

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
September 3, 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 Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, DiLoreto, & Dressel.

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, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Sanitation Supervisor 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 August 27, 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.”

Mayor Barilla – “Before we get into this evening’s ordinances and resolutions last week Council passed a resolution commending the members of the Steubenville High School Track and Field team so I’m going to have Madam Clerk; would you please read the resolution?”

Mrs. Haley – Resolution No. 2019-61. A resolution of commendation to members of the Steubenville High School Track and Field team. Whereas, the Steubenville Big Red High School Track and Field team participated in the Ohio Track and Field Championships at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium at Ohio State University; and whereas, T’Kayla Kelley, a senior, participated in the 100, 200 and 400 meter. She finished 7th in the 100, 6th in the 200 and did not make it to the finals in the 400; and whereas, Amya Livingston, a freshman, finished 11th in the shot put; and whereas, Jorian Jones, a senior, participated in the long jump, 200 and 4x200 relay. He finished 8th in the long jump and was unable to participate in further events because of an injury; and whereas, Anthony Rice, a senior, participated in the 4x200 relay, 110 and 300 hurdles. He finished 6th in the 300 hurdles and 8th in 110 hurdles; and whereas, the 4x200 relay team consisted of seniors Jaziah Blackwell, Tayveon Montgomery, Caleb Mitchell and Anthony Rice. They participated on Friday but did not qualify for the finals on Saturday.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Steubenville, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That this Council does hereby express its sincere congratulations to members of the Steubenville Big Red High School Track and Field team. Section 2: That the Clerk of this Council shall present a certified copy of this Resolution to T’Kayla Kelley, Amya Livingston, Jorian Jones, Anthony Rice and members of the 4x200 relay team which consisted of seniors Jaziah Blackwell, Tayveon Montgomery, Caleb Mitchell and Anthony Rice. Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by Council; otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.

Mayor Barilla – “Mr. Timmons.”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah. Coach Kernahan (all inaudible). I would’ve presented this earlier around the season but I had a baby.”

Jason Kernahan – “Not a problem.”

Mr. Timmons – “I appreciate it. We always like to commend and thank the student athletes for representing Steubenville well at the State meets and I really appreciate it.”

Jason Kernahan – “Thank you very much.”

Mr. Timmons – “So congratulations and there’s a nice resolution and do you have anything to say?”

Jason Kernahan – “I just like to thank Council for recognizing you know all the hard work that these kids have put in over the past four years to making it to Columbus. You know I think that’s the goal of each kid at the beginning of the season to make it to Columbus. You know that when you get there you have a shot at winning it. So you know these kids were fun to be around for four years and I appreciate you recognizing them.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2019-64 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MR. JUSTIN BAILEY REGARDING WATER SERVICE ISSUES ON SINCLAIR AVENUE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2019-64. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2019-64 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2019-64 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes just one brief thing because we had such a comprehensive Parks and Recreation Committee meeting so I’ll be following up with Lori in many different ways. There will be a Parks and Recreation board meeting a week from Wednesday. Not this Wednesday I’ll mention it again next week but it is opened to the public. Anyone is welcomed to attend and this coming Friday is the First Friday on Fourth and it’s a theme of Irish Fest. I’ll have a table there focused on the marina and our hope is that we will get people to sign up who are involved in fishing so that we can do a better job communicating about various fishing tournaments happening at the marina and up and down the river and also maybe have more of them to be involved in fishing day next year when we have rods and kids can try fishing for the very first time. The second group will be boaters; anybody that boats on the river; kayakers, canoers, motorboats, paddleboats, and again just wanting to get a group; have information available so that we can communicate with people who have this interest. So we’re hoping that you’ll stop by the booth if you’re interested in any of those particular things and pass on Irish Fest during First Friday. Thank you so much.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I have two items. They’re concerning the budget hearing as Dave Lewis had said earlier he cannot make it on the 10th. I think Mr. Villamagna is going to have something for that day but on Tuesday September 17th from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. we’ll discuss the Police and Fire. Okay? We’ll talk about their budgets and what they want; their wish list and then on Tuesday September 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. we will discuss with Mr. Baird; M & R, Electric, and Sanitation. Okay? So that’s September 17th Police; Fire; September 24th that’ll be M & R, Electric, and Sanitation.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “Thank you you’re Honor.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. I’d like to call an Economic Development Meeting for September the 10th next Tuesday and I’ve invited the County Commissioners to come here so we can have some dialogue with the Port Authority. Some suggestions for the funding and just questions answered from us and I’m sure they have some for us. So that’ll be September the 10th at 6:30. And that’s all this evening.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Mr. Villamagna.”

Mr. Petrella – “Bob are you going to have members from the Port Authority here too?”

Mr. Villamagna – “They were here. You were here.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah. Are they coming back?”

Mr. Villamagna – “No just the commissioners yeah.”

