalk that they control; there must be 4 foot minimum walk through if they put in; decide to put anything out there on the sidewalk. There must be a clear passage of a minimum of 4 feet. I want again I wasn't there but I talked to other people that were they clearly had a minimum of 13 feet marked as a passage for our firetrucks. Chief Capaldi checked it; it met those standards so that was met. Now what I have and I asked them to speak under my time if there's any other questions from Council I would like you to ask them. Therese is here; Daniel you're here or do you have anything you would like to say to Council?"

Therese Nelson – "Yeah. Thank you. I actually just wanted to thank Council for the support that we've had for First Fridays. We're going on a year and a half. We only have three more left this year and we have been blessed with many successes this year; all of the First Fridays from last year from all of the First Fridays that we've had; in the fact that we've had zero incidents. There have been no incidents reported just by thousands of people being downtown together and I think even if a hundred people showed up that would be a (inaudible) crime in the downtown and the uplifting site. So this last First Friday was actually the biggest one that we've ever had. We don't have an actually people counter but based on estimations we think we had about 6,000 people throughout the evening coming and going; coming back with more friends; enjoying the stores downtown; enjoying the bands that we had and generally having a great time with the community. We had two bands this past weekend one of them did 80s karaoke competition; we had 23 karaoke musicians who showed up and sang. It was great fun. We had 140 vendors to take up all of North 4th Street and most of South 4th Street as well. All of the stores that wanted to participate did and it was a fantastic turn out for everyone. We saw live council people down there; we're you know; it's great to see everything down there. This festival is for everyone and the Harmonium Project is so excited that we are able to include the whole city in one night. So I guess I just wanted to share just a little bit about the success this past weekend and also the Harmonium Project feels that we maybe need to make; make a public statement that we want to be public servants with you and that you have a lot on your hands already. We respect that you guys take care of the water bills; you guys take care of the electric in the city; you guys make sure that the streets don't fall to pieces and the crime is being taken care of and when a city is looking to start growing and thriving and coming back from a difficult past a lot of city planners say you ought to have a festival organizer and a festival committee and someone to (inaudible) to the people so that they will come and be happy. We understand that the City Council may not have the money for that; the funds for that; the people for that and we are so happy to provide that. That's what we have; we have the energy and we have the personnel to provide the service to the city and we want to make sure that you guys know we want to work with you. We don't want to break the rules. We don't want to overstep our

boundaries. We want to set up a festival that anybody else could replicate. We want this festival to keep going. We want other festivals to pop up. We do not want to seem like we're breaking the rules because we're young and we don't care. We'd really want; we want to learn from you and this (all inaudible) learning process for everyone and a lot of issues that came up last Friday were things we didn't know were issues. I mean we've had the trailer parked on the street for the last year and a half. I mean it's easiest to park it at 7:00 a.m. when there's no cars out there. It hasn't been an issue till this point but we understand that that is the rule; not to park on the street unless we have you know 2-hour parking permit and that is a growing pain that we are rejoicing in. That we are so big that we are noticed by Pittsburgh; we're noticed by Wheeling; we're noticed by I mean people from Louisiana and Virginia and 6,000 people; Franciscan is not even in session right now. There's no students here. It was all locals and visitors from out of town who wanted to be here that night and I think that's just a phenomenal turn out. So I actually brought some pictures if anybody wasn't there would like to see any of the pictures from First Friday. These are from this whole year but some aerial shots and some of the good times we've had down there this year and I also wanted to give the Council a list of all the board members for the Harmonium Project. There's thirteen of us. All of us are huge contributors and we're all volunteers so First Fridays don't happen like that they take a lot of work; it's a lot of communication to organize 140 vendors and line them up on the street in a careful manner. We have to raise all the funds in order to bring the bands in. We have to you know get the proper permits for everything to go smoothly. It's all; you know; we've got six or eight members here tonight and it takes our 13 board members and at least 45 other volunteers that come and go and offer their services for the evening. So if you guys ever need to contact us we'd be happy to talk to you or take complaints. (All inaudible) we're happy to take criticism and learn and we just want to do what we can to continue to serve the city. Even (all inaudible) every time we respect that you guys also respect us and that we're learning here and we're learning together. Yeah we're just very excited. Next month we're doing an Irish Fest. We have a band coming out of Canada. They're very excited. We're very excited to have maybe a band from down Steubenville. We have a band coming out of Wheeling and we have another band coming from Virginia and they're all world class musicians and then we have Irish steppers coming and the usual coming in so we would love to see you all there. If there's any suggestions or criticism you might have I'm happy to take them. I'm happy to learn. Additional we thought it would be a good time to invite the whole city; all the City Council members and all of our fellow citizens to come to an open summit or an open house at Froehlich's on August 22nd. It will be a Thursday night at 6:30 where the Harmonium is going to share a little bit about our past and our; where we came from. We're six years old now and we've gone through a lot of changes and a lot of development over those years and we expect to keep changing and keep serving and we just weren't sure (inaudible) what our vision is and try (all inaudible from noise) and make sure that we're all on the same page and get to know us personally and we get to know you personally; put some faces to the name and generally (all inaudible). So does anyone have any questions? Yeah?"

Mr. Paul – "One thing you just said Thursday at 6:30. What date?"

Therese Nelson – "I'm sorry August 22nd."

Mr. Paul – "August 22nd."

Therese Nelson – "Yes."

Mr. Paul – "Thank you."

Therese Nelson – "Yeah at Froehlich's in the downstairs."

Mr. Paul – "Thank you."