Mr. Petrella – “Just the commissioners?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you.”

Mr. DiLoreto – No Report

Mr. Dressel – No Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Last week I presented to Council about our parking in the back starting with 10 positions by Wednesday afternoon there were 15 requests already. What I would like to do is move it to 20; lock it at that for right now. We still have room for 2-hour parking there based on the statistics that have been supplied by Mr. McGinnis our Parking Enforcement person. So if there are no issues at all with Council I’ll move it to 20. We’ll take the first 20. Again talking with Dave Lewis we will have our own account for that that’ll help maintain these parking lots and we’ll also explore the lots at 4th and Adams and also 3rd and Adams but we have to maintain a lot for our employees and make sure that that is used probably also. Yes sir?”

Mr. Villamagna – “How many spots are back there Jim?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “There’s 43 but one is a reserved spot and we have two handicap spots so it’s actually 40. So we’ll help keep Council apprised on how that goes by next (inaudible) I should have an idea. We just need to get them properly marked and reserved for the people that purchases these spots.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Jim I have a question. So someone told me the other day that one of the physician did a procedure that this particular woman needed 4-hour parking and everything down here is 2-hours expect for the parking lot that’s; I don’t even know what direction I’m pointing too but...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Does she have a handicap sticker?”

Mrs. Hahn – “She doesn’t. She wasn’t handicap but procedure her whole thing was going to take 4 hours.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And so because she couldn’t find and she drove and drove and couldn’t find anything that wasn’t 2 hours she parked down here. After her procedure she fell very hard on the sidewalk getting close to the parking lot and really has some injuries from it. Now I’m not talking about the sidewalk but she said the doctor couldn’t tell her anywhere close to where he is that allow for any lead way in terms of parking.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well without knowing where she had; was it at the bank building at 4th and Market?”

Mrs. Hahn – “I think it was the bank building.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “They have valet parking there for patients all the time. That’s why I’m asking if it’s there so first I need you to verify that.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “If it was there they have; you just drive up and they’ll park the car for you.”

Mr. Mastros – “(All inaudible) doctor that’s my building and it is valet (all inaudible).”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay that was not mentioned. Thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Alright so if you could let me know on that and then we’ll see what we can do on the other. The reason I asked about a handicap it’s a double in a handicap spot for 4 hours before they’re in violation.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah I don’t think she’s handicap.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay that’s why I asked that. Alright I understand...”

Mrs. Hahn – “I will let you know.”

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

Mr. Mastros – “Thank you Mayor. I do have three things I’m going to bring before Council tonight; three pieces of legislation. Two are from Mr. Murphy; Mr. Murphy is sick and he has asked me to bring these to your attention and I’ll ask Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Lewis for some assistance. But the first one is something that I have to follow (inaudible) about so as you all are aware we had; we negotiated our agreement with the County Board of Health to provide healthcare services. I drafted the agreement. I used my last one from last year we did; Mr. Mavromatis went through the negotiations with them; I drafted the agreement; went back and forth with their lawyer. I thought we had a good agreement; it was great; I had Mr. Mavromatis sign it; I walked it over to their lawyer’s office. Well under the rules you have to have Council authority and Council passing on the agreement for the State Board of Health and the question arose okay when did Council pass on this? I said it was probably early; late spring early summer. I asked Karly to pull the ordinance; there wasn’t any ordinance. I said well I know we did a voice vote on it I know it so I had Karly look through the minutes; we didn’t do that either. I don’t know why we didn’t. I don’t know why I had in my head (inaudible) I think it was because of the back and forth. I’m going to ask Council to sunshine an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the renewal of public health services with the Jefferson County Health General Health District and declaring it an emergency. We’ve been receiving the services all along. It’s not like there’s been any interrupted in services so we’re going to need that legislation sunshine tonight. Two other ones are from Mr. Murphy...”

Mr. Petrella – “Before you move on.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yes sir.”

Mr. Petrella – “Is the fees exactly the same?”

Mr. Mastros – “The fees are...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It’s less. It’s less by 9,600 and some change from what we would’ve paid from the last contract. The last contract was done for 18 months; this is done for one year but the money we paid the previous 18 months they didn’t spend all of it based on what was given to me. So I made it clear in this contract that I want our fee deducted of that amount of money that was not spent.”

Mr. Mastros – “We’re basically getting a credit.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “A credit off of what it would be.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay and also next year it would be nice for this Council to see their budget.”

Mr. Mastros – “Sure.”

Mr. Petrella – “Before entering into a new agreement I’d like to see the budget.”

Unknown – “We’re going to have to do this another time.”

Mr. Paul – “Next week.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yeah (all inaudible).”

Mr. Paul – “Right.”

Mr. Mastros – “So the next two are sewer funding issues for Mr. Murphy. The first one you all are familiar with there is a secondary aeration project and if you need some reminder of what that is and what Mr. Jenkins will help us with the technical aspects of it but the secondary aeration project is a project that is being mandated by the OEPA and our consent decree. This has to be done. What we’re going to do is apply for funding from WPCLF and what that will allow us to do is to get a loan to help pay for the secondary aeration project which they are mandating us to do. So we would need a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and enter into water pollution control fund agreement on behalf of the City of Steubenville for the planning, design, and or construction on the secondary aeration project. Third one and you all know that I don’t mean to skip over that lightly but you’ve been briefed many times on that issue. The third one you have not been briefed on and again I’ll ask Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Lewis for some assistance; so there is a collapsed line on; it’s the 6th Street line it’s called and it’s a total collapse. It has to be fixed. It’s going to be replacing about 148 feet of piping and I don’t know; are you familiar with the route Mr. Jenkins that goes?”

Jim Jenkins – “It actually runs down 6th Street into the green space along the railroad overpass. Previously had a bunch of water valves sort of in the same area; the sewer lines just east of that and runs through the same area but I guess it’s been a total collapse. I believe it was a 12 inch line to start; it’s a clay pipe that has collapsed; they are replacing a section of that clay piping what it looks to me on the designs is a 15 inch and they’re rerouting it a little bit to get around some of the existing water structures that are over there. We still have a 20 inch water line that runs in the proximity of that; that they have to contend with the elevation of that so they got

to get under the 20 inch and so they're going to reroute that. Also there's a big creek storm line opening out there and they're proposing to put in two manholes to reroute that sewer around those structures."

Mr. Mastros – "The engineering estimate right now is at \$173,000. I know Mr. Murphy and Mr. Lewis have had discussions regarding where this money is going to come from so I'll let Dave brief you on that."

Dave Lewis – "So I discussed with Mr. Murphy; it looks like the best; being that it's an emergency that we got to do it and get (inaudible) project. We're going to take the money from the sewer operating fund. There's a significant; there's enough cash there that's carried over from the previous year; obviously it's not budgeted so we'll have to make a final budget adjustment to cover the amount here in a few months."

Mr. Mastros – "So it's something I guess from and you can ask Mr. Murphy next week I'm assuming he'll be back at work but as I understand it the collapse (inaudible) we have to get this done. It's basically a health and safety issue with sewage overflowing in the man holes. So with this there's still some issues; next week Chuck will be here if there's still issues you can table it a week until you get your answers and I think we need to start the process now because it has to get done. I'm going to ask that Council sunshine that as well and that's all I have. Thank you Mayor."

Mrs. Hahn – "Can I just ask one question. Wouldn't it be since we're replacing (inaudible) we're not doing a repair couldn't this be Capital Improvement (all inaudible)? Because it seems like that's a healthier fund than the operating cost fund."

Dave Lewis – "You're talking sewer infrastructure..."

Mrs. Hahn – "Right. Sewer (inaudible)."

Dave Lewis – "That fund hasn't built up enough yet. There's projects that are already scheduled to come out (inaudible) balance is very low; projected for the year end but we looked at those."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay."

Dave Lewis – "But the water operating fund has significant more fund then the infrastructure fund. So it looks better; there's more money in the operating fund to accomplish the project."

Mayor Barilla – "Okay thank you."

Mr. Mastros – "You're Honor?"

Mayor Barilla – "Yes Mr. Mastros?"

Mr. Mastros – "I have..."

Mayor Barilla – "Oh Mr. Paul."

Mr. Paul – "I have some ordinances here I'd like to sunshine. You're Honor the first one would be under finance and it's as Mr. Mastros said an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the renewal of Public Health Services with the Jefferson County General Health District and declaring an emergency. That's under finance. The second one will be Council as a whole a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) agreement on behalf of the City of Steubenville for the planning, design and/or construction of the secondary aeration project; and designating a dedicated repayment source for said loan. And the other one is under utilities which is Mr. DiLoreto, Mr. Dressel, and Mr. Timmons an ordinance authorizing and directing the south sixth street emergency sewer repair project pursuant to R.C. 735.051 and declaring an emergency."

Mr. Mastros – "Thank you."

Mr. Paul – "You're welcome. Here you go sir."

Mr. Mastros – "Thank you sir."

Mr. Paul – "And that's it you're Honor."

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

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

Mr. Timmons – "Yes first Chief I want to commend the Police Department and for identifying that murder suspect and I know the City Police arrested him. I saw it today so I want to commend you on that. I know your department takes some heat sometimes but the recent incidents always seems there's a suspect and then you guys are arresting them so thank you for that. Also I just want to mention it's been brought to my attention that on Foster Place and Kendall there's a lot of speeding going on there. I guess a little girl almost got hit the other day but it seems to be the same cars time and time again so if you could look into that I'd appreciate it."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Timmons – "Thank you."

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – "Alright we do not have anyone signing in under public forum this evening."

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