Mr. DiLoreto – "I just want to say something. I think we got the problem solved tonight. I think we got to start working together. We got the First Fridays; I've never seen so many people in downtown Steubenville since I was a little kid back in the 40s. Whether you like it or not; some people do and some people don't the Nelson's brought all this to town so they should be given the credit for it. All I'm asking is to sit down and solve our problems and let's work together and let's build. (All inaudible) can get along (all inaudible) I don't know why we can't get along. So let's start after tonight; we have rules; we have regulations Mr. Mavromatis and Therese sit down and let's abide by them small or big. When I was principal (inaudible) cut school I caught two and he got away that's the percentage. So I just want to thank you for all you've done. I know there's a lot of controversy but if you know when you make; when you do big things and you do things you get criticism and I think you people can handle it and I thank you. I know you got your criticism but I'm glad you're here. Regardless what anybody else says? I want to thank you and I'll thank Gabe for taking care of Beatty Park. I hope he takes care of it after I leave. So thank you very much and let's all work together for a change. Steubenville is a small town and I was born and raised here and it's a very jealous town. Reno can win 10 games (all inaudible) and they want to fire him. Thank you."

Therese Nelson – "Thank you Yonk."

Mr. DiLoreto – "You're welcome."

Therese Nelson – "Anyone else? Alright thank you."

Mr. Petrella – "Hey Jim I do have a couple comments. I was going to make them under miscellaneous."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Go ahead."

Mr. Petrella – "But I my as well make them now. I was down most of the day on Friday and all of Friday evening. I'm glad we have some guidelines but I'd like to see concrete guidelines and I think it would be (inaudible) Council to take under consideration for us to submit those down in writing so everybody can abide by them. Suggestion was made last week to do; to mark out the 13 foot; Scott brought it up and I really liked the idea and I'm glad that happened with the hash marks down on 4th Street. We talked about the cones in the middle of the street and they reappeared on Friday. We talked about early set up; I got tons of pictures here if you want to see of their early set ups and so on and so forth. So I think that I mean and I brought up either fairly

or unfairly but the Greeks at the Greek Church, Second Baptist, and the Apostolic one down on 6th Street; Slack Street. So I think make a fair playing field for everybody if we can put some of these rules and regulations down in writing. I know Wheeling has and I think then this way Council has a good sound foundation that everybody be on the playing field. I did enjoy; I always have enjoyed First Fridays the only thing I mentioned to the City Manager around 10; 9:30-10:00 there I think needs to be upgraded some security because especially on Washington Street there was a few rowdy people and I think that needs to be controlled a little bit better but like I said I was there most of the time; most of the night throughout there. But I'll be more than happy to share these photos with you (all inaudible from noise) the times when these photos were taken and that's just about it if anybody else wants to make a comment but I would suggest us to look at putting these rules and regulations down in writing."

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Mr. Petrella."

Mr. Villamagna – "Hey Jim and I agree whole heartedly with Mr. Petrella and Yonk also. I think First Fridays is a beautiful event. That's the most; I remember seeing a lot of people when we had the Steubenville Heritage Days I think it was called but..."

Mr. DiLoreto – "That was 1947 you weren't born yet."

Mr. Villamagna – "No it was back in the 80s. It was in the 80s. So but I think we need to sit down and come up with some regulations like Mr. Petrella also said to make it fair for everybody because you can't have one person doing one thing and another person doing another and everybody that has children understands that. When you let one kid get away with something and the other one don't they end up fist fighting because they're mad at the parent so; I think it's beautiful; I want to see it continue; I'm glad the Open Air Market is back and I'm glad (all inaudible from noise) I hope it works out. If it doesn't maybe we can still come up with another solution but I think that will work but if it doesn't (all inaudible) solution. I'm glad it's continuing and I just think we need to sit down and make some regulations for not only for that for all the events. Thank you."

Mr. Mavromatis – "To all of Council I passed this out for your review. The Mayor made this up it's just a template. Take a look at it. Any suggestions on it we can discuss it next week. I have another one from Wheeling that is eleven pages. So I figured we would start with something like this."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Too many pages."

Mr. Villamagna – "Jim you can forward the eleven pages. Maybe we can get some; I don't want no eleven page document but we can maybe pick a couple things out of it you know."

Mr. Mavromatis – "I will have them scan it at work and have them send it to you via e-mail."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay."

Mrs. Hahn – "Jim?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "And Yonk I will have (all inaudible) for you."

Mrs. Hahn – "I did not get a copy. (All inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "And Mayor that's it for me tonight."

Mr. Mastro – "Just a few things Mayor. We are getting close again; I know it's a lot of stopping and starting but we're getting close to possibly settling the first half of our healthcare lawsuit. Hopefully we'll be able to conference call with our outside Council and bring Jim; Mr. Mavromatis and Mr. Lewis on board so I might request going into executive session next week. We haven't; we are also close to settling another potential issue on the occurrence on Sinclair Ave. and we might go in for that and I think that's all. Thank you."

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – "We'll now move onto miscellaneous reports and signing in this evening is Mr. Timmons."

Mr. Timmons – "I just have something real quick. Since the new sanitation ordinance is in effect 1301 Oak Grove I think would be a good example what it looks like; there's just a pile of garbage; there's a TV on top of the garbage."

Mrs. Hahn – "Can I tell you I watched today and they were loading all that in a truck."

Mr. Timmons – "Alright."

Mrs. Hahn – "It looked like it was the owners"

Mr. Timmons – "Okay. Because it had been there for about 30 days so I wanted; but that would've been a good example I think to charge them."

Mrs. Hahn – "Yeah."

Mr. Timmons – "(All inaudible)."

Mrs. Hahn – "Yes so it's gone but..."

Mr. Timmons – "Good."

Mrs. Hahn – "It's still totally valid to bring it up."

Mr. Timmons – "Yeah."

Mrs. Hahn – "But I did happen to actually see them."

Mr. Timmons – "Okay. Great. Well thank you very much."

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – "This evening of course we don't have anyone signing in 